

A man for all seasons, who but within his short lifetime . . . so surely made our world a far better place

And these are but the reasons why, we shall never forget his beautiful smile . . . his debonair, and 'oh so very handsome face

"For so surely, he was headed down that very same path

In all those magnificent footsteps, that which Edward R. Murrow once so left . . . in his aftermath

For few have so traveled, such this hallowed path . . . as why to heaven this day, we pray to our Lord to so bless David we ask

"A reporter's reporter, a real fine man's man And yet, this man for all seasons greatest assets . . . were his great warmth, and his oh so caring hand

As you could feel it, radiating through your TV set . . . as you so watched this superstar your heart he would catch, time and time again

"Oh what an innovator, oh what a truly marvelous communicator

While, in his magnificent Bloom mobile . . . we so watched his genius, courageously communicating

As he brought the light of day, and the truth into our world . . . as he so brought the proof of a heroes courage, in the darkness of a war unfurled

"But, just so too

As all of our those fine heroes too, who so gave their fine lives for us true . . . as he so did for you

Just, as each brave soldier . . . he so too . . . so heroically went into battle . . . as into hell was so sent, to bring back the truth . . . for all to view

"Yet, for all of his accomplishments

His greatest gifts, his fondest wish . . . his everything . . . was his magnificent wife & beautiful daughters to him from heaven sent

For on the day that he died, in Washington . . . The cherry blossoms bloomed high . . . as they too cried . . . knowing what his fine life had meant

"For here within our short lives, when such greatness so arrives . . . and brightly blooms

As one so surely finds, as one so surely assumes . . . is but where the greatest of all heart's so looms

For to this our world, these their most sacred gifts of which they've unfurled . . . that so ever bless our world, as we live when blossom's bloom

"For in this, Our Search For The Truth

In this a reporter's quest, To Be The Best . . . Do we dare and never second guess? And go forth with hearts full of youth

For in putting it all on the line, for in risking our most precious of all moments with our loved ones therein time . . . we so find, where lies the proof."

To David's lovely wife Melanie and his beautiful daughters Christine, Ava, and Nicole, in memory of your magnificent husband and wonderful father.

And to all reporters who have lived and died for the truth, men like Daniel Pearl.

HONORING JACOBO AND MARY KAPILIVSKY ON THEIR 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 19, 2007

Mr. ENGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Jacobo and Mary Kapilivsky on their 50th wedding anniversary. Jacobo and Mary will celebrate this wonderful milestone on April 14th, 2007, after spending half a century in love with the shared experiences of family life.

The life of Jacobo and Mary is a wonderful example of the American Dream.

The son of poor Jewish immigrants, Jacobo Kapilivsky was born on June 25th, 1932 in Trujillo, Peru. Despite his humble beginnings, Jacobo graduated from medical school in his native country before marrying Mary Rosco, herself a daughter of Jewish immigrants.

Jacobo and Mary started the adventure of their life together by immigrating to the U.S., where Jacobo completed his medical residency in Johnson City, NY and later in the Bronx. Over the years, Jacobo became a surgeon as well as a medical entrepreneur both in the U.S. and in Peru, where he has founded and led several private hospitals and medical centers. Currently, they live in McAllen, Texas.

The Kapilivskys are parents to Allan and his wife Lillian, Sam and his wife Noemi, and Sara and her husband Mark. They are proud grandparents to seven grandchildren including their newest addition and first granddaughter, Leora Paz Vogel. Their children and grandchildren live in McAllen, Texas, Rochester, New York, and South Florida.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in honoring Jacobo and Mary Kapilivsky on their 50 golden years of love and dedication to each other.

HONORING THE WEBSTER FIRE DEPARTMENT

HON. NICK LAMPSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 19, 2007

Mr. LAMPSON. Madam Speaker, a golden anniversary is indeed a special milestone, and today I am proud to recognize the Webster Fire Department's 50th Anniversary. This exemplary and dedicated group of firefighters continues a proud, 50-year long tradition of excellence.

As the first response team for the City of Webster, Texas, the Webster Fire Department exudes professionalism and dedication by all its firefighters in providing fire and emergency services for the community. The Webster Fire Department is responsible for fire prevention, fire suppression, and emergency medical services to the City of Webster. The Department also offers such special services as a Smoke Detector Program, Fire Extinguisher Training, and Fire Safety Training. The Webster Fire Department operates three engines, one ladder, and one rescue from two fire stations. They also operate special units such as a Wild Land Firefighting Booster Truck, a High Water Rescue 6x6, and a Water Rescue Boat.

Chief Jamie Galloway and his department will be celebrating the November anniversary

all year long. In honor of the occasion, a special patch has been designed to be featured on the firefighter's uniforms and on all department vehicles.

I am honored to represent the City of Webster and its outstanding Fire Department. Their hard work and commitment brings pride to their entire community. It is truly a privilege to stand here today in observation of the golden anniversary of the Webster Fire Department, and I ask that we submit congratulations from the 110th Congress into the RECORD.

HONORING MARGARET "PEGGY" DATOR

HON. PATRICK J. MURPHY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 19, 2007

Mr. PATRICK J. MURPHY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Margaret Dator for her leadership and guidance as Executive Director of the Free Clinic of Doylestown. Margaret—known to everyone as Peggy—is a tremendous community leader. This year, in recognition of her years of volunteer service, she will be honored with the Bucks County Women's History Month Award.

Peggy has worked with young people in Girl Scouts, her church, schools, and Doylestown Hospital. It is through her efforts with these organizations that she was prepared to serve on the board of A Woman's Place, the Bucks County Children and Youth Advisory Board and the Foundations Behavioral Health Board. Peggy has also worked with the League of Women Voters in the production of a series of videos for local cable television programs addressing problems such as teen alcohol use, pregnancy and health care. She continues to serve as a consultant for the League of Women Voters on health and children's services.

Madam Speaker, there are countless stories that show Peggy's limitless spirit for helping those in need. One time, when faced with a request for equipment for a dental mission in Kenya, Peggy—as always—went above and beyond, joining the mission as a volunteer to provide a needs assessment for the community and work as a dental assistant. She is now financing an education for a Kenyan orphan.

While involved with the Warminster Collaborative, Peggy seized the opportunity to use a community gardening project to bring nutritional food to low-income homes. She has fulfilled a Spanish immersion course in order to improve bilingual assistance at the Free Clinic, and has recruited bilingual volunteers. Through her efforts, the clinic now also provides treatment for dental and mental health issues, and she has reinvigorated the help provided by A Woman's Place.

Madam Speaker, Peggy is admired for her unfailing generosity, strong leadership and advocacy for women, children, and vulnerable members of society. Peggy's efforts have improved many organizations and even more lives. Along the way, she has never failed to lose her vision of equality and justice. Her work, both in the community and around the world, is inspiring, and I am honored to recognize her for her many accomplishments.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF JACK SMITH FRIEND OF THE FIRST DISTRICT

HON. DAVID DAVIS

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 19, 2007

Mr. DAVID DAVIS of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory and life of Jack Smith, a friend of the First Congressional District of Tennessee, who passed away March 15, 2007.

Jack Smith lived a life of service, entrepreneurship, and was known by all for his compassion to all those around him.

He was married to Jewell "Judy" Garland for 56 years, who preceded him in death in 2003. They had one son, two daughters, and six grand children.

Jack graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1942, with a degree in electrical engineering. He served this great nation for seven years of active duty in the U.S. Navy.

In 1954, Jack Smith started his first "Piggly Wiggly" grocery store, which would grow into a modern-day grocery store empire of 95 "Food City" stores throughout Southwest Virginia, Tennessee and Kentucky. He served as Chief Executive Officer until passing the torch to his son, Steven C. Smith, in 2001.

He received numerous community involvement awards through his prestigious career. Jack Smith received: 1996 Grocer of the Year, Junior Achievement Tri-Cities TN/VA Business Hall of Fame Laureate in 1999 and "The 2002 Clarence G. Adams "Great America" Award.

The "Food City" Stores engage in community enhancing programs like "Apples for the Students", which provides much needed resources to schools throughout across the First District and beyond.

Madam Speaker, I ask that the House join me this evening in offering our sympathies to the family and friends of Jack Smith. He was a dedicated family man, a true friend of the First District, and entrepreneur.

His service is greatly treasured, and he will be deeply missed.

HONORING GAIL RIDENHOUR

HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 19, 2007

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in recognizing Ms. Gail Ridenhour for her public service to the Germantown community.

Ms. Ridenhour has been very involved in community arts programs. Serving as president of the nonprofit Germantown Fine Arts Foundation for two years and holding other officer positions, she has been indispensable to the efforts of the Foundation to build financial support for arts programs in the local school system.

Ms. Ridenhour has been a leader in her church community as well. As a member of Kingsway Christian Church, she directed, organized, and launched a preschool program. Begun in 1987, the program continues to thrive and grow today.

In addition to her community efforts, Gail Ridenhour has been recognized by the Ger-

mantown Lions Club as their Citizen of the Year for 2006. Her experience and leadership make her an invaluable member of the Germantown community.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring Gail Ridenhour and congratulating her for this well-deserved award.

TRIBUTE TO BOY SCOUT TROOP 4

HON. JOHN D. DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 19, 2007

Mr. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Boy Scout Troop 4, which celebrated its 90th anniversary this past Saturday, March 17, 2007.

Troop 4 was formed on March 17, 1917 at the Methodist Episcopal Church, now known as First United Methodist Church, in Ann Arbor, MI. This first group of scouts consisted of nine scouts, three Assistant Scout Masters and was led briefly by the direction of Scoutmaster Don Perkins, who was called in to service with U.S. involvement in WWI shortly after Troop 4's founding, and leadership of the troop then passed to Edward F. Metz. Starting with this small group, Troop 4 would go on to include over 1,700 members in its history, including 111 scouts to date, who have gone on to attain the rank of Eagle Scout. This 6.5 percent rate of Eagle Scout rank achievement is three times the national average.

Troop 4 serves as a wonderful testimonial to the leadership of the Ann Arbor community. This troop has shown tremendous community involvement in the Ann Arbor area and throughout the state of Michigan. These efforts have not been overlooked, as Troop 4 has been awarded several "Take Pride in America" awards; multiple "Keep Michigan Beautiful" awards; and was named one of President George H.W. Bush's "1000 Points of Light" for its record of volunteer community service.

Community service has long played a critical role in Troop 4's activities. As part of its community service, Troop 4 makes a monthly visit to Glacier Hills Nursing Home during the school year and Chelsea United Methodist Nursing Home during the summer. During these visits troop members play bingo and visit with residents. Each year Troop 4 participates in the "Scouting for Food" program that collects food that is then donated to local food banks. Troop 4 is a community troop with its members coming from all over the Ann Arbor area and from all religious and ethnic backgrounds; a troop where new scouts are always welcome.

Troop 4, "The Lighthouse Troop," is known throughout Michigan for its volunteer activities in the restoration of the St. Helena Island Lighthouse. For over 19 years Troop 4 members have traveled each summer to St. Helena Island where they spend a week restoring the lighthouse while camping on the island. In 2006, Grand Rapids television channel 14 highlighted their St. Helena Island service in a documentary entitled "Great Lakes Treasures." In 1991 a documentary titled "Keepers of the Light" displayed the troop's efforts to restore the lighthouse and was shown on PBS stations in Michigan. The History Channel has also broadcast their story nationally. Addition-

ally, "Scouting" and "Boy's Life" magazines among others have also featured the troop's efforts at the lighthouse.

I grew up a Boy Scout, became a Scoutmaster, and watched proudly as both my sons became Scouts. The Boy Scouts are an American institution and one of America's most patriotic organizations; they are a shining example to the world of what is good about America. I am proud to pay tribute to Troop 4 for their service, dedication and commitment to the Ann Arbor community and the state of Michigan.

THE FOURTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE INVASION OF IRAQ

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 19, 2007

Mr. CONYERS. Madam Speaker, on November 7, 2006, the American people sent a clear message to Congress and the President: we must end the war in Iraq. In response, the administration announced it would escalate the conflict. Today we mark the fourth anniversary of President Bush's war of choice, and later this week, the House of Representatives will have to make a choice of its own: either endorse the President's open-ended commitment to the Iraq war or demand accountability and set a timeline for the phased redeployment of our troops. I am hopeful that Congress will pass a supplemental appropriations bill that will chart a new direction toward de-escalation, with a definitive date for disengagement.

The occasion of this anniversary is an appropriate time to examine the impact of these last four years of war. As we begin the fifth year of the war, the price we have paid is high—with more than 3,000 U.S. troops dead, more than 20,000 U.S. troops wounded, and more than \$400 billion of taxpayer dollars appropriated. The Iraq war is already longer than U.S. participation in World War II, World War I, the Korean War, or the Civil War.

What do we have to show for these sacrifices? Contrary to the rosy scenario depicted by the administration, this war has not made us safer; on the contrary, it has made us more vulnerable than ever. A sizeable majority of foreign policy and military experts agree that the world is a more dangerous place for Americans now than it was before we invaded Iraq. The war has become the number one recruiting tool of terrorists, and our continuing occupation of Iraq has provided them with the best training camp they could ever hope to have—a place where they can practice and refine their methods while taking American lives. The war increasingly strains our military—now creating a genuine crisis in U.S. troop readiness and our ability to respond to new threats. Should disaster strike here at home or elsewhere in the world, we will be left virtually defenseless while our troops and equipment are bogged down in a bloody quagmire that threatens to drag on for many more years.

House Democrats are bringing forward a plan that provides for a change in course on Iraq. Our plan will protect our troops on the battlefield and at home, require accountability from the Bush Administration and the Iraqi government, and set a responsible timeline for