

Holocaust Remembrance Day pays tribute to the unbreakable will of human beings to live in freedom and oppose despotism wherever it appears. It is a reminder of that pledge to never forget and never allow the unchecked cruelty of the Holocaust to be repeated by firmly recommitting ourselves to the fight against anti-Semitism, as well as all forms of persecution, bigotry, discrimination and hatred.

In 1993, on the 50th Anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising, for which Holocaust Remembrance Day was designated, then-Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin noted that despite the fall of Hitler "his successors have arisen in various corners of the world." Sadly this statement remains true today.

In too many regions of the world today we are still witnessing terrible mass violence, destruction and murder against women, children, ethnic and religious minorities, and lesbian, gay and transgender individuals, and many other groups of people. Reprehensibly, this violence and hatred is too often deeply institutionalized.

Holocaust Remembrance Day serves as an opportunity to put on notice the brutal regimes carrying out these crimes that our resolve to defend universal human rights is profound and unwavering. As long as it is necessary we will continue to fight to end intolerance and work toward a more just future for all of mankind, and we stand with supreme confidence that we will be triumphant.

The statesman and philosopher, Edmund Burke, famously said that "The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing." Today we remember the Holocaust because many good men and women stood up for justice and acted to stop Nazi cruelty, and their sacrifice must forever be honored. We remember because the spirit of humanity refused to succumb to evil and be dominated by hatred. And we remember because in remembering the past we can work toward a better future; a future of equality, freedom, peace and prosperity.

TRIBUTE TO M.D. PRODUCTS

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 13, 2010

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize M.D. Products for being the recipients of the Horizon Award at the 2010 Humboldt County Spirit Awards.

The Humboldt County Spirit Awards were established to recognize and honor outstanding groups and individuals who have worked for the benefit of all citizens of Humboldt County, to celebrate the accomplishments and activities of our communities, to acknowledge the value of volunteerism in the county, and to have a positive impact on community spirit.

Annually included in the Spirit Awards, the Horizon Award is presented to a business or entity that has brightened the county's horizon through building improvements.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to represent M.D. Products in the United States Congress. I know that my colleagues join me in commending them for their sincere dedication to establishing a better community and wish them continued success well into the future.

CONGRATULATING THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-GREEN BAY WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM

HON. STEVE KAGEN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 13, 2010

Mr. KAGEN. Madam Speaker, I would like to take a moment here to honor the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay women's basketball team for their historic at-large bid to the NCAA tournament. Now, this may not seem like a big deal to folks from the big cities or from the East or West Coast, but in northeast Wisconsin, we could not be prouder of our Phoenix being the first team from the Horizon League to earn an NCAA at-large bid. I want to commend Head Coach Matt Bollant and his team for their remarkable achievement this year. They entered the tournament with 27 wins and launch into the second round today after upsetting the Virginia Cavaliers over the weekend. I also want to point out most of Coach Bollant's team is homegrown in Wisconsin. For the lady Phoenix players, most of them spent their lifetime growing up in northeast Wisconsin. I want to thank the entire UWGB team for making Wisconsin proud, and I wish them good luck tonight in their road to the Final Four.

University of Wisconsin-Green Bay 2009–10 Roster: #4 Celeste Hoewisch, Junior, Hortonville, WI; #10 Hannah Quilling, Sophomore, Eau Claire, WI; #13 Adrian Ritchie, Freshman, De Pere, WI; #20 Sam Zastrow, Freshman, Algoma, WI; #22 Lydia Bauer, Freshman, Lake Zurich, IL; #24 Heather Golden, Junior, De Pere, WI; #25 Jenny Gilbertson, Sophomore, Wabasha, MN; #30 Katie Bushman, Sophomore, Phillips, WI; #32 Julie Wojta, Sophomore, Mishicot, WI; #33 Morgan Faase, Junior, Green Bay, WI; #42 Kayla Tetschlag, Junior, Sheboygan, WI; #43 Sarah Eichler, Freshman, Grafton, WI; #45 Stephanie Sension, Freshman, Hopkins, MN; #52 Breannah Ranger, Freshman, Skokie, IL.

Coaching Staff: Head Coach: Matt Bollant; Assistant Coaches: Mike Divilbiss, Amanda Leonhard, Sarah Bronk; Director of Operations: Kari Flunker.

TRIBUTE TO DEAN AND JUDY HARKLAU

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 13, 2010

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dean and Judy Harklau for being the recipients of the Good Neighbor Award at the 2010 Humboldt County Spirit Awards.

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Annually included in the Spirit Awards, the Good Neighbor Award is presented to an individual who exemplifies true neighborhood spirit by lending a helping hand in a time of need.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to represent Dean and Judy Harklau in the United States Congress. I know that my colleagues join me in commending them for their sincere dedication to establishing a better community and wish them continued success well into the future.

HONORING ST. LUKE'S HOSPITAL

HON. PATRICK J. MURPHY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 13, 2010

Mr. PATRICK J. MURPHY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor St. Luke's Quakertown Hospital for receiving the 2010 Distinguished Community Service Award from the Bucks County Council, Boy Scouts of America.

Madam Speaker, this worthy recognition was earned by St. Luke's for its tremendous contribution to our community and the positive example that service has set for the 13,000 young men and women served by Scouting and Learning for Life programs in Bucks County.

The leadership exhibited by St. Luke's and its dedicated staff is inspiring and truly sets the bar in their field. St. Luke's is one of the premier health networks in the region, and the Quakertown facility is the fastest growing hospital in Southeastern Pennsylvania, a testament to the great work being done there.

St. Luke's is dedicated to providing the community with quality care. By extending that mission beyond its walls through community days and health and safety awareness programs, St. Luke's has shown it will stop at nothing to ensure the health and well-being of the community.

This dedication to service is exactly what it means to be a Scout, and as we celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Boy Scouts, it is fitting that we recognize St. Luke's.

Madam Speaker, once again I would like to thank St. Luke's Quakertown Hospital for its contribution to the community and especially to the youth of Bucks County.

TRIBUTE TO MERLIN FORT

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 13, 2010

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Merlin Fort for being the recipient of the Neighborhood Restoration/Beautification Award at the 2010 Humboldt County Spirit Awards.

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Annually included in the Spirit Awards, the Neighborhood Restoration/Beautification is presented to an individual or group who has set an example by improving, beautifying and restoring their neighborhood.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to represent Merlin Fort in the United States Congress. I know that my colleagues join me in commending him for his sincere dedication to establishing a better community and wish him continued success well into the future.

HONORING MRS. SYLVIA YVONNE DRAKEFORD

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 13, 2010

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, I rise today in commemoration of the life of Mrs. Sylvia Yvonne Drakeford. Mrs. Drakeford, a resident of Englewood, New Jersey, passed away on March 6, 2010 after decades of public service with the Englewood City Department of Education and Department of Recreation.

During the past 30 years, Mrs. Drakeford served as the Playground Supervisor for the Department of Recreation. As supervisor, she was instrumental in restructuring the city's camping trip program to include affordable, package deals for the city's children. Prior to her time at the Department of Recreation, Mrs. Drakeford served as a teacher's aide at Cleveland and Quarles Schools in the City of Englewood for 27 years. For 15 of these years, she spent the first half of the day educating schoolchildren, and the second half entertaining them as the coordinator of the schools' After-School Program. Mrs. Drakeford's contributions to the city touched generations of Englewood residents.

Mrs. Drakeford leaves behind a loving and adoring family. Her son Teddy Drakeford, whom I have known for nearly two decades, was a valued staffer in my office from 1996 until last year. He recently left my office to continue his mother's proud legacy of working with children.

Madam Speaker, I sincerely hope that my colleagues will join me in honoring Mrs. Drakeford for her lifetime of dedicated support to the children and residents of Englewood.

TRIBUTE TO THE HEAVENLY HATS PROJECT-TRV

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 13, 2010

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Heavenly Hats Project-TRV students for being the recipients of the Young Leaders Award at the 2010 Humboldt County Spirit Awards.

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Annually included in the Spirit Awards, the Young Leaders Award is presented to an individual or group of young people who have made their community a better place through volunteer efforts.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to represent the Heavenly Hats Project-TRV students in the United States Congress. I know that my colleagues join me in commending them for their sincere dedication to establishing a better community and wish them continued success well into the future.

IN HONOR AND RECOGNITION OF MELVIN S. SCHWARZWALD AND PHILIP M. ZANNELLA, JR.

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 13, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of Melvin S. Schwarzwald and Philip M. Zannella, Jr., as they are being honored by the State of Israel Bonds, Cleveland Chapter, Cleveland, Ohio.

Melvin S. Schwarzwald is a managing partner with the law firm Schwarzwald, McNair & Fusco LLP. The firm represents the interests of labor unions, especially in the areas of labor-sponsored pension, health and welfare plans. Mr. Schwarzwald, a graduate of Harvard Law School, launched his legal career working for the late U.S. Senator Howard M. Metzenbaum. Mr. Schwarzwald has worked on behalf of numerous labor organizations, steel workers, machinists, food workers, musicians, printing trades and many others. In addition to serving on the Cleveland Israel Bonds Cabinet, he continues to volunteer his expertise and time by serving on many boards that protect the rights of workers, including the National Labor Advisory Committee and the Board of Directors of the AFL-CIO.

Mr. Philip M. Zannella, Jr., is the Directing Business Representative for the International Association of Machinists & Aerospace Workers, Local #1363. Mr. Zannella learned first hand the critical role of labor representation when he joined the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers in 1971, where he first worked as a garage-man, apprentice and journeyman mechanic for Transamerica Freight Lines. In 1975, while working as a journeyman mechanic at Marshall Ford, he was appointed Business Representative for Local #1363. For nearly thirty years, Mr. Zannella perfected his trade as an aerospace machinist, learning new elements of the trade as technology evolved. Promoted to Directing Business Representative in 2004, Mr. Zannella incorporates his labor expertise and passion on behalf of workers' rights to successfully negotiate labor contracts, arbitrations and grievances. An active community volunteer, he is a member and leader on several labor boards. He also volunteers on behalf of conservation and farm organizations, including the Northern Ohio Chapter of Guide Dogs of America.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of Melvin S. Schwarzwald and Philip M. Zannella, Jr., for their unwavering commitment and work on behalf of protecting the rights, safety and benefits of the laboring men and women throughout our community and our nation. Their accomplishments and leadership, honored by the State of Israel Bonds, has strengthened the rights of workers and continues to strengthen the bonds of friendship between American labor and the State of Israel.

CELEBRATING THE JEWISH NAMING CEREMONY OF RACHEL ESTHER LAULOM

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 13, 2010

Mr. GARAMENDI. Madam Speaker, I rise today on behalf of my good friend, Dr. Sol Lizerbram, to honor and recognize the birth of his granddaughter Rachel Esther Laulom in a baby naming ceremony officiated by Rabbi Matthew Earne at Congregation Beth Am on Sunday, April 18, 2010 in San Diego, California.

Rachel Esther Laulom was born on February 3, 2010 to parents Marci and Corey Laulom. She joins her big brother Jacob Laulom; proud grandparents Dr. Sol and Lauren Lizerbram, and paternal grandparents Danny and Carol Laulom.

The baby has been given the name Rachel Esther in honor of her great-grandmothers; maternal great-grandmother, Esther Lizerbram, and her paternal great-grandmother, Rachel Addi.

This centuries-old ceremony is considered to be one of the most important and recognized Jewish rituals. It signifies the importance of the Jewish faith, introduces the baby to the community for their support and commitment to the physical and spiritual well being of baby Rachel. It is a time of dedication and benediction, and will allow Marci and Corey to enlighten the family and community to the significance of her chosen name.

Madam Speaker, I have the pleasure of asking my colleagues to join me in recognizing the traditions of the Jewish faith and the significance of this ceremony.

REMEMBERING THE SACRIFICE OF OUR NATION'S PRISONERS OF WAR

HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 13, 2010

Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize POW Remembrance Day. As a nation, we must always honor and remember all of the brave men and women who have placed themselves in harm's way in order to protect liberty and freedom. However, special recognition is warranted for those selfless individuals who confronted our enemies as prisoners of war. It is fitting that we honor the commitment and the sacrifices made by this nation's prisoners of war.

April 9th commemorates the date during World War II when the single largest number of Americans were captured and forced to undergo the infamous Bataan Death March. Today we remember those Soldiers, Sailors, Marines, and Airmen and the many others since then that have fallen captive while valiantly fighting to preserve our great nation.

Madam Speaker, in recognition of Prisoner of War Remembrance Day, today citizens and veterans alike are gathered at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Spokane, Washington, to honor and pay respect to these brave souls. I ask my colleagues to join me in offering my most heartfelt thanks and appreciation to this nation's prisoners of war for their enduring sacrifices.