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Despite the difficulties and hardships of competing with internet website stores and street vendors, the Hue-Man bookstore remains a thriving venture with a lot to offer. Marva Allen's plans for the future are enthusiastic and impressive. She envisions the expansion of the Hue-Man bookstore through the e-commerce project with state of the art technology, branding and global marketing.

TRIBUTE TO METRO UNITED U-17
GIRLS SOCCER TEAM

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 10, 2008

Mr. SHIMKUS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an outstanding group of young ladies from Madison County, IL.

The Metro United U-17 girls soccer team won second place in the Illinois Youth Soccer Association State Cup finals June 15 in Libertyville, IL. Their only loss was in the championship game to Eclipse Select, the number one ranked team in the nation. Along the way to the finals, Metro United beat Eclipse Select South 2-0, Illinois Fusion 3-1, and Chicago Magic 1-0.

I want to congratulate coaches Tony Segobiano and Mitch Bohnak, and the members of the Metro United U-17 team: Megan Pawloski, Brittney Dailey, Jenny Humphrey, Emily Morris, Kelli Segobiano, Tess Huetner, Allison Menchak, Ashley Juravich, Jordan Hendrickson, Kaisi Hartwick, Kaitlyn Hoffman, Sam Poteet and Maureen Nesbit.

These young ladies have devoted many hours of hard work and dedication toward reaching this achievement, and I join with the other members of the House in congratulating them.

HONORING IRENE PEVERI FOR
HER DECADES OF PUBLIC SERVICE
AND COMMITMENT TO THE
NEIGHBORHOODS OF NEW YORK
CITY

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 10, 2008

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, New York lost an exceptional community leader this month when Irene Peveri passed away. Irene Peveri was not just a leader, but a mentor and innovator who helped change the very skyline of Manhattan by persuading the city to require livable streetscapes in our densely urban community.

For nearly three decades, Irene Peveri passionately advocated both growth and preservation in New York City neighborhoods, and became a leading voice for "contextual zoning"—the idea that taller buildings are appropriate for avenues with their wider boulevards and retail activity, while low scale buildings are a better fit for side streets. She worked tirelessly with community boards, grassroots organizations, neighbors, politicians, business leaders, and entrepreneurs to ensure that New

York's neighborhoods retained a human scale. When she testified, her presentations were always thoughtful, factual, impressive and delivered with persuasive sincerity.

In the early 1980s Irene joined with her neighbors in successfully challenging the construction of a "sliver building." Sliver buildings are tall slender buildings constructed on lots that have a narrow frontage, typically 45 feet or less. The effort was successful when the city adopted a law banning sliver buildings in 1983.

In 1985, local leaders in founded East Side Rezoning Alliance (ESRA), a coalition of community groups dedicated to advocating zoning changes that would scale down allowable heights for new buildings on side streets. Irene served as ESRA's co-chair for most of its existence. At every opportunity, Irene encouraged builders and community groups to work together to ensure that new developments would be compatible in scale with older buildings in the neighborhood.

ESRA funded several planning studies to change the New York City Zoning Resolution, using the proceeds from an annual street fair along Third Avenue and grants from philanthropic organizations. These studies persuaded the Department of City Planning to support the rezoning of many areas between 14th and 59th streets, and led to a permanent change in city law. The new zoning text restricted large scale development to the avenues, and imposed stricter building heights on the side streets. This mix of development allows tall buildings to rise without overwhelming the neighborhood. The latest study funded by ESRA was the CB6 197-a Plan, a community-based plan covering the entire Community Board 6 area. It was adopted by the City Council on March 26, 2008.

The model Irene and her allies developed was replicated elsewhere in the city. ESRA gave support and guidance to community groups that were trying to fend off overbuilding. With Irene's assistance, other neighborhood groups were able to persuade the city to adopt contextual zoning for their areas. As a result, most neighborhoods enjoy a mix of development, and Manhattan residents can still enjoy a glimpse of the sky.

More recently, Irene worked with the Coalition for Community Facility Reform to oppose the proliferation of rear yard incursions. New York City's zoning resolution mandates rear yards, which were intended to provide residents with unbroken, block-long swaths of green. In 1961, the law was amended to allow community facilities (a term that includes everything from doctors' offices to monasteries, from day-care centers to various non-profits) to build extensions in the rear yards of residential buildings all the way to the property line, so long as the addition is no more than 23 feet high. These rear yard incursions reduce the availability of light, air and green space for residents of neighboring properties. Irene and other community leaders worked to persuade the city to change the zoning resolution to further restrict the types of entities that are eligible for the exemption to schools, houses of worship, colleges or universities, and hospitals and related facilities.

Irene was a member of Community Board 6 and served on its Land Use Committee. During that time, Irene was a vital participant in every major zoning review and initiative of Community Board 6, from the rebuilding of

Third Avenue, to, most recently, the development proposals for the Con Edison site on First Avenue. She remained active in the Community Board until her death and was Second-Vice Chair of the Board when she passed away. The Board recently celebrated her achievements at a ceremony held May 19, 2008.

Irene Peveri had a genuine passion for and dedication to all of Manhattan's neighborhoods. She was a consensus builder who understood the importance of working in concert with her neighbors. Irene had a unique gift for empowering others and engaging them in the community. She possessed a talent for bringing people and ideas together, forging unlikely partnerships that helped achieve the goal of making sure New York remains a livable city.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my distinguished colleagues join me in recognizing the enormous contributions to civic and political life made by Irene Peveri, a dedicated activist who made an extraordinary difference in the way New York City has developed.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 10, 2008

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, I rise to note that I would have voted in favor of H.R. 3981, the Preserve America and Save America's Treasures Act (Rollcall No. 471). I was unable to be present during the vote for this bill because my flight from Memphis to Washington was delayed due to an air traffic control constraint.

IN SUPPORT OF THE RECENT SUPREME COURT DECISION ON DC'S
HANDGUN BAN

HON. DENNIS A. CARDOZA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 10, 2008

Mr. CARDOZA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to offer my support for the recent decision made by the United States Supreme Court upholding the right of residents of the District of Columbia and elsewhere to keep and bear arms. On Thursday, June 26, 2008, the Court rightly struck down the decades old ban on handgun possession and ownership in the District of Columbia, one of the strictest bans in the country.

Throughout my tenure in Congress, I have co-sponsored legislation to end this ban and to expand gun rights within the District to preserve the Second Amendment rights guaranteed to all Americans by the U.S. Constitution. Furthermore, I signed an amicus brief along with 249 other members of this respected body opposing the District's gun ban and urging the Supreme Court to recognize its constitutional defects.

In issuing its decision, the Court affirmed and protected the Constitution and the right of a sportsman to have a registered shotgun in his home and renewed the right of a homeowner to possess a handgun in order to protect one's family and property from intruders.

While I certainly understand the desire to consider occurrences of violent crime when

crafting gun control legislation, our country is based on the premise that enforcement of our fundamental rights cannot be haphazard. Our Founding Fathers fought for the individual liberties we all enjoy—among them, the right to possess firearms. This right, along with the freedom of the press or the privilege against self-incrimination, must not be dismissed or diluted.

As a hunter and gun rights advocate, I applauded the Supreme Court for its decision. I look forward to continuing my work in Congress to protect the integrity of the Second Amendment.

IN HONOR OF THE SERVICE OF
JOHN LANCASTER

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 10, 2008

Mr. HOYER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and work of a historic figure in my community, Mr. John Lancaster, who passed away on July 1st at the age of 90.

John Lancaster was a man of principle and deep devotion to his community. As the first elected African-American county commissioner in the history of St. Mary's County, Maryland, Mr. Lancaster was certainly a political trailblazer. Breaking that barrier was indeed astonishing. John believed that he was accountable to all in the community as he simply but eloquently once said "I was a commissioner serving all people."

Perhaps the most important issue to John was education. A local official in my community recently dubbed him as the "education commissioner" and many regarded him as a mentor in education policy. As commissioner, John could not sit idly as public schools were decaying in front of him. Today, because of his efforts and foresight, education is a very important issue in St. Mary's County, and students are learning in first class facilities.

John Lancaster was the personification of hard work and optimism. In face of discrimination he pressed forward. Mr. Lancaster will certainly be remembered as an example for those who dare to dream the impossible. I would like to offer my condolences to his loving family, as we mourn the loss of an extraordinary person.

TRIBUTE TO RAYMOND THAYER
DONOVAN

HON. JOHN B. LARSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 10, 2008

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a dear friend and mentor of mine, Raymond Thayer Donovan, who passed away on May 10, 2008. A World War II vet and engaged civic leader, Ray stood at the center of Connecticut politics. I, along with the entire State, mourn this great loss. It is with great honor that I submit for the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD remarks made at his funeral by Kevin Brown and myself. Through these words, we remember the life and spirit of a truly great man.

KEVIN BROWN

First and foremost, I'd like to thank Louise and the family for the honor of being able to say a few words today in remembrance of Raymond. Like so many of you, I loved him very much.

I know that Raymond would have wanted me to be brief. For his sake, I will try. But it won't be easy. When Shelley called and asked me to speak today she told me that the family thought that I might be someone who could best tell Raymond's story. Try as I might, I couldn't do it. I felt like I was telling my story.

You see, all of my memories of Raymond are about what he did for me, how he helped shape my life, what he taught me, and the example he set. I finally realized that telling Raymond's story is so hard because it was never about him; it was always about the people in his life. Raymond was the most unselfish person I've ever met. For him, it was never about power, recognition, success or wealth. His greatest source of satisfaction came from helping others. He was never out front claiming the credit. He moved through the world without making any noise but his fingerprints were everywhere. He was always encouraging. He made us feel appreciated and a part of something.

More importantly, Raymond had this unique capacity to gaze at a room full of people and sense who was feeling left out, who was drifting from the group and who needed to be touched. Without us ever realizing why, he would suddenly appear as you turned to leave. And he would ask you to stay, telling you how smart you were, how much you were needed, and how proud he was of you. And once he knew you were back in the fold, he'd disappear just as suddenly and be on his way to make someone else feel important and wanted. And he did this without ever asking you to follow him. Quite to the contrary, he'd try to convince you to lead on the promise that he would follow. It was his reassurance that made so many of us confident to take such bold steps in our lives.

In fact, of one thing I am sure: Raymond never saw himself as a leader. If the truth be told, he was a shepherd. Someone who guided so many people through the journey of life, showing us the way and watching over us, making sure that, if possible, no harm came to us. And when we stumbled or fell, he was there to pick us up, dust us off and send us back on our way.

Whether it was his family or the Lions Club, the fourth district, the folks at Latimere Point, his co-workers at the State Capitol, or for that matter, anyone who knew him. Raymond was their shepherd, that silhouette of a man off on the hillside watching over us. A man who gave much and asked for so little; and someone who taught us the power of humility, integrity, and forgiveness.

Being a shepherd can be lonely. Standing watch can be a heavy burden. Every shepherd needs a star to guide them, a point in the distance, ever true, to fix upon, to draw strength from, and point the way. Raymond had Louise. She was his North Star and he knew he was her knight in shining armor. She was his greatest source of strength and her unconditional love was his greatest reward in life. Together, they helped us all endure our moments of doubt and enjoy ourselves along the way.

The last time that Raymond and I spoke was last year at a wonderful memorial service that my sister held for my mom in Saybrook. As always, Raymond was smiling and so happy to see me. He told me how proud he was of me and what a wonderful person I was. He spoke fondly of how wonderful my mom was and what a great job she did

raising us. This morning, I thought how ironic it was for that to be the last time I'd see Raymond. I realized that so many people go through the journey of life and never have a shepherd to watch over them. And I had two: Raymond and my mom.

Raymond, I hope that this wasn't too long!! I tried to tell your story as briefly as I could. And Raymond, I want you to know I've made the journey this far with your help and without you, I might surely have lost my way.

JOHN LARSON

A great light went out of our lives, and created an indescribable void and pang that only the warm memory of such a wonderful man can console us. On behalf of U.S. Senator Dodd and myself, it was an honor to fly a flag over the United States Capitol in memory of this Navy Veteran, elected official, and public servant. Ray Donovan's life defined civic commitment, love of country, and love of family.

My father will be gone 20 years this October. Ray and he were great friends. Ray Donovan made sure in my father's absence that he took time to share with me and my brothers and sisters the fond memories about my father. As all of my family can attest, Ray was a man of letters, a great writer, and conveyor of sentimentality and the human condition. His letters would always give you pause and make you reflect. In those letters he never failed to mention some anecdote about Dad and how proud he would be. He went out of his way to honor us, by honoring the memory of our father, and his friend. I am humbled to be asked to remember him today.

I heard of Ray and Louise Donovan long before I ever met them. Growing up in East Hartford, Democratic politics played a huge roll. For me, they were lessons learned at my mother's knee. They were, after all, the generation who elected John Kennedy. . . . The Donovans were kitchen table conversation at the Larson's house long before I ever met them in person.

My mother would talk of Ray Donovan in the most respectful tone. What a gentleman! What a thoughtful, intelligent man! What a loyal and good friend! What patience, what a calming force!

Through Mom's eyes and words we learned of a man who seemed like John Forsythe, Jimmy Stewart, and Ozzie Nelson rolled up into one. He did not disappoint. . . .

Louise and Ray . . . like . . . well . . . Tracey and Hepburn; Fred Astaire and Ginger Rodgers, or as we say in East Hartford, Herb and Reggie; Burns and Allen; Ricky and Lucy; Bill and Hillary, or Nikki and Bill: take your pick . . . in East Hartford; it was Louise and Ray, the political power couple of the day! Louise, unafraid to assert her view and giving new meaning to the word candor, Ray, diplomatic and ever gracious. They were quite a team. Whether it was Democratic politics, the Lion's Club, cookouts at Latimer Point, or serving the clam chowder at Bocce, they were inseparable.

They were at the epicenter of the Democratic Party in its hey-day in East Hartford. I still can recall the elegance and class of the dances on Founder's Plaza, under the moonlight, overlooking the Connecticut River and the Hartford skyline. Yet the most coveted invitation in town was the afterglow party at Walter Place! What a wonderful time it was, what a wonderful couple they made. If you close your eyes, you can still see the gala of that night unfold. Jimmy Fitz was at his zenith, Dick & Terry Blackstone, Timmy & Rosemary Moynihan, Ann & Toni Fornibi, Larry & Joe Delponte, Dick & Peg Torpey, Frank & Shirley, John & Ellie Fitzgerald, Gigi & Tony Roberto, Ray & Pauline, Rita &