

TRIBUTE TO VINCENT  
DARCANGELO

**HON. PHIL ENGLISH**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 15, 2008*

Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise this evening to pay tribute to Vincent Darcangelo, a constituent of mine who was recently elected State Commander of the Pennsylvania branch of the Disabled American Veterans at the organization's 78th annual state convention.

As state commander, Vince will be responsible for the oversight of the organization and its programs and services. The Hermitage resident also has a seat on the Pennsylvania Veterans Commission and on the "War Council."

I am proud to call Vince my friend and pleased to be able to congratulate him on his achievement. His fellow veterans could not have chosen a more diligent or effective leader.

Vince Darcangelo served in the Air Force from 1967 to 1971. He suffered a permanent disabling injury in 1968 while serving in South Korea. Serving in the security forces, he was assigned to a three-man vehicle patrol at a base bomb depot. A passenger on a Jeep, Vince was assigned to man an M-60 machine gun. While on patrol immediately after a monsoon, the road became very muddy, and the driver lost control of the Jeep which rolled over an embankment where he was injured.

He joined the Disabled American Veterans organization immediately after being discharged in 1971 and has been an active leader ever since. Vince has been the elected commander of the Mercer County Chapter of the DAV for over 20 years. He has served in numerous chairs at the chapter, district and state level of the DAV and recently retired after serving 25 years as a veterans employment representative at the Mercer County CareerLink.

On a personal level, Vince has been married to the former Donna M. Villard for 37 years. They met while he was assigned to a fighter interceptor squadron in Maine in 1969.

Vincent Darcangelo is a man who has served his nation, his community, his state and his family with equal dedication and effectiveness. His service sets an example for us all.

THE DAILY 45: RODRIGO VALLE

**HON. BOBBY L. RUSH**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 15, 2008*

Mr. RUSH. Madam Speaker, everyday, on average 45 people—a man, a woman or a child—is fatally shot. On September 11, two teens were arrested in connection with the fatal gang-related shooting of a 13-year-old boy near Santa Ana High School in Santa Ana.

An 18-year-old man and a 16-year-old boy were arrested in connection with the murder of

Rodrigo Valle. According to police, Valle was shot in the chest on September 10th after refusing to respond to the gang question, "Where are you from?"

I personally don't know where the child was from, but I mourn over where he's not going. He's not going to school; he's not going home to his loved ones; and he's not going to discover a cure for cancer, fly to the moon, or start his own family. His life, like the lives of thousand of others this year—was taken as a result of gun violence.

Americans of conscience must come together to stop the senseless death of "The Daily 45." When will Americans say "enough is enough, stop the killing!"

RECOGNITION OF THE TAIWAN AM-  
BASSADOR TO THE UNITED  
STATES, JASON C. YUAN

**HON. DOUG LAMBORN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 15, 2008*

Mr. LAMBORN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Ambassador Jason C. Yuan on his recent appointment as the Taiwan Representative to the United States. Ambassador Yuan's extraordinary career of diplomatic service spans more than 40 years. His previous assignments include Assistant and Acting Naval Attach, Embassy of the Republic of China in the United States; Representative, Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Canada; Ambassador of the Republic of China to Panama; Director General, Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Los Angeles; and Vice Chair, Non Government Organization Affairs Committee, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of China. Ambassador Yuan's distinguished career has been marked by numerous awards including the Scholarship Medal and twice the recipient of the Foreign Service Medal. Through his extensive experience in fostering goodwill among nations combined with his admirable sense of duty and commitment to diplomatic service, I say with the utmost of confidence that Mr. Yuan will be a valuable asset to this relationship. I applaud Ambassador Yuan's appointment to this assignment and look forward to working with him for years to come.

ON THE PASSING OF J. PATRICK  
ROONEY

**HON. MIKE PENCE**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 15, 2008*

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I was shocked and deeply saddened to learn of the passing of my friend and mentor, J. Patrick Rooney. Pat Rooney was a man who had a head for business and a heart for "the least of these." Pat Rooney was an inspiring leader, a good friend and a great man.

In addition to building one of the most successful business careers in Indiana, Pat Rooney conceived of and tirelessly promoted re-

form in the areas of education and health care.

He will always be remembered for having launched the first privately funded educational choice program in America, an idea that has been replicated in dozens of cities across America to the benefit of tens of thousands of underprivileged children.

He will also be remembered as the father of the Health Savings Account, the leading free-market reform to the current crisis of the uninsured in America. His unshakeable belief in the ability of the individual to make their own health care choices has shaped the American health care debate for the past decade.

I will miss my friend and mentor Pat Rooney on a very personal level. His ability to challenge and encourage those of us who knew him well was unique among his peers, and I will miss him greatly.

May God bless the life and memory of J. Patrick Rooney.

HONORING ROSE LEIBOW  
EISENBERG

**HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ENGEL. Madam Speaker, Rose Leibow Eisenberg was born on September 14, 1908 at home at 38 Jefferson Street in Lower Manhattan, the youngest of four children of Bella and Harry Leibow. Speaking Yiddish at home, Rose learned English in the kindergarten at the Educational Alliance. As the family prospered, they moved uptown, finally settling in the Bronx where Rose attended PS 42 and then Morris High School.

She was the only one of her siblings to seek higher education, graduating from the New York Training School for Teachers in June, 1928. Later she would take graduate work at Teachers College, Columbia, Brooklyn College and Queens College. In August of that year she married Azriel Eisenberg, an educator, to whom she was married for 57 years until his death in 1985. They had two children, a daughter Sora, and a son Judah. Sora is an educator and retired Salomon Schechter Day School principal, married to Aaron Landes, a distinguished Rabbi and retired Rear Admiral in the U.S. Navy. Judah was a world renowned physicist, professor and vice rector of Tel Aviv University.

The Eisenbergs moved frequently as Azriel rose in his field. They lived in Brooklyn, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Philadelphia and finally New York, where Azriel became the Executive Vice President of the Jewish Education Committee, now the Board of Jewish Education. Rose returned to teaching and taught kindergarten at PS 69 in Jackson Heights for sixteen years.

The much beloved and respected matriarch of her family of nine grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren, Rose carried on after the death of her husband and the untimely death of her son. She remains an intellectually sharp and humorous person who is an inspiration to everyone who knows her.

I join her family in wishing her the very best on her 100th birthday.