

## KENNETH C. ANDERSON, MD “ROFEH INTERNATIONAL DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD”

Dr. Anderson graduated from Johns Hopkins Medical School, trained in internal medicine at John's Hopkins Hospital, and completed hematology, medical oncology, and tumor immunology training at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. He is the Kraft Family Professor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School; and serves as Chief of the Division of Hematologic Neoplasia, Director of the Jerome Lipper Multiple Myeloma Center, and Vice Chair of the Joint Program in Transfusion Medicine at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

He serves as chair of the NCCN Multiple Myeloma Clinical Practice Guidelines Committee; as a Cancer and Leukemia Group B Principal Investigator; on the Board of Scientific Advisors of the International Myeloma Foundation; on the Board of Directors and Chair of the Scientific Advisory Board of the Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation; as well as on the Board of Directors and Chair of the Leadership Committee of the Multiple Myeloma Research Consortium. He is a Doris Duke Distinguished Clinical Research Scientist and has had long term RO-1, PO-1, and SPORE NIH funding.

His numerous awards including the 2001 Charles C. Lund Award of the American Red Cross Blood Services, the 2003 Waldenstrom's award for research in plasma cell dyscrasias, the 2004 Johnson & Johnson Focused Giving Award for Setting New Directions in Science and Technology, the 2005 Third Annual International Myeloma Foundation Robert A. Kyle Lifetime Achievement Award, and the 2007 Joseph A. Burchenal Award for Clinical Research from the American Association for Cancer Research. His paradigm for identifying and validating targets in the myeloma cell and its bone marrow milieu has already provided novel therapies, and offers great promise to improve patient outcome in hematologic malignancies and solid tumors as well.

## KEEVIN GELLER, ROFEH INTERNATIONAL NEW ENGLAND CHASSIDIC CENTER MAN OF THE YEAR AWARD

Keevin Geller, has been proud to call the Bostoner Rebbe, his friend for over thirty years. Mr. Geller is the owner of Barney and Carey Lumber Company since 1978.

In addition to his lumber business, Keevin is a real estate developer and owner. He was one of the first property owners to convert a Back Bay townhouse into condominiums, and went on to complete over twenty-five such projects there and on Beacon Hill. He built and restored many homes in Milton, also creating that town's first condominium complex in the buildings of a former estate. A serious conservationist, he has specialized in the redevelopment of existing structures, while protecting the surrounding land. He was honored with the Commonwealth Award for land preservation.

Keevin was one of the founding members of the Simon Wiesenthal Center. He is a thirty-year member of the Hundred Club, and a life member of many conservation organizations. He is a graduate of Boston University, with a major in Latin. His wife, Cynthia, also a BU alumna, is the granddaughter of the late Max Oransky, one of the Rebbe's father's Chassidim. Cynthia and Keeven reside in Sharon, Massachusetts, where he serves on various town committees.

## COMMENDING THE KENTUCKY NATIONAL GUARD FOR ITS SERVICE TO THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY AND THE CITIZENS OF THE UNITED STATES

## HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 10, 2007

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, I rise today to offer a House concurrent resolution commending the First Battalion, 149th Infantry of the Kentucky Army National Guard for service overseas in defense of the Commonwealth of Kentucky and the citizens of the United States.

The First Battalion, 149th Infantry, known as the “Mountain Warriors,” recently returned home to eastern Kentucky after completing a 16-month-long tour of duty. While in Iraq, the Mountain Warriors courageously and successfully performed routine and perimeter security missions, mounted combat patrols, and personal security details, among other assignments.

The 149th Infantry lived up to their strong name and tradition with distinguished service and sacrifice and proudly represented our Kentucky mountain heritage. The Mountain Warriors have a long and storied history dating back to the Mexican-American War and they have served our Nation in nearly every major conflict including World War I, World War II, and now our global war on terror. While in harm's way, the Mountain Warriors successfully completed their mission without any loss of life.

This resolution also honors and recognizes the members of the Heavy Equipment Transport Platoon, 2123rd Transportation Company, who recently returned home after completing their tour of duty in Iraq. The 2123rd Transportation Company conducted daily resupply missions including moving tanks, water, heavy equipment, weapons, and guided weapons systems for the United States Army.

Finally, this House concurrent resolution recognizes the members of the Rear Area Operations Command from the Second Battalion, 123rd Armor of the Kentucky Army National Guard. The “Orphan Battalion,” now returned to the Commonwealth, performed base operations for coalition forces in Iraq including 110 combat patrols, site hardening and security improvements, and establishment of 11 guard tower and 17 vehicle battle positions at Qayyarah Airfield West.

These men and women have made Kentucky proud, serving honorably and with steadfast resolve, sacrificing time away from loved ones, careers, and their communities. I want to express my deepest gratitude to these men and women for their service to our great country. I also express my thanks to their families who have waited patiently for their loved ones to return home.

## HONORING THE GREATER DALLAS HISPANIC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

## HON. JEB HENSARLING

OF TEXAS

## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 10, 2007

Mr. HENSARLING. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize the Greater Dallas Hispanic Chamber of Commerce on the distinction of being named the “National Hispanic Chamber of the Year” by the United States Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

As a six-time recipient of this award, the Greater Dallas Hispanic Chamber of Commerce has received this honor more than any other Hispanic Chamber in the Nation.

For the past 68 years, the chamber has promoted programs such as the Business Assistance Centers, the Viva Dallas Hispanic Expo, BizFest, and the Stars on the Rise Award & Scholarship Banquet and their newly created External Affairs Department.

I offer my congratulations to the general membership, past and present, along with the current board of directors and staff for this recent achievement. As one of the congressional representatives of the members of this organization, it is my distinct pleasure to recognize them today in the United States House of Representatives.

## CONGRATULATING MIDDENDORF-KREDELL BRANCH LIBRARY IN O'FALLON, MISSOURI

## HON. W. TODD AKIN

OF MISSOURI

## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 10, 2007

Mr. AKIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the Middendorf-Kredell Branch Library in O'Fallon, Missouri, recipient of the 2007 Federal Depository Library of the Year Award.

The Federal Depository Library Program was established by Congress to ensure that the American public has access to its Government's information by disseminating information from all three branches of the Government to over 1,240 libraries nationwide. The depository libraries are responsible for collecting, maintaining and assisting users with no-fee access to the information in an impartial environment with professional assistance.

It is the high level of professionalism demonstrated from staff and the enthusiasm to disseminate information in a user friendly fashion that has rendered the Middendorf-Kredell Branch Library the distinguished title of Federal Depository Library of the Year.

Middendorf-Kredell Branch Library utilizes creativity and innovation in developing various programs. They were one of the first Federal depository libraries to move to an online environment in September 1995 by creating a Government information web site. A standout feature of the web site includes “Uncle Sam for Kids,” one of the first of its kind in the Nation to help kids obtain Federal information for school assignments.

We are so thankful for Middendorf-Kredell Branch Library's leadership in creating programs that are emulated throughout the country and are appreciative for the great work

they are doing in Missouri. Congratulations on an outstanding achievement.

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HONORING MAURICE KENNETH SHAW OF MIDDLETON, NJ

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HON. VITO FOSSELLA

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 10, 2007

Mr. FOSSELLA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and achievements of Maurice Kenneth Shaw of Middletown, NJ, who died Sunday afternoon in Riverview Hospital in Red Bank, NJ. Maurice, or "Mo" as he liked to be called, was born the son of a Coast Guard captain on April 16, 1939, while the family was living in Rockville Centre, on Long Island.

After his family settled on Staten Island, Mo graduated from the former St. John's Preparatory School in Brooklyn. He went on to earn a bachelor's degree in industrial engineering from Lehigh University and a master's degree in business administration from Wagner College.

After college, Mo Shaw joined KeySpan, formerly the Brooklyn Union Gas Company, in 1960. He served in a variety of marketing and financial positions and eventually worked his way up the executive ranks until 1999, when he retired as senior vice president and corporate affairs officer. My hometown paper, the Staten Island Advance described "that final role with the company, in which he handled urban affairs and public relations, [as] a perfect fit for Mr. Shaw, who enjoyed making connections in the Staten Island community and lending corporate support to projects he knew would strengthen the borough economically and culturally."

Mo loved the sea, and his accomplishments reflect that passion. Mr. Shaw joined and later became chairman of the board of the Noble Maritime Collection, a museum that showcases the works of maritime artist John Noble. He took on this endeavor in 1998, when the museum had no operating budget or staff, but through his tenacity, commitment, and ingenuity, helped the collection receive regular city funding and contributions from the business community.

Mo was a proud Coast Guard veteran, and he was always eager to support the Coast Guard and the Navy. He served as president of the USS The Sullivans Foundation, which supports the work of the Navy ship that was commissioned in Stapleton, Staten Island in April, 1997. Mo was the driving force behind the commissioning of the USS *The Sullivans*, which his friends describe as an act of love. Afterwards, he formed a new group, the Sullivans Foundation, in order to help maintain a strong link between the USS *The Sullivans* and the local community. This past June, he presided over 4 days of celebration in honor of that ship's 10th anniversary.

Madam Speaker, it is an honor to praise the noble life of Maurice Kenneth Shaw. I offer my deepest condolences to his wife, Mary Elizabeth, his three daughters, Victoria, Anne, and Elizabeth, and his six grandchildren.

RECOGNIZING HON. JOHN THOMAS ELFVIN

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 10, 2007

Mr. HIGGINS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay recognition to the Honorable John Thomas Elfvin, who is retiring after 60 years of service as a judge in the U.S. District Court for Western New York. Judge Elfvin has demonstrated exemplary dedication throughout his career, serving diligently until the age of 90.

I would like briefly to touch on the many areas of service that Judge Elfvin gave to our county. I am proud to mention that Judge Elfvin served his country during World War II as a member of the United States Navy before graduating from Georgetown University Law School in 1947. He worked in private practice in New York City and Buffalo, NY, and was a member of the Buffalo Common Council. Judge Elfvin served on the Supreme Court of New York in 1969 and became U.S. Attorney for Western New York in 1972.

Judge Elfvin was nominated to the U.S. District Court in 1974 by President Gerald Ford. He served as a Federal judge until October 5, 2007. Known for his exceptional work ethic, Judge Elfvin is a wonderful example of what public service should be.

Madam Speaker, I salute Judge Elfvin and congratulate him on his service to the legal field over the past 60 years. I pay tribute to him for his commitment to our community and to our country, and wish him all the best for a prosperous and enjoyable retirement.

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FIGHT SUDDEN CARDIAC ARREST

HON. LOIS CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 10, 2007

Mrs. CAPPS. Madam Speaker, I rise today on behalf of myself and Representative CHIP PICKERING to call attention to one of our Nation's leading causes of death—sudden cardiac arrest. Unfortunately, far too little is known and even less is being done to address the prevalence of this serious condition. Sudden cardiac arrest claims the lives of more than 250,000 Americans every year.

Sudden Cardiac Arrest occurs abruptly and without warning, when the heart suddenly stops beating and cannot pump blood to the rest of the body. Contrary to widespread belief, sudden cardiac arrest is not the same as a heart attack. As the Sudden Cardiac Arrest Coalition has noted, if your heart were a house, cardiac arrest would be a problem with the electricity, while a heart attack is a problem with the plumbing.

Sudden cardiac arrest can happen to anyone at anytime without warning. Unfortunately, even when there may be warning signs, we may not recognize their presence due to a lack of knowledge about what actually occurs during cardiac arrest.

Such was the case for a young man from Southern California named Sebastian Hitzig. At age 24, Sebastian stepped on a toothpick, resulting in a staph infection that led to an inflammation of his heart. Several months after

doctors believed he had recovered, Sebastian went to the gym for his regular workout, during which he suffered sudden cardiac arrest and nearly died. Thanks to a quick acting response team that shocked his heart back to its normal rhythm, Sebastian was literally brought back to life.

Sebastian is one of the few lucky ones to live through a deadly sudden cardiac arrest event. We in Washington have made great strides fighting some of our Nation's deadliest killers. Our next step should be to commit to more research into the diagnosis, prevention, and treatment of sudden cardiac arrest, including increased awareness efforts to improve public knowledge of at-risk populations. We also must take steps to improve access to Automated External Defibrillators, AEDs, and implantable cardioverter defibrillators, ICD, to strengthen the "chain of survival."

I ask all Members today to join us in calling for a focused effort to fight sudden cardiac arrest and to do so in honor of the countless individuals who survived sudden cardiac arrest and in memory of the more than 250,000 families each year whose loved ones are not as lucky as young Sebastian.

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RECOGNIZING ANN WATSON

HON. JOHN P. SARBANES

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 10, 2007

Mr. SARBANES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ann Watson, Planned Parenthood of Maryland's Volunteer of the Year and honoree at the first annual William G. Robertson, Jr. Volunteer Award Luncheon, for her 31 years of support for Planned Parenthood and 8 years of volunteer service in the Towson Health Center of Planned Parenthood of Maryland.

The William G. Robertson, Jr. Award is given in honor of the late Bill Robertson's more than 60 years of service as a former board member and the sole board member emeritus of Planned Parenthood of Maryland.

Ms. Watson is truly deserving. She has been involved with Planned Parenthood since she was a 19-year-old junior at the University of Arizona. She served as a volunteer and as assistant clinical director for Planned Parenthood in Tucson, Arizona. She has also served on the boards of directors for Planned Parenthood in San Antonio, Texas as well as Planned Parenthood of Maryland.

Ms. Watson has served actively in the Planned Parenthood of Maryland Speakers Bureau, teaching about contraception in Maryland schools. She is a former chairwoman of the Planned Parenthood of Maryland Education Committee.

Throughout her time as a Board member in Maryland, Ms. Watson has made her position as a volunteer in the Towson Health Center a top priority, advocating on behalf of the Center staff at board meetings. She has worked tirelessly to keep the people who come to Planned Parenthood seeking accurate information and access to preventive care at the center of strategic discussions.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you join me today in honoring Ann Watson. She has served as an exemplary volunteer and advocate for reproductive rights—demonstrating an