

of his loving wife Jamie, four children, two grandchildren, and scores of adoring fans. In honor of his enduring contributions to rock and roll music and to the people of our community, I ask my colleagues to join me in remembering the life of Jamie Coe and his selfless service to our community and our country.

RECOGNIZING MS. ROSA GIBBS ON
HER CELEBRATING HER ONE
HUNDREDTH BIRTHDAY

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 12, 2007

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of a woman celebrating a milestone so few are able to attain, her One Hundredth Birthday. Ms. Rosa Gibbs was born June 21, 1907, in Georgetown, South Carolina. She is the daughter of Shedwick and Anne Jenkins Gibbs.

Ms. Rosa Gibbs graduated from Howard High School in South Carolina in 1925. After graduation, she moved to New York City where she lived for over five decades. For the past twenty years she has resided in Florida, though at heart I know she will always be a New Yorker.

Ms. Gibbs is a testament to aging beautifully. She regularly attends church, and is of both sound mind and body. Ms. Gibbs will be celebrating her birthday with her friends and loved ones on June 23, 2007 at the Wayman Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Jacksonville, Florida.

Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize Ms. Gibbs' life and honor her birth.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in celebrating the One Hundredth Birthday of Ms. Rosa Gibbs.

WELCOMING THE ROMANIAN
DELEGATION

HON. SOLOMON P. ORTIZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 12, 2007

Mr. ORTIZ. Madam Speaker, I rise as co-chair of the Romanian Caucus to welcome Foreign Minister Adrian Cioroianu of Romania to the United States. Foreign Minister Cioroianu represents an increasingly pivotal ally in our country's efforts to preserve global security, prosperity, and democracy.

Foreign Minister Cioroianu picked up the reins of Romania's diplomatic corps just 2 months ago and he is already proving his commitment to a strong transatlantic unity in his visit. Foreign Minister Cioroianu's delegation hopes to plan an April 2008 NATO summit to be hosted in his country, discuss global antiterrorism initiatives with his counterparts here, and collaborate with them on regional security issues. The delegation's agenda is a symbol of a Romania that is steadfast in its responsible pursuit of global welfare.

Romania has played a leading geopolitical role as a regional power in Eastern Europe with its position at the crossroads of Europe and Russia. The country recently hosted an Organization for Security and Co-operation in

Europe meeting regarding anti-Semitism, an issue still fresh in the minds of leaders in the region.

Romania is taking a leading diplomatic role in the western Balkans, particularly in mediating talks on the status of Kosovo. Through these diplomatic efforts and others, Romania is ensuring an Eastern Europe that is peaceful and stable for freedom and prosperity to take root.

The country is also playing a growing economic role in the region. On January 1, 2007, Romania entered the European Union, after achieving a decade of substantial economic development even in the face of a global economic recession. Romania is embracing a free market while fostering the growth of a new middle class that will serve as a key to a successful economic society. Romania is becoming an economic engine for its neighbors to the East and West.

Inducted to NATO only 3 years ago, Romania is already an active participant in NATO operations and has contributed troops to both U.S. wars, with NATO troops in Afghanistan and with around 500 military personnel in Iraq. The Romanian military is playing an honorable and cooperative role in providing security in numerous spots throughout the globe.

I ask my colleagues to join me in welcoming Foreign Minister Cioroianu and the Romanian delegation to the United States. Congress will continue to promote a strong cooperative relationship between our two countries and I thank the Foreign Minister for his service.

TRIBUTE TO SCHAGEN'S SHOES

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 12, 2007

Mr. PASCRELL. Madam Speaker, I would like to call to your attention the work of an outstanding business, Schagen's Shoes, which will be closing its doors after 117 years of dedicated service to its clients, and by extension, to the greater community.

It is only fitting that Schagen's Shoes and the Schagen family be honored in this, the permanent record of the greatest democracy ever known, for all they have provided to the residents of Paterson as they fulfilled their American Dream.

The history of Schagen's Shoes began in 1888, when Willem Schagen arrived in Paterson, NJ from the Netherlands. Having been an apprentice shoemaker in his native land, he decided to open a shop at 176 Lewis Street. At this shop he repaired shoes, but it was sales of "ready made" shoes that really made the business take off. In 1894, Willem married Reinoutje Eelman and built a house, said to be the first in the area with indoor plumbing, across from the shop. In 1909, Willem had another building erected at what is now 394 21st Avenue. It housed the business, an apartment for the family upstairs, and an attic, which later became a third floor to accommodate his 10 children.

With the move, business grew, and in 1917 Willem's son Albert joined in the store. Soon, Albert married Rose Zuercher, and they had 2 children, Albert William and Rose Claire. Albert brought new ideas, adding comfort and orthopedic shoes. In 1930, Willem and

Reinoutje moved to a new home in Glen Rock, and Albert and Rose moved above the store. In 1943, when Willem passed away, Albert assumed ownership of Schagen's and remained actively involved there until his death at the age of 93.

In 1948, after graduating from East Side High School, serving in the United States Navy, and graduating from Columbia University, Albert William joined his father in the business. He, too, brought fresh ideas, and Schagen's began to emphasize corrective shoes and appliances for children. In 1951, Albert married Mina Heines, a fellow Paterson native, and they purchased a home in Glen Rock, where Albert still resides. They were blessed with a daughter, Wendy and two sons, Donald and Kurt. In 1963, young Albert became the new proprietor.

Over the years, the clientele of Schagen's has represented a cross section of Paterson and the region. It has included professionals, doctors, lawyers, judges and political leaders, as well as many tradesmen and service personnel. The final owner, Albert W. Schagen, who devoted six decades to this multi-generational family business, retired on March 31, 2007, writing the final chapter of Schagen's Shoes' history. Schagen's Shoes was a vital part of the community for 117 years, and the generations of customers that were served so well over the years will surely miss the dedication and expertise of the Schagen family.

The job of a United States Congressman involves much that is rewarding, yet nothing compares to recognizing the efforts of family businesses like Schagen's Shoes.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you join our colleagues, the members of the Schagen family, all those who have been touched by their caring service, and me in recognizing the outstanding contributions of this business to the Northern New Jersey community and beyond.

IN HONOR OF STEPHEN B. KAHN

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 12, 2007

Mr. FARR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Mr. Stephen B. Kahn, philanthropist, political progressive, and innovator, who passed away on Friday, April 27, 2007, at the age of 96.

Stephen was born in St. Louis, MO, on June 8, 1910. In his youth he called both San Francisco and New York home, and finally settled in Manhattan with his mother. She was an early feminist and supporter of Margaret Sanger; her political activities surely encouraged the development of his own progressive ideas. He returned to California to reunite with his father and later earned a degree in journalism from the University of Oregon at Eugene. He completed a law degree at the University of Tennessee and worked in the legal division of the Tennessee Valley Authority.

During World War II, he was drafted into the Army and served with the 7th Armored Division in Europe. Stephen and his wife, Ruth, then moved to Carmel and he began a successful career in the timber business as a conservationist and champion of healthy timber practices. He also supported the ACLU,

progressive journals, and noncommercial listener-supported radio in its early years, notably Radio Station KPFA and the Pacifica Foundation.

After Ruth's death in 1994, Steven created the Arkay Foundation as a tribute to her memory. The foundation supports innovative civil, environmental, and health care programs. He was a strong advocate for alternative medicine and helped naturopaths become licensed in California. He also promoted the use of vitamin C and megavitamin therapy for physical and mental illnesses. Remaining remarkably energetic himself, he led this foundation up to the end of his life.

However, he was best known for his progressive style of politics and commitment to the Democratic Party. He believed passionately that individuals could make a difference both at the local and national level by supporting political change. He also believed that songs could change the world. Steve was most proud of his early discovery of Woody Guthrie while filming a documentary in Oregon. Woody's part in producing was what he liked to call "art with a social message."

Madam Speaker, the life of Stephen Kahn was full of joy and purpose. He directly impacted the lives of thousands of people who came to respect, admire, and love him. I offer condolences to his two children Karen Kahn and Robert Kahn, his stepson David Goldschmidt; and the rest of his family. Stephen's passion, energy and wonderful spirit will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

HONORING MR. BOB IANNAcone

HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 12, 2007

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Bob Iannacone as he retires from his position as Director of Economic Development for the Williamson County Economic Development Council.

Since he first assumed this responsibility in 1991, Bob has been instrumental in attracting corporations looking for a place to relocate and encouraging the expansion and growth of existing Williamson County companies. Together, these efforts have had an impact of approximately one billion dollars to the local economy. Through innovative marketing strategies, including the award-winning Economic Development Showcase program, Bob has ensured that corporate leaders around the country and around the world know that Williamson County is a great place to do business, and a great place to live.

A proud veteran of the United States Air Force, Bob Iannacone has also served our community through his work with multiple non-profit civic organizations and has impacted countless lives. Again, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Bob for his contributions to our nation and to Tennessee. I'm certain that his wife, Pat, children and grandchildren are all proud of the outstanding work he has done to improve not just the economy, but the quality of life in Williamson County.

HONORING JACK O'CONNELL

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 12, 2007

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jack O'Connell on the occasion of his retirement as President and CEO of the Health and Welfare Council of Long Island, Inc. For over 30 years, Mr. O'Connell has tirelessly served the area's poor and vulnerable children, families and individuals. Mr. O'Connell began his career with the Health and Welfare Council in 1976 and has served as the organization's chief executive since 1988.

Mr. O'Connell was instrumental in creating the first ever studies of hunger and homelessness on Long Island in 1984 and 1985. Mr. O'Connell's other accomplishments on behalf of the poor are too numerous to name, but they include initiating the Child Health Plus Facilitated Enrollment Consortium, a program that has enrolled more than 30,000 Long Islanders into Child and Family Health Plus; organizing Long Island's social services response to the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001; and the organization of advocacy coalitions that helped give a voice to the poor and hungry.

Mr. O'Connell has been a tremendous asset to Long Island, and particularly to the people he has helped bring out of the shadows through his work. The future of this country depends on the well-being of our children and families, and the contributions of talented, passionate and committed public servants like Jack O'Connell.

SHUTTLE "ATLANTIS" LAUNCH

HON. SILVESTRE REYES

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 12, 2007

Mr. REYES. Madam Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise to recognize John "Danny" Olivas, who, with the launch of the Space Shuttle *Atlantis* this past Friday, became the first El Pasoan to enter space.

Astronaut Olivas worked his way through the El Paso school system, and, upon graduating from Burges High School, went on to receive a B.S. in mechanical engineering from the University of Texas at El Paso, an M.S. in mechanical engineering from the University of Houston, and, finally, a doctorate in mechanical engineering and materials science from Rice University.

Beyond being the first El Pasoan in space, Astronaut Olivas is also one of only a handful of minorities, and even fewer Hispanics, to participate in a Shuttle mission. The importance of Mr. Olivas' participation in this space flight is underscored by the lack of minorities in the areas of science, technology, engineering and math. According to the U.S. Census, as of 2000, only 4.4 percent of jobs related to science and engineering were held by African Americans, with only 3.4 percent being held by Hispanics. It is estimated that by 2050, over 50 percent of the population under the age of 18 will be a racial or ethnic minority. It is imperative that we work to engage our minority populations in these fields.

In the face of growing foreign competition from technology sectors in India, Japan, and China, among others, it is increasingly important that our country remains a leader of technological innovation and economic competitiveness. In creating opportunities for minorities, we ensure that the face of our high-tech workforce reflects the true face of America, and that our face in space echoes our face on Earth.

I have long supported NASA in its pursuit of greater understanding of the universe through exploration. Supporting NASA creates not only opportunities for people like Mr. Olivas, but also tangible benefits that affect our everyday life. Airmen and -women flying training maneuvers over El Paso's Fort Bliss-Biggs Army Airfield, and Army PATRIOT units deployed at home and overseas, use technology developed by NASA. Additionally, the NASA Johnson Space Center in Houston, where Astronaut Olivas first developed his fascination with space exploration at the age of seven, provides jobs for Texas, and, in doing so, fuels our local economies through tourism and contracting. As Astronaut Olivas noted in a recent interview, NASA itself is like a rocket engine: hundreds of thousands of small parts, working in tandem within the machinery of our Nation to fuel the engine of progress.

Having met Danny Olivas on a number of occasions, I applaud the example he encapsulates; wish him and the whole crew of *Atlantis* a safe return; and look forward to a successful mission!

WORLD DAY AGAINST CHILD LABOR

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 12, 2007

Mr. ENGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate World Day Against Child Labor. Today serves to remind us of the exploitation of child workers around the world and to encourage us to act as global leaders in ending these atrocities.

I learned of the brutal working conditions of children who labored in the cocoa fields through a series of articles published by Knight Ridder several years ago. One young boy, Aly Diabate, told how he was sold into slavery when he was barely four feet tall. He said, "Some of the bags were taller than me. It took two people to put the bag on my head. And when you didn't hurry, you were beaten. The beatings were a part of my life. Any time they loaded you with bags and you fell while carrying them, no one helped you. Instead, they beat you and beat you until you picked it up again."

In response to stories like these, I, along with Senator TOM HARKIN, authored the Harkin-Engel Protocol to hold chocolate companies accountable to American consumers and the global community. The Harkin-Engel Protocol provides for the development and implementation of industry-wide global standards for the growing of cocoa beans and the manufacturing of chocolate products that are sold in