

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.

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

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

are persons of every faith and some who hold to no faith. Some attend very traditional, liturgical Christian churches and some attend services of Eastern faiths. Some are members of Latter-Day Saint congregations and others are Pentecostal Evangelicals. Idaho has a vibrant Jewish community—Idaho was the first state in the Nation to have a Jewish governor—and our state's Catholics were among millions of fellow worshippers who recently welcomed the Pope to our country.

I could keep going, but you get the point: Like most congressional districts, every major religion and denomination is represented in Idaho's First. Their adherents are full citizens of our great Republic and persons I am honored to represent here in our Nation's capital.

At the same time, it is indisputable that the Judeo-Christian moral tradition was fundamental to our Nation's founding. And this week, we in Congress are joining with Americans of every religious tradition in noting the importance of that tradition to the institutions we cherish and the way of life we enjoy.

Our country's Founding Fathers were imbued from an early age with a profound sense of the Judeo-Christian worldview. In a recent interview, Dr. James Hutson, chief of the Library of Congress's manuscript division, said, "Jefferson and others were tutored by ministers. They were an extremely biblically literate generation. This certainly shaped their view of Providence. The extent to which they believed in Providence would be unimaginable today. Adams and folks like that continually quoted [Jesus'] statement that a swallow cannot fall without God's knowledge. Washington talks about the invisible hand of Providence. Their biblical knowledge convinced these people that there was an invisible hand of God, and that there was a moral government of the universe."

Dr. Hutson's view is supported by historians of all persuasions. But perhaps the best way to draw attention to our country's religious history is by using the words of the Founders themselves.

Consider the words of John Witherspoon, president of what became Princeton University and a signer of the Declaration of Independence: "It is in the man of piety and inward principle, that we may expect to find the uncorrupted patriot, the useful citizen, and the invincible soldier. God grant that in America true religion and civil liberty may be inseparable and that the unjust attempts to destroy the one, may in the issue tend to the support and establishment of both."

John Jay was a co-author of the Federalist Papers. He served as governor of New York and later was the first Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. He has also been called the "American Wilberforce" for his efforts to work with his British friend William Wilberforce to end the slave-trade. What is not often known is that this great statesman was the second president of the American Bible Society and argued throughout his life for the importance of biblical principles to the future of the United States.

Jay had a strong grasp on God's guidance of the formation of our Nation. In 1809, he wrote to a friend, "A proper history of the United States would have much to recommend it: in some respects it would be . . . unlike all others; it would develop the great plan of Providence."

God's provision to America was clear to Jay's Federalist Papers' co-author John

Adams, as well. He knew that it was found in more than our abundant natural resources, but also in the very conscience of the people. Adams put it this way: "We have no government armed with power capable of contending with human passions unbridled by morality and religion. Avarice, ambition, revenge, or gallantry, would break the strongest cords of our Constitution as a whale goes through a net. Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other."

In a statement made in 1778 to the Virginia General Assembly, James Madison, the future father of the Constitution and President, said, "We have staked the whole future of American civilization, not upon the power of government, far from it. We've staked the future of all our political institutions upon our capacity . . . to sustain ourselves according to the Ten Commandments of God."

George Washington echoed these same views in his Farewell Address to the Nation at the end of his presidency: "Of all the dispositions and habits, which lead to political prosperity, Religion and Morality are indispensable supports. In vain would that man claim the tribute of Patriotism, who should labor to subvert these great pillars of human happiness, these firmest props of the duties of Men and Citizens . . . Whatever may be conceded to the influence of refined education on minds of peculiar structure, reason and experience both forbid us to expect, that national morality can prevail in exclusion of religious principle."

America's Judeo-Christian religious heritage is rich and profound. It has shaped our institutions and nurtured our national soul. It is also the fount of the religious freedom we cherish: Those of us who believe in the God of the Bible believe He gave men and women the freedom to serve Him or not to serve Him. If that's true, we should allow that same freedom to our fellow citizens.

Our Declaration of Independence refers to "Divine Providence," our "Creator" and "the Supreme Judge of the World." Our Founders recognized their need to rely on, and submit to, His will in all things. May we, in our day and in this Chamber, continue to learn from their example.

IN HONOR OF THE DOVER AIR
FORCE BASE WINNER OF THE
2008 COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S
AWARD FOR INSTALLATION EX-
CELLENCE

HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 7, 2008

Mr. CASTLE. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to recognize the Dover Air Force Base upon receiving the prestigious 2008 Commander-in-Chief's Award for Installation Excellence. This is the first time in the 23-year history of the award that an Air Mobility Command installation has been recognized as the best in the Air Force.

The Commander-in-Chief's Annual Award for Installation Excellence honors the efforts of those who operate and maintain U.S. military bases. The Dover Air Force Base was one of only five recipients of this award, given for their outstanding support of Department of De-

fense missions through exceptional practices, which enhance the quality of life for members of our military and allow for better mission performance. The Dover Air Force Base competed against 117 wings throughout the entire Air Force to win the award and \$1 million to be used to further enhance the quality of life for base residents. Team Dover was distinguished for its many efforts to increase efficiency, including the opening of a technologically advanced Air Freight Terminal and its use of Air Force Smart Operations for the 21st Century. In addition, the base was named the Air Force's Outstanding Housing Installation Team for a Privatized Location.

The award money will be used to continue to keep Dover Air Force Base top among the nation's air bases in terms of quality of life for its residents. Selected projects include making needed upgrades to the base's movie theater, repairing the running track and football field, constructing a jogging and walking path, and putting in a new wireless audio system in the Fitness Center. Part of the funds will also go toward installing flush-mounted lights along three crosswalks to better alert drivers to pedestrians on the street. The goal of these projects is to keep the fitness and safety of our soldiers and their families at the top of Team Dover's list of priorities.

I congratulate the military and civilian employees at the Dover Air Force Base for the momentous achievement of receiving the Commander-in-Chief's Award for Installation Excellence. It is a compelling testament to the excellence with which each and every duty is performed by the men and women of Team Dover. The superiority of their work is vital to the critical task of maintaining our military's prominence in the world.

TRIBUTE TO SANDRA J. HAMLIN

HON. SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 7, 2008

Mrs. CAPITO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the induction of Sandra J. Hamlin into the West Virginia Affordable Housing Hall of Fame.

Born and raised in West Virginia and a graduate of Marshall University, Hamlin has demonstrated a commitment to affordable housing. As the executive director of the Religious Coalition for Community Renewal (RCCR), Hamlin oversees housing assistance for low income families, people with disabilities, seniors and the homeless.

In addition to her work with RCCR, Hamlin is the chair of the West Virginia Affordable Housing Trust and was instrumental in the development of EcoDwell, a partnership that utilizes an environmentally friendly home in Charleston's East End.

Madam Speaker, the West Virginia Affordable Housing Hall of Fame was created for the purpose of honoring those who are true leaders in affordable housing and have shown dedication and worked diligently to address the affordable housing in the State. Without question, Sandra Hamlin's lifetime of service merits this honor.

Congratulations, to Sandra on her accomplishments to provide West Virginians with affordable housing. The Mountain State is proud to call her one of our own.