

IN HONOR AND RECOGNITION OF
STAN HASSE

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2009

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of Stan Haase, who recently celebrated his 85th birthday.

Stan Haase was born on July 22, 1924 in Kitchener, Ontario to Adolph Carl and Anna Caroline Haase. His parents bought a home on Cedar Street, where they raised Stan and his younger brother Gerald. The Haase family enjoyed spending their weekends together at Stan's great-grandmother's house where they took pleasure in square dancing and playing their favorite card game, pinochle. It was a spirited and loving environment in which they celebrated family and their German heritage.

At the age of eighteen, Stan Haase enlisted in the Royal Canadian Air Force to serve his country during World War II as a Chief Pilot Officer. Following his service, Stan returned home and went to work for his father as a truck driver. It was during his years as a driver that Stan met Katherine Schell. They were married on July 7, 1950. Their mutual desire to realize the American Dream began during their honeymoon when they immigrated to Detroit. After several years of hard work they became naturalized American citizens. Mr. Haase was a loving and devoted husband to his beloved wife, Katherine, for 53 years.

By September 1969, Stan and Katherine Haase had moved to a home on Newbury Lane in Parma Heights, Ohio to raise their three young sons, Greg, Woody and Rick. It was at this home that the family began to establish new family traditions, such as sharing the days' events with one another over dinner. Sundays were also a special time for the Haase family. Each Sunday Mrs. Haase created beautiful and elaborate meals while Mr. Haase entertained the family with stories of his childhood. The home on Newbury Lane was full of magic at Christmas time. Mr. Haase made Santa Claus come to life and Mrs. Haase decorated.

Mr. Haase has had several hobbies throughout his lifetime. As a licensed amateur radio operator he has spoken and forged friendships with people in 321 different countries. His skill as an amateur radio operator has won him many awards and certificates. In addition to gaining a reputation as a first-class repairman, Mr. Haase is also a computer enthusiast. Stan has built and programmed several of his home computers. He continues to be interested in learning new technology.

Madam Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of Stan Haase. Stan is a charismatic and proud man. He remains deeply committed to his family and his friends. Stan's sense of humor reflects his great appreciation for life. I wish Mr. Haase a joyous 85th year and blessings of peace, health and happiness.

CONGRATULATIONS TO
POSTMASTER OLA HELM

HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PAUL. Madam Speaker, Ola Helm, a 23 year veteran of the United States Postal Service, will be officially sworn in as the 24th postmaster for the Brazoria, Texas post office on Thursday, October first. I am pleased to extend my congratulations to Postmaster Helm.

Postmaster Helm began her postal career on May 10, 1986 as a letter carrier in my hometown of Lake Jackson, Texas. Over the years, Postmaster Helm held a variety of positions in the postal service, including window clerk, supervisor, coach postmaster and officer in charge at a variety of local post offices, including Danbury, Freeport, West Columbia, Sweeny and Needville.

Prior to being appointed postmaster for Brazoria, Ola Helm served as Postmaster for the Van Vleck office. She has spent the past 17 months familiarizing herself with the employees and patrons of the Brazoria post office. The people of Brazoria County are lucky to have such a dedicated and experienced postal veteran serving as postmaster, and I am pleased to once again extend my congratulations to Postmaster Ola Helm.

UNITED NATIONS HUMAN RIGHTS
COUNCIL GOLDSTONE REPORT

HON. MICHELE BACHMANN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. BACHMANN. Madam Speaker, just as the United States is a symbol of hope and freedom around the globe, Israel stands as a symbol of freedom and democracy in an area historically rampant with violence and oppression. For this reason, I am compelled to voice my strong objections to the allegations made in a recent report commissioned by the United Nations Human Rights Council and carried out by former South African Judge Richard Goldstone. The report alleges human rights violations on the part of Israel.

Madam Speaker, the U.N. Human Rights Council has long been recognized for its anti-Israel bias, so it comes as little surprise they would rubber-stamp the "Goldstone Report" and its findings of "crimes against humanity" with regard to Israel's activities in Gaza. As you may know, Israel is the only country listed on the Council's permanent agenda, which examines only supposed Israeli violations of Palestinian human rights, while ignoring the threats or actions of terrorist groups, or the nations that support them, and their calls for the destruction of other U.N. Member States. To quote Israel's Ambassador to the U.S., Michael Oren, "Israel basically was the equivalent of being summoned to a court in which its guilt was already presumed . . . I can't think of any country in the world which would participate in such a farce of justice."

Indeed, while this report condemns Israel's actions, it ignores the precipitating causes of Israel's self-defensive actions, concluding that Israel's military operations were "deliberate

and systematic," and directed at the people of Gaza as a whole, failing to acknowledge Israel's right to defend itself against terrorism, namely the thousands of rockets launched daily at its citizens. Moreover, the Goldstone Report ignores the extraordinary steps taken by Israel to minimize civilian casualties, often putting its own soldiers at greater risk to do so.

The United States and Israel have shared a close relationship of friendship, cooperation, and strategic alliance that serves as an example to the rest of the world. In order to preserve and foster this relationship, I believe it is imperative for the United States to unequivocally reject the findings of the Goldstone Report. And while recent years have unfortunately been marked by escalating armed conflict between Israel and Hamas, the United States should stand steadfast in its commitment to a free and secure Israel as the Middle East comes to embrace the liberties and freedoms of democratic societies.

HONORING DR. KATHLEEN WESTON
OF KENTON AND GROSSE
POINTE, MICHIGAN

HON. BART STUPAK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2009

Mr. STUPAK. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Dr. Kathleen Weston, a remarkable woman who has spent her life at the forefront of medical research in the field of prescription drug toxicology. Dr. Weston's work has included large-scale production development of the first Salk polio vaccine for worldwide distribution and providing legal advice on toxicology issues for a range of government agencies. At 102 years of age, Dr. Weston continues to be an active contributor to her family and community.

Dr. Weston was born in 1907 in the village of Kenton in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. Born Kathleen Shingler, she was one of four children; her father worked as a general store keeper and her mother was a school teacher. After graduating from high school, one of two in her class to do so, Dr. Weston enrolled in Northern State Normal School (now Northern Michigan University) where she graduated with a degree in biology in 1929. After beginning her career teaching biology at Munising High School, Dr. Weston joined her husband, Jean K. Weston, in enrolling in graduate school at the University of Michigan earning a master's degree in anatomy and genetics in 1934.

After taking a position teaching anatomy and physiology to nursing students, Dr. Weston enrolled in medical school at Temple University. Weston credits the nurses she taught with her acceptance to the program after the dean struck a deal that he would admit her, provided she could get the nurses to pass anatomy and physiology. All of the nurses passed and Dr. Weston graduated from medical school in 1951, one of five women in a class of 125.

Upon graduation Dr. Weston moved to Detroit with her husband who worked to develop a modern toxicology laboratory for Parke-Davis and Company. As one of five pharmaceutical companies to produce the Salk polio vaccine for worldwide distribution, the head of

Parke-Davis research recruited Dr. Weston to work on the Salk project because of her experience with microscopes and the nervous system. During the interview process Dr. Weston broke down several barriers for women—Parke-Davis agreed to pay her what it was paying other MD's working for them, far more than the salary they usually paid women at the time, and following the interview she was the first woman to ever lunch in the company's executive dining room.

As Parke-Davis began to produce the Salk polio vaccine on a large scale, Dr. Kathleen Weston directed infectious control tests of the vaccine to certify no live virus was present. She went on to become head of the Parke-Davis toxicology laboratory in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Dr. Weston considers her three years working on the Salk polio vaccine as her top scientific achievement.

Following Parke-Davis, Dr. Weston continued her work in toxicology at Burroughs-Wellcome in New York and as a consultant for government agencies including the National Institute of Health and the Environmental Protection Agency in Washington, D.C. While in Washington, D.C. she also taught at George Washington University Medical School.

Dr. Weston continued to work as a consulting toxicologist until 1997. Today she is still an active reader and is currently assisting the Kenton Historical Society with their research.

Madam Speaker, Dr. Kathleen Weston has spent her life as a leader in toxicology research and as a trailblazer for women entering the medical profession. Her work with the Salk polio vaccine helped save countless lives around the world. I ask Madam Speaker, that you and the entire U.S. House of Representatives join me in honoring Dr. Kathleen Weston on the important work she has accomplished in the field of prescription drug toxicology and in her work to help record the history of her hometown of Kenton.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING
ANDY ALLENSWORTH FOR WINNING THE BOYS' DIVISION III STATE BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2009

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, Andy Allensworth showed hard work and dedication to the sport of baseball; and

Whereas, Andy Allensworth was a supportive team player; and

Whereas, Andy Allensworth always displayed sportsmanship on and off of the field; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that along with his friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I congratulate Andy Allensworth on winning the Boys' Division III State Baseball Championship. We recognize the tremendous hard work and sportsmanship he has demonstrated during the 2008–2009 baseball season.

HONORING CHARLES MYATT UPON
HIS RETIREMENT

HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2009

Mr. GORDON of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Charles Myatt who is retiring from First Tennessee bank after a 40 year career.

In 1969, Charlie graduated from Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro with a bachelor's degree in Marketing. He began his banking career with First Tennessee in Chattanooga, and his talent and understanding of business were quickly recognized. Over the course of his 19 years in Chattanooga, he was promoted to numerous leadership positions, including senior vice president and manager of the branch division, as well as senior vice president and manager of the east region of Chattanooga's correspondent division.

Charlie returned to Murfreesboro in 1988 to become First Tennessee's Rutherford County Regional President. During his 21 year tenure as Regional President, Charlie more than tripled the number of First Tennessee banking centers from three to ten locations in Rutherford County.

Throughout his career, Charlie proved to not only be an excellent banker but also a dedicated community leader. Charlie is an active member, deacon, and past chairman of the budget and finance committee at First Baptist Church in Murfreesboro. He has maintained a constant connection with MTSU, serving on numerous boards and committees, and he has been recognized as an MTSU "Distinguished Alumnus."

Charlie has also served as President of the Boys and Girls Club of Rutherford County, Chairman of the Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce, and Chairman of the Murfreesboro Parks and Recreation Commission.

The many awards and distinctions Charlie has received highlight his successful career, including the Daily News Journal—SunTrust Bank "Humanitarian of the Year" and the Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce "Business Person of the Year."

Charlie, I hope you enjoy a long and happy retirement with your wife, Judy, as well as your children and grandchildren.

HONORING FIRST BAPTIST
CHURCH OF CARROLLTON

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2009

Mr. MARCHANT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the First Baptist Church of Carrollton, Texas. The church is celebrating its 100th anniversary, and I would like to take a moment to speak about the history of the church and its past and present contributions to our community.

Established in 1909 by thirteen people, the First Baptist Church began its history at a missionary tent revival. The church conducted their services within the same tent of its establishment and at the home of one of its found-

ers. On January 12, 1910, the church moved their services to an old bank building. Months following the move to the bank, the Baptist Ladies Aid Society graciously donated land to the church where the tabernacle was built. Over the next forty years, the tabernacle underwent building additions and extensive renovations to include a nursery, an education building, and parsonages.

In 1952, with guidance from Reverend Thomas B. Guinn, the church began building a larger education building south of the sanctuary. In 1955, the services were moved to the education building, and in 1957 a special auditorium was added to the building to hold the services. Twenty-nine years later the congregation would move again.

On Easter Sunday, March 30, 1986, the present-day sanctuary was opened to the public, and on this day, 2,655 people came to celebrate it. As for the former church location, it was decided the building would be transformed into the International Missions Center. The center has hosted five missionary companies which have worked in Latin countries, Korea, Vietnam, Cambodia, and Africa.

Today, the congregation has grown to have 4,500 members, and it continues to grow. With such a large congregation, the First Baptist Church has become a cornerstone of the community. The church involves itself in charity events and community programs. Under the leadership of Dr. Brent Taylor, the pastor since 1999, the church has continued programs such as the Bus Ministry which provides transportation to children and teenagers who are unable to attend service and the Friendship House which provides food, clothes, and Christmas gifts for families in need.

I am honored to represent the First Baptist Church of Carrollton and I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the congregation upon their 100th anniversary.

IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF
MAJOR ROCCO M. BARNES

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2009

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, Major Barnes grew up in North Olmsted and graduated from North Olmsted High School. Shortly thereafter, he enlisted in the U.S. Army, and became part of the Army's Special Forces HALO detachment. He was trained as a Special Forces Medical Sergeant, Parachutist and Infantry Officer. Following his service in the Army, he joined the Army National Guard. Major Barnes' service in the military totaled thirty-one years; during which he served two tours in Iraq and two tours in Afghanistan.

Along the way, Major Barnes earned a Bachelor's degree in English Literature. In addition to his military service, his love for books and writing led him to a civilian career in the entertainment industry in California, where he became a playwright and screenplay writer. Additionally, he utilized his military experience within the private security sector; Major Barnes was the Director of West Coast Operations for Vance International.

Throughout his service in the military, Major Barnes consistently exemplified bravery, compassion and he often and readily offered his