

A TRIBUTE TO JANE HAGEDORN

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 3, 2009

Ms. MATSUI. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Jane Hagedorn's 33 years of service as Chief Executive Officers of Breathe California of Sacramento-Emigrant Trails, Inc. As Jane retires, she leaves a lasting legacy of dedication and commitment to the Sacramento region. After decades of service, her leadership and expertise will be deeply missed by all. I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring one of Sacramento's finest public servants.

After earning her bachelor's degree with honors in political science from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and her master's degree in International Relations and Latin American Studies from Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies, Jane spent the last three decades advocating on behalf of the people of Sacramento for improved air quality. I met Jane when she first came to Sacramento and have always been impressed by her intellect, compassion, and desire to do what is right. She began her career with Breathe California of Sacramento-Emigrant Trails, Inc, formerly known as American Lung Association of Sacramento Emigrant Trails, in 1976. Under her leadership, the association has developed innovative clean air strategies which include creating the Cleaner Air Partnership with the Chamber of Commerce, bringing light rail to the Sacramento area, and working toward clean air initiatives. Breathe California was also a strong proponent of Proposition 99, California's tax initiative to reduce smoking.

Her dedication to our community is apparent through her work both with Breathe California and with other local non-profits. She serves on the board of Tahoe Regional Planning Agency, Arden Park and Recreation District, Friends of Light Rail, Planning and Conservation League, Sacramento Tomorrow Coalition, and the Sacramento Symphony. Additionally, she was the first woman appointed to the Sacramento County Planning Commission, was the founding President of the Sacramento Tree Foundation and is instrumental in the California Oak Foundation. Jane has chaired the American River Parkway Funding Working Group and served on the Board of Directors of Valley Vision. She has taught at the University of California, Davis Graduate School of Management and has co-authored two books on historic preservation of native oaks in the Central Valley. Personally, I am honored to call Jane my friend. She has always been a pleasure to work with. Her thoughtfulness and intelligence has touched many policy debates and countless people's lives.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to Jane Hagedorn's distinguished commitment to Sacramento and regions needs. Jane's outstanding leadership and dedication to Breathe California of Sacramento-Emigrant Trails Inc, has helped promote clean air strategies which has set an example for others across the state nation. We all are thankful for her efforts. As Jane's husband Jim, her children James and Jennifer, colleagues, family, and friends gather to honor her service, I ask all my colleagues to join me in wishing Jane

Hagedorn continued good fortune in her future endeavors.

DEDICATION OF THE LIGHT OF RECONCILIATION MEMORIAL IN PRINCE EDWARD COUNTY, VIRGINIA

HON. THOMAS S.P. PERRIELLO

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PERRIELLO. Madam Speaker, today I wish to commemorate the official unveiling and dedication of the Light of Reconciliation Memorial in Prince Edward County, Virginia. The Light of Reconciliation, in the bell tower of the Prince Edward County Courthouse, is a permanent monument created to honor the memory of the historic events in Prince Edward County during the era of public school segregation, to recognize the role of local students in ending school discrimination in Virginia and across the United States and to call on each of us to shine our own Light of Reconciliation in the world.

In 1951, a group of dedicated high school students led by Barbara Rose Johns organized a strike to protest the disgraceful condition of Robert Russa Moton High School in Farmville, Virginia. The school lacked a gymnasium, a cafeteria, heat, desks, blackboards, and in some cases even classrooms: a school bus parked outside served as one classroom for the overcrowded and underfunded school. The student strike ultimately led to Davis v. County School Board of Prince Edward County, one of the five court cases that would make up Brown v. Board of Education. The Davis case was the only one of the five to arise from student activism. Following the Supreme Court's decision that "separate educational facilities are inherently unequal," Prince Edward County closed its public schools for the years of 1959 to 1964 rather than allow black and white students to attend school together. After five years and the Supreme Court decision in Griffin v. County School Board, the schools were finally reopened and integrated. The Light of Reconciliation and the memorial stand as both a reminder of the mistakes of the past and a celebration of the students from R.R. Moton High School and from other schools across the country who continued the fight for education for all.

Today marks the 50th anniversary of the action that would close the Prince Edward County public schools, one of the darkest moments of Virginia's civil rights struggle. Acknowledging this part our history is painful, and I commend the Prince Edward County Board of Supervisors for their courage in publicizing past transgressions against our fellow citizens in hopes of preventing future ones. It is only in seeking truth about our past that we can hope to pursue justice for our future, and this memorial is a public expression of our renewed commitment to justice for all.

On this occasion we are reminded that each of us is called to work to bring our nation closer to its fundamental ideals of equality. If one 16-year-old student can spark the protests that would ultimately galvanize a nation in the cause of civil rights, we should all ask of ourselves what we can do to fight for human dig-

nity and the common good. As long as inequality and suffering persist in our nation and in the world, our work is incomplete. This memorial not only looks back to the dreams deferred by locked schoolhouse doors, but also forward to a better nation, one of ever-expanding opportunity for all. Martin Luther King Jr. once said, "Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that." Let this light in Prince Edward County, Virginia be a permanent reminder of our ongoing struggle for a fairer world.

CONGRATULATING WAR HERO IRA WEINSTEIN ON HIS 90TH BIRTHDAY

HON. MARK STEVEN KIRK

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KIRK. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of the 90th birthday of Ira Weinstein. For almost 60 years Ira has been a resident of Illinois' 10th District, and currently lives in Glencoe, IL. We also take this time to commemorate Ira, a WWII hero and an ex-POW for his bravery and service to his country.

Born in Chicago in 1919 to a family of modest means, Mr. Weinstein found his calling in advertising when he worked for his high school newspaper. Unfortunately, his career aspirations were soon interrupted by the attack on Pearl Harbor and America's entrance into World War II.

In 1942, just before completing his training as a bombardier-navigator, he married Norma Randall, a marriage that would last until her death in 1995. While overseas, Ira was based with the 702nd Squadron in the 445th Bomb Group of the famed 8th Air Force. He flew two dozen harrowing missions, each time taking over the piloting duties of the massive B-24 Liberator.

Trying to close out his quota of missions in order to go back home to his new bride, he traded in his pass for the Jewish High Holidays to complete one more mission. What was supposed to be a routine-mission became the ill-fated Kassel mission—the greatest single loss of men during the European air war. On September 27, 1944, his B-24 was critically damaged by an enemy attack forcing him to evacuate the bombardier's compartment while the aircraft was burning, falling to the ground in a dizzying flat spin. After a failed attempt, he bailed out with little time to spare. Landing safely in the tree line, Ira watched the locals pull his copilot out of the wreckage and pitchfork the man to death.

After 6 days of evading capture, Mr. Weinstein was forced to turn himself in to local authorities in Germany. For the better part of the following year, he was held prisoner in Stalag Luft I in Barth, Germany, enduring brutal and unthinkable conditions. On May 11, 1945, the camp was liberated and for his heroism Ira was awarded several medals, including the Purple Heart and the distinguished French Croix de Guerre.

Returning to Chicago, Mr. Weinstein took over a small advertising agency and grew it into a nationally known direct marketing firm. To those close to him, Ira was indefatigable, inquisitive, and inspiring, a man of unquestioned integrity, a loving father to two daughters, Laura and Terri, a proud grandfather, a

cherished husband and a successful businessman acknowledged by his peers as a pioneer in his field. Today, Ira is retired and remarried to Mary Gandelman, with whom he continues to travel the globe.

On June 10, we pause to celebrate the 90th birthday of Ira Weinstein. I commend Ira for his hard work and determination throughout some of the most challenging moments in American history. I hope that his story will never be forgotten.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. JOHNSON of Illinois. Madam Speaker, unfortunately last night, June 2, 2009, I was unable to cast my votes on H. Res. 421, H.J. Res. 40, and H. Res. 489 and wish the record to reflect my intentions had I been able to vote.

Had I been present for rollcall No. 292, on suspending the rules and passing H. Res. 421, Recognizing and commending the Great Smoky Mountains National Park on its 75th year anniversary, I would have voted "Aye."

Had I been present for rollcall No. 293, on suspending the Rules and passing H.J. Res. 40, To honor the achievements and contributions of Native Americans to the United States, and for other purposes, I would have voted "Aye."

Had I been present for rollcall No. 294, on suspending the rules and passing H. Res. 489, Recognizing the 20th anniversary of the suppression of protesters and citizens in and around Tiananmen Square, I would have voted "Aye."

A PROCLAMATION HONORING OHIO'S FIRST AND OFFICIAL OUTDOOR DRAMA, TRUMPET IN THE LAND, ON THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF ITS FIRST PERFORMANCE

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 3, 2009

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, former Governor James Rhodes named Trumpet in the Land Ohio's Official Outdoor Drama; and

Whereas, more than 2,300 actors and technicians have taken part in the drama; and

Whereas, July 3rd marks the 40th Anniversary of the first performance of Trumpet in the Land; and

Whereas, Trumpet in the Land is anticipated and enjoyed every year by hundreds of Ohio families and gives them a window into the historical beginnings of our great state; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that along with the friends and family of the Ohio Outdoor Drama Historical Association and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I congratulate the cast and crew of the 40th Anniversary production of Trumpet in the Land, as well as anyone who has been fortunate enough to experience and

take part in this uniquely Ohioan historical drama.

A TRIBUTE TO THE CAMPBELLVILLE UNIVERSITY BASEBALL TEAM

HON. BRETT GUTHRIE

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 3, 2009

Mr. GUTHRIE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Campbellville University Baseball Team on their outstanding performance this season. They demonstrated extraordinary athletic and academic achievement that brought national attention to Campbellville University, the Campbellville and Taylor County communities, and all of Kentucky's Second District.

Under the leadership of head coach Beauford Sanders and his staff, the Campbellville University Baseball Team reached the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) World Series for the first time in school history. The Tigers reached the NAIA World Series following a tremendous performance by senior pitcher Bryan Fuller. Mr. Fuller pitched 21 scoreless innings in 26 hours to give the team three straight victories that propelled them to the highest level of competition in their league.

The team finished the season with a remarkable 39–12 record. Coach Sanders reached a noteworthy milestone this season as well by reaching 835 career wins for his tenure. Coach Sanders and his staff should be commended for providing leadership, direction, and encouragement to these student athletes.

The Campbellville University Baseball Team's performance is a testament to their exceptional talent and commitment to excellence. Theirs is an example for all of Kentucky to follow. I commend the coaching staff and student athletes for the recognition they have brought to Campbellville University, the Campbellville and Taylor County communities, and the Second District.

A TRIBUTE TO THE JEWISH LABOR COMMITTEE AND ITS WESTERN REGION BASED IN LOS ANGELES ON THE OCCASION OF THE JLC'S 75TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 3, 2009

Ms. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Jewish Labor Committee and the committee's Western Region, based in Los Angeles, California, on the occasion of the national non-profit organization's 75th anniversary of fighting to protect the rights of working families in our country.

In 1934, the national Jewish Labor Committee (JLC) formed on New York's Lower East Side by a coalition of labor and Jewish groups that recognized that European Nazism threatened the rights of trade unionists and Jews. That same year, the committee's "Western Region" formed in Los Angeles.

With its funding drawn primarily from labor union members and the Jewish community, the JLC focused its resources on saving unionists and other political prisoners from Nazi tyranny in Europe during World War II. Alerting the world to the Nazi/Fascist threat, the JLC worked tirelessly with its labor affiliates to defeat Hitler by organizing economic boycotts of German-made products and raising large amounts of money for anti-Nazi partisan fighters. Immediately following the war, the JLC helped thousands of people, especially war orphans, survive Displaced Persons camps and emigrate to America and the then-forming state of Israel.

Recognizing post-war changing labor patterns, the JLC's Western Region developed deep relationships with Latino, African American and Asian communities in Los Angeles, continuing the fight for social justice on political fronts. The JLC's Western Region fought to elect minority candidates, gain fair housing, eradicate racial discrimination, and defeat anti-labor campaigns.

In 1949, the JLC's Western Region worked with the AFL Central Labor Council, the CIO Council, The Anti Defamation League, American Jewish Congress, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Japanese American Citizens League, the Mexican-American oriented Community Services Organization, and many religious organizations, to rally behind my father, the late Congressman Edward Roybal, who was then a Los Angeles City Councilman as he proposed the Fair Employment Practices Ordinance. Eight years later, in 1958, the JLC's Western Region joined a coalition of labor, minority and religious civil rights groups to prevent California from becoming a Right-to-Work state.

In 2009, under the current leadership of President Floyd Glen-Lambert, the Jewish Labor Committee Western Region still fights anti-labor campaigns, most notably by pushing for passage of the Employee Free Choice Act in partnership with the Los Angeles County Federation of Labor.

To remind the community how critical it is for workers to safeguard organized representation to bargain for fair wages, benefits and conditions, the JLC holds annual Labor Pass-over Seders and continues to work with labor and Jewish businesses to resolve disputes. The JLC is also forming a new Ethnic Coalition to address persistent labor issues.

Under the auspices of Captive Daughters of the Los Angeles Unity Coalition, the JLC's Western Region is using a grant to make labor aware of human trafficking, the fastest growing crime in America. The JLC will never forget how quickly slave labor burgeoned in Europe during World War II and remains committed to its eradication.

As an affiliate of the Labor Task Force for Universal Healthcare, the JLC's Western Region is making headway on another crucial issue to workers—bringing health care reform to California and the nation. With state budget cuts looming, the Jewish Public Affairs Committee and the JLC's Western Region are also lobbying state legislators on many other critical issues, including how budget cuts will affect our most vulnerable citizens who need in-home health care to avoid being forced into nursing homes and the need for fair wages for in-home health care givers.

Finally, in keeping with the Jewish principle of Tikun Olam, which means "to repair the