

surrounding areas: the burnt holes where villages used to be, the mass migrations of the internally displaced, starving children, and victims of rape.

With this knowledge comes a duty to act. As the wars in Chad, Sudan, and Central African Republic become increasingly intertwined, and as the massive displacements continue across the region, the United States and the international community must engage the crisis on a regional level.

This resolution recognizes that reality and calls for a comprehensive strategy to protect civilians, facilitate humanitarian operations, contain and reduce violence, and contribute to conditions for sustainable peace and good governance throughout the region with all nations.

I thank the sponsor of this resolution, Mr. WOLF, for introducing this important resolution, and I urge all of my colleagues to support it.

TRIBUTE TO D-DAY VETERANS

HON. WALLY HERGER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 7, 2008

Mr. HERGER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a special group of veterans, those that served in Operation Overlord or D-day as it is commonly referred to.

On June 6, 1944, an allied force of over 150,000 American, British, Canadian, Free French, and Polish troops landed on a 50-mile stretch of French coastline heavily-fortified by German forces. President Franklin D. Roosevelt referred to the assault as a "mighty endeavor" as it included more than 13,000 aircraft, 137,000 jeeps, trucks, and half-tracks, 16 million tons of supplies, and the largest armada ever assembled in history with over 5,000 vessels.

Over 70,000 American servicemen participated in the D-day invasion and began what General Eisenhower referred to as the allied march to victory. The allied forces suffered about 9,760 casualties, of which 6,605 were Americans.

World War II shaped the 20th century and forever changed the course of world history. Recognizing the brave men and women of America's Armed Forces that participated in the war is a special privilege. As members of the greatest generation fade into the past, we should work diligently to thank them for their sacrifice as they marched on behalf of freedom and secured the world from tyranny.

Prime Minister Winston Churchill said it best in 1940 while addressing the British people during the Battle of Britain when he remarked, "Never in the field of human conflict has so much been owed by so many to so few." America owes a great debt to its men and women in uniform and by recognizing the contributions of previous generations, we ensure that their sacrifices are never forgotten.

It is with great pride and heartfelt gratitude that I recognize the D-day veterans residing in California's Second Congressional District and all of America's veterans for protecting the values and traditions of our great Nation.

May God Bless America, our veterans, and those currently serving in the Armed Forces.

RECOGNIZING THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE MODERN STATE OF ISRAEL

HON. TODD RUSSELL PLATTS

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 7, 2008

Mr. PLATTS. Madam Speaker, on May 14, 1948, the dream of the restoration of a sovereign and independent State of Israel was realized. On that day, a mere 11 minutes following the declaration by Israel's Government, the United States officially recognized the Israeli state—extending a hand of friendship and support which has not once been withdrawn. Today, 60 years following that historic occasion, I rise to commemorate Israel's independence and congratulate the Israeli people on their dedicated efforts toward establishing a flourishing and thriving state.

Israel is currently the only fully established democracy in the Middle East, having free elections, a free press, freedom of religion, and the separation of powers. In addition, Israel is home to several of the leading universities in the world—spurring on its advanced economy with an emphasis in the technology sector. Israel's political, cultural, and economic success has not been easy, however, being attained in the face of war, ongoing terrorist attacks, and unfair boycotts against Israeli businesses.

I first visited Israel with five other members of Congress in 2003 and was struck by the degree to which ordinary Israelis were under the constant threat of terrorist attacks. Homes had bulletproof windows, security guards and metal detectors were necessities in most public places, and the threat of suicide bombings was a daily reality.

I am confident that terrorist attacks and other roadblocks to Israel's security and prosperity will not serve to undermine the resolve of Israel's people. Instead, these attacks will only increase the vigor with which the Israeli people defend their commonly held values of justice, freedom, and democracy.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to have this opportunity to recognize the 60th anniversary of the State of Israel, and sincerely hope that Israel will in the coming years finally attain the lasting peace its people have long desired.

MOTION TO INSTRUCT CONFEREES ON H.R. 2419, FOOD AND ENERGY SECURITY ACT OF 2007

SPEECH OF

HON. JAMES R. LANGEVIN

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 6, 2008

Mr. LANGEVIN. Madam Speaker, on May 6, 2008, my vote on the Kind Motion to Instruct Conferees on H.R. 2419, the Food and Energy Security Act of 2007, rollcall vote 258, was recorded as a "no" vote when I intended to cast a "yes" vote. I wish to clarify on the record my support for the House-passed funding levels for the Grassland Reserve Program, the Environmental Quality Incentives Program, and Wetlands Reserve Program, as well as the Senate's sod saver provision.

NATIONAL NURSES WEEK

HON. DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 7, 2008

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of House Resolution 1086, recognizing this week as National Nurses Week. I thank Congresswoman EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON for her leadership in sponsoring this Resolution so that Congress can honor the nearly 2.9 million hard working nurses across the country.

As we celebrate the fine women and men on the front lines of our health care system, we recognize that registered nurses are vital to quality health care for all Americans. Nurses care for patients at every level—from critical care, chronic disease, to preventative and wellness care. They work in hospitals, doctor's offices, nursing homes, rehabilitation centers, schools and provide in-home care throughout the community. Nurses routinely perform some of the most important duties of a patient's treatment.

In this National Nurses Week, I also want to pay special tribute to nurses in my district and throughout South Florida. From our elder population, to working men and women, to our children, nurses help my constituents every day. To honor all that they do, on May 9th, nurses in South Florida will participate in a program entitled, "Nurses Making A Difference Every Day." I can tell you that nurses do make a difference every day and I thank them for their service.

I hope that this program, and the national attention we give to the good work of nurses will encourage more people to consider this noble profession. It is projected that the need for registered nurses will grow dramatically in the coming years, and we must do all we can to support this vital field.

Madam Speaker, nurses exemplify some of the best that this country has to offer. I thank you for giving me the opportunity to highlight their value to our communities and the important role nurses play in providing quality health care to all of our constituents.

HONORING MARCIENE MATTMAN OF PHILADELPHIA

HON. CHAKA FATTAH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 7, 2008

Mr. FATTAH. Madam Speaker, the Philadelphia Award is my hometown's most prestigious award for service to the community. Its winners, since 1921, have included scientists, educators, industrialists, religious leaders, orchestra conductors, mayors, authors, philanthropists, and more.

This past Sunday, May 4, 2008, the Philadelphia Award was presented, on its 87th anniversary, to Marciene S. Mattleman, the founder and developer of programs to advance literacy, promote mentoring and college scholarships for low income youth, develop after school programs in underserved neighborhoods, and generally improve the lives of children in Philadelphia. Her triumphs include the Mayor's Office for Literacy, Philadelphia

READS, Philadelphia Futures, and currently the After School Activities Partnerships. Remarkably, her pattern has been to launch such worthwhile projects, build them as self-sustaining and successful, then move on to her next initiative.

Marciene Mattleman's persistence is legendary in Philadelphia—and it was the subject of much merriment at the Philadelphia Award ceremonies held at Temple University. The keynote speaker, Ralph Smith of the Annie E. Casey Foundation, described the experience of having Ms. Mattleman doggedly seeking support and resources from a public official, foundation or opinion leader as being “Marciened.” Governor Ed Rendell and Mayor Michael Nutter said in such meetings it was best to say “yes” quickly, because no one was ever able to say no to her visionary requests.

As an elected official who has come to know and respect Marciene and her initiatives, I extend my congratulations to her and thanks to the Trustees of the Philadelphia Award for their wise and popular selection. For a full measure of Marciene S. Mattleman's accomplishments and unique style, I encourage my colleagues to consider the profile included in the Philadelphia Inquirer on May 4, 2008, which I have submitted into the RECORD.

ANYONE IN NEED CAN JOIN HER CLUB
(By Melissa Dribben)

Today's Philadelphia Award winner uses her pull to give kids—and others—a push. Marciene Mattleman is kind of a big deal.

You'd never know it if you came across her at 7 a.m. in Society Hill, walking her ritual two miles in 30 minutes as she has almost every day for 14 years.

Or chatting up Ken, the concierge at the front desk of the condominium where she and her husband, Herman, have lived for 12 years.

Or getting takeout at the deli next to her Center City office, where she spoons out a demure serving of chicken and broccoli from the buffet, but accidentally takes two Styrofoam containers, which the cashier notices and repacks without properly closing the lid. So by the time Mattleman sits down for a conference with her staff to organize an all-night chess marathon for city kids, brown sauce has pooled in the bottom of the plastic bag.

Watching Mattleman in these settings is like the paparazzi catching Meryl Streep yawning in one of those “see, celebrities are normal, just like us” photos.

Don't kid yourself.

That deceptively delicate-looking woman with her white hair brushing against her shoulders is no ordinary grandmother out for a power walk. She's a gifted educator, canny social entrepreneur, and tireless fundraiser who has operated for 30 years in a decidedly higher realm than the rest of us earthlings.

Today, in recognition of her contributions to Philadelphia's underprivileged youths, Mattleman will receive the Philadelphia Award, the city's highest civic honor.

“I've had a huge amount of support, both emotional and financial, that enabled me to follow my instincts and act with independence,” Mattleman says. “There is an enormous satisfaction to help other people get what they want from life.

“When you have a kid go to college who never thought they could, or learn to read, or win a chess tournament, and shake the winner's hand, it's wonderful to see.”

She was chosen, says Happy Fernandez, chairman of the award commission, to honor her work this past year organizing after-

school activities for the city's children, and recruiting thousands of volunteers to lead chess clubs and debate teams and teach hip-hop and yoga. But the prize is also an acknowledgment of her life's considerable accomplishments.

A partial accounting: Founder of Philadelphia Futures, the mentoring and scholarship program for underprivileged kids. Founder of Philadelphia READS, a literacy program for underprivileged kids. Founder of ASAP After School Activities Partnerships. Appointed to boards and commissions by President Bill Clinton, Gov. Rendell, and Mayors William J. Green and W. Wilson Goode. Longtime trustee at the Free Library and Community College of Philadelphia. Member of Mayor Nutter's transition team. Author of scholarly articles and books.

When the awards ceremony is held this afternoon at Temple University, where Mattleman, 78, earned three degrees and taught education for 18 years, you can just imagine the kind of clout that will be seated in the audience.

And, of course, standing for the ovations.

They will rave about her dedication. Her drive. Her knack for inventing small, efficient programs to help children make the most of their lives.

They will talk about her family—the three children and six grandchildren, who have all followed her lead by doing public service. And her 57-year marriage to Herman, a former president of the Philadelphia School Board, who won the Philadelphia Award 17 years ago.

All impressive.

But if you want to know what makes Marciene (pronounced mar-SEEN) Mattleman truly extraordinary, here's one man to ask.

Ken Leeman, that guy who works the front desk in her apartment building.

“She's pretty generous,” Leeman says. “She pretty much took my son under her wing.”

She got the 16-year-old boy involved in chess tournaments and arranged a full summer of activities at the Samuel S. Fels Community Center in South Philadelphia.

“She'd also take him to her office and take him on trips,” Leeman says. “She set him up pretty good.”

This is what Mattleman does for just about anyone in need who crosses her path.

“There is no kid or adult who possibly needs help that she's not willing to reach out to,” says her daughter Barbara, executive director of the humanitarian Operation Understanding. “For years, we'd lose our cleaning ladies. She'd either get them into school or find them better jobs. She always believed if you're smart and you want to do something, there should be no barrier.”

In the last 25 years, Mattleman has built a network of contacts so dense and influential that there is almost no one in city government or business she can't call to ask for a favor. Favors, invariably, that involve helping someone.

“It's hard to say no to her,” says Pedro Ramos, a partner at Blank Rome. “When she calls to ask you for something, I don't think the word ever gets out.”

Pushy?

That's one way to look at it, says Ramos. He prefers “persistent, perpetually energized and directed.”

“When she starts a conversation, she's already three or four steps ahead,” he says. “She's already thought through how you can be helpful.”

One of her closest friends, retired Superior Court Judge Phyllis Beck, recalls the genesis of Philadelphia Futures in 1989.

“She's amazing at getting an idea and then bringing that idea into reality,” Beck says.

“When she first thought about Philadelphia Futures, we talked about it as just an idea in her head, what the name should be, and before I turned around—there was the organization.”

Ten years later, Mattleman resigned.

Unlike others who start nonprofits, stay for decades, and try to expand them to the fullest extent, Mattleman believes in creating small and efficient operations, then setting them free to live an independent life.

“She needed an interim president, so she asked me,” Beck recalls. “I didn't have the time. I couldn't possibly have done it. But you don't say no to Marciene. You try, but it's practically impossible. When she calls you at 7 a.m. and you've said no three mornings in a row . . .”

Beck laughs. “You know why you can't say no to Marciene? Because if you needed her, or you needed Herman, you know they would do anything for you.”

Beck, who has known the couple for 30 years, says she thinks of the two as one entity. Their romance, which began at Tel Hai Camp in Bucks County when she was 16 and he was 20, appears to be perpetually sweet and symbiotic.

She cooks; he does the dishes. They talk six times a day on the phone. He listens faithfully to the weekly education reports she has been broadcasting on KYW radio for 10 years. She gently chides him for buying too many books but, honestly, wouldn't have him change a thing.

“June 25, we'll be married 58 years,” Mattleman says, showing off the picture of the two of them on a boat on the Delaware near their country house in Bucks County. “It seems just incredible to me. We really think of ourselves as kids. I know that sounds silly.”

Their children say the storybook love affair is genuine.

“They are an amazing team,” says Barbara, who remembers, as a child, watching them dancing in the living room and getting the whole family to sing together. “I did the same with my family.”

The feistiness, she says, was also part of their legacy. When she was in high school in Merion during the Vietnam War, she and her mother went to a protest outside the local draft office.

“I thought it was going to be a rally, but when we got there, it was just the two of us. We marched in circles singing antiwar songs.”

Years later, she reminded her mother of that day. “She had no idea what I was talking about. Or what an incredible impact that had on my life, learning that it didn't matter how many people were there, you did what you believed was right.”

Mattleman's other daughter, Ellen, vice president and policy director for the Committee of Seventy, says her parents set high standards for behavior.

“She's a tough act to follow. When the phone rings at midnight or at 6 a.m., I don't get alarmed. I know it's my mother calling to talk about something she's been thinking about. Someone with that kind of energy can be pretty daunting if you're her kid.”

However fiercely she may work for the public good, Ellen says, her mother's greatest devotion is to her family.

“When I heard that she got this Philadelphia Award, I yelled up. I was so happy for her to get this honor.”

Then Ellen called her to congratulate her. “Did you cry when they told you?” Ellen asked.

“No,” Mattleman said. “I only cry when I burn the meat.”

“That's true,” Ellen explains. “Because if she burned the meat, it would mean she wasn't doing something wonderful for her

family. . . . She is very, very wonderful as a grandmother and mother, and sometimes that gets lost in all the stuff she does."

Last week, Mattleman met with her staff in the conference room to work out the final details of a marathon youth chess tournament that would begin Friday evening and last through all day Saturday.

On the wall hang photographs of children engrossed in chess games, a picture of a city councilwoman practicing yoga with two school kids, and a whiteboard scrawled in red, "Congratulations Marcienne!"

The staff wanted to hold a party for her early last month as soon as they learned she was winning the Philadelphia Award. But the announcement had come within days of a family tragedy.

Mattleman's great-nephew had died of cancer, and as the matriarch of the family, she had been shuttling back and forth to New York during the last weeks of his illness and then for his funeral.

The youngest of three girls and the only surviving sibling, Mattleman says she was brought up believing in the importance of family and the personal imperative to help the less fortunate.

She grew up on Woodcrest Avenue in Wynnefield, where her father, a businessman, served as president of his synagogue. "They used to remind me that Anne Frank was my age. . . . There but for the grace of God . . ."

One of her sisters was a psychologist, the other "a wonderful, good-hearted woman." She is the only one who maintained a compulsion to keep working, well past retirement age, for the public good.

"I have my father's energy and drive," she says. "He lived to 95. I hope I do, too."

For the chess marathon, Mattleman planned to take the Friday night shift, "from 7 until whenever." She wanted to make sure there would be enough children—and sponsors—to keep the event vibrant even in the odd hours.

"The leaky chicken and broccoli has left a puddle on the table. I'll clean it up," she says, and disappears for a minute.

In her absence, her staff, who are mostly in their 20s and 30s, say working with Mattleman is like earning a master's degree in nonprofits. An experience both inspiring and humbling.

"When we're at a fund-raiser and someone is talking slow, she'll kick me and say, 'We've got to get going. I have things to do!'" says Justin Ennis, a 23-year-old graduate of the University of Pennsylvania who is working for AmeriCorps. She can't stand having to wait for an inefficient speaker to get to the point.

"We call it the ninth circle of hell for her," says Ennis.

Any signs that she's slowing down?

None, says Ennis, shaking his head. "It's terrifying."

Mattleman returns with a napkin. Wipes the table clean. "There!" she says, then leaves to get on with business.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF JOANNE
MCKENNA

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 7, 2008

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of JoAnne McKenna, who dedicated her life to serving as a community organizer on behalf of peace and inter-cultural understanding.

JoAnne McKenna was born and raised in Cleveland, where she would stay and dedicate

her life to advocating for peace and inter-cultural understanding. Her family had deep roots in the city and owned the Hanna grocery stores in downtown Cleveland. She studied English Literature at Flora Stone Mather College and always had great interest in the Middle East. Mrs. McKenna, of Slovak and Lebanese heritage, served as a leader and social justice organizer in the Greater Cleveland community for decades. The region's history, politics and culture fascinated her, but the Arab-Israeli War and its aftermath propelled her to assert her Arab-American identity and emerge as a leader within the Arab-American community.

Following the political unrest of the Arab-Israeli War, Mrs. McKenna began giving presentations at libraries, schools and churches around the Greater Cleveland Community in a quest to cultivate peace and inter-cultural dialogue. Through her work and continued dedication, she emerged as a leader in the Arab-American community and helped found numerous local and national organizations, focusing on Arab-American political activism and peace. She helped found the Greater Cleveland Association of Arab-Americans, where she served on the board for twelve years and six terms as President, the National Association of Arab-Americans, the Ohio chapter of the Association of Arab-American University Graduates, and the Northeast Ohio Committee on Middle East Understanding.

Mrs. McKenna wrote a book titled "Great Women of the Middle East" and traveled throughout the United States and the Arab region meeting with various community and state leaders. On two occasions, her activism took her to the White House, where she met with President Ford and President Carter.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in remembering and honoring the life of JoAnne McKenna, for her outstanding leadership and advocacy for Arab-American causes, as well as for her extensive and diverse service to many individuals and communities who call the Cleveland area home.

EDUCATOR DOROTHY INGRAM

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 7, 2008

Mr. POE. Madam Speaker, today I am proud to pay tribute to the late Dorothy Ingram.

Ms. Ingram, a graduate of Lincoln High School in Port Arthur, Texas, started working in schools during summers, even before she earned her undergraduate degree. After obtaining a bachelor's degree from Bishop College in 1936, she went to Prairie View A&M University, earned a Master of Arts Degree, and went on to become a woman of many firsts, including the first African-American fellow of George Peabody University.

Ms. Ingram participated in and made notable contributions to organizations in the Golden Triangle and in the State of Texas, receiving honors too numerous to list in their entirety. She taught at Lamar Elementary School, and in 1952, she was the first African-American woman in Port Arthur to become Principal of George Washington Carver Elementary School. Many of her former teachers

remember her as a strong disciplinarian who ran a tough shift at school. She insisted on the highest standards for staff and students. She believed that children should learn and that it was the responsibility of teachers to make it happen. She encouraged students and teachers to keep climbing and to make a difference.

Helping organize the Port Arthur Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Ms. Ingram became its first President. In 1965, one year after Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc. was organized in Tyler, Texas, Lady Ingram, with four other ladies, became charter members of the new Golden Triangle Chapter, and Ingram was again the first President. She was inducted into the Texas Women's Hall of Fame; was Zeta Phi Beta Sorority's Woman of the Year; the Martin Luther King Support Group's Woman of the Year; and in Dallas, she was inducted into the Museum of African Life and Culture in 1968.

Ms. Ingram served as Principal of Pease and Wheatley Elementary Schools from 1972 to 1975, and was the first woman to become President of the Black Principals and Supervisors of Texas, and the Southeast Texas District Teachers Association.

In 1998, Ms. Ingram became Port Arthur's first and only Centennial Queen, celebrating the town's charter; and in 2000, she was Woman of the Year by Quota International of Southeast Texas. Her memberships included the Jefferson County Historical Commission; Democratic Women of Jefferson County; American Red Cross; Texas Senior Citizens' Association; and AAU President.

She was choir director and organist for the Imperial Radio Choir, which was broadcast over KTRM 990, and Ms. Ingram served as a musician for fifty years at Sixth Street (now Mt. Sinai) Baptist Church. The Boy Scouts of America honored her with the Silver Fawn Medal; and the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs honored her with the Sojourner Truth National Meritorious award.

Ms. Dorothy Ingram was a very dynamic person with a beautiful personality. She was a hard worker and believed everyone else should work hard. She insisted that everyone do the best at whatever they endeavored. She loved music, and she loved people, which is why she remained so active in the community well into her 90's.

Madam Speaker, Ms. Dorothy Ingram was a pioneer in education, and an incredible role model. She served and enhanced her community of Port Arthur, TX for more than sixty years, and I am proud to celebrate her accomplishments, and the legacy that she leaves behind.

IN RECOGNITION OF AMERICAN
RELIGIOUS HISTORY WEEK

HON. BILL SALI

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 7, 2008

Mr. SALI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to join with many of my colleagues in recognizing American Religious History Week, which began yesterday and goes through this Friday.

I rise not as a sectarian Christian but as an elected Representative of a religiously diverse people. In my beautiful region of Idaho, there