

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.

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 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.

IN HONOR OF EDWARD D. TEARE

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 13, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Edward D. Teare, dedicated father and paramedic for the Fire Department in Independence, Ohio. A family man who believed in tradition, he lived his life in service of others and he will never be forgotten by his friends, colleagues and loved ones.

Mr. Teare was born in Cleveland, but grew up in Independence. As a student at Independence High School, he worked in public service during the summer. He continued as a college student at Kent State University. After college, Mr. Teare studied to become a paramedic at Marymount Hospital. He joined the Independence Fire Department in 1979 and worked his way up to the rank of lieutenant.

Mr. Teare was a beloved husband of Janet (nee Boyd), and a devoted father to Katherine, Edward and Linda. Mr. Teare and his wife were members of the Church of Assumption, where they played pinochle. An outdoorsman, Mr. Teare enjoyed running as well as boating and fishing on Lake Erie. An annual fishing trip with family and friends, which became a rite of passage for his son and his friends, will continue this year in his honor.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in recognition of Edward D. Teare, a family man and outstanding public servant. He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

HONORING ELWOOD AND PATRICIA TREADWELL'S 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 13, 2010

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Elwood and Patricia Treadwell of Groveland, FL. On April 2, 2010, Mr. and Mrs. Elwood celebrated 50 years of marriage.

Elwood Treadwell, better known by his friends and family as "Woody", attained the rank of colonel while serving in the military. In his civilian life, his career has taken him as far north as Niagara, New York where he worked as a structural engineer, to sunny Florida where he currently works for the Walt Disney World Transportation Department, in the Magic Kingdom's ferry boat section.

Patricia Treadwell's passion for animals and devotion to those in need also took her to Niagara, New York. She devoted countless hours to training dogs for the Guiding Eyes program.

So far, Woody and Patricia's marriage has spanned 5 decades, 10 presidents, a moon landing and the *Challenger* explosion. They can remember where they were when Martin Luther King Junior gave his famous address on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial and on the day President Kennedy was assassinated. In the past 50 years, technology has also evolved in ways that few could have imagined: the invention of the Internet and cell phones

has made it easier than ever to connect with loved ones.

Over the span of their lives together, they have raised two children, and are the proud grandparents of four grandchildren. They have supported them with their love and have given them the tools to take on our ever changing world.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating the Treadwells on 50 years of wedded bliss. I wish them the best over the next 50 years as they continue to walk through life together.

IN HONOR AND RECOGNITION OF THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CLEVELAND WOMEN'S ORCHESTRA

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 the 75th anniversary of the Cleveland Women's Orchestra, the oldest women's orchestra in the United States. I also rise in recognition of its founder, Mr. Hyman Schandler. With the help of his beloved wife Rebecca, Mr. Schandler created an opportunity for women musicians to perform professionally.

Mr. Schandler was a violin teacher who became inspired by the exceptional talent of his female students. He rallied the support of his friends and colleagues and founded the Cleveland Women's Orchestra in 1935. After receiving rave reviews by all three local newspapers for its debut concert at Severance Hall, the Women's Orchestra became a fixture of the community.

Mr. Schandler served as both the conductor and the music director at the orchestra for 55 years until he passed in 1990 at the age of 90. Subsequently, Robert L. Conquist was named Music Director and has held the position ever since. Mr. Conquist, a life-long friend of Mr. Schandler, has maintained the rich traditions of the Cleveland Women's Orchestra.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honor and celebration of the Cleveland Women's Orchestra. After 75 years, the orchestra still provides talented women musicians with performance opportunities; provides the community with special events programs; provides free "Gift of Music" concerts on a regular basis; and plays an anniversary concert at Severance Hall every year. The Cleveland Women's Orchestra is a vibrant organization that enriches all our lives through the universal language of music.

IN HONOR OF BURLINGTON COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE VOICE OF BUSINESS AWARD WINNERS

HON. JOHN H. ADLER

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 13, 2010

Mr. ADLER of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate this year's Burlington County Chamber of

Commerce Voice of Business award recipients for their outstanding contributions to the Burlington County business community. Having strong, local business communities is vital to the well-being of our nation and I commend these individuals and companies who have demonstrated excellence in commitment to South Jersey through extraordinary efforts. I would also like to thank the Chamber, which itself is such an integral part of this community, for taking the opportunity to draw attention to the outstanding contributions of these individuals and organizations.

Mr. John C. Hall has rightfully earned this year's "Voice of Business" award. For more than 34 years, Mr. Hall has been a vital component to the economic development in Burlington County. He helped co-found the "Committee of 50," a local organization focused on the economic development of Burlington County. He was President of Mt. Holly State Bank for more than 17 years and currently serves as the Vice President of Government Banking at Beneficial Bank.

Beneficial Bank and Pro Computer Service have earned this year's "Business Excellence" award for their commitment to the economic development of Burlington County through increasing local employment opportunities, leadership in the community, and entrepreneurial spirit.

This year's "Economic Development" award is given to the Maple Shade Business Association, an organization of more than 100 active entrepreneurs. The MSBA is an integral part of the local community, helping to foster local job creation and strengthen the small business community.

Earning this year's "New Voice" award is SNJ Business People, a monthly business publication that focuses on local business leaders and their work throughout South Jersey.

The "Community Enrichment" award will go to Crossroads Programs, Inc, a non-profit that has provided residential and community based services to the region's most vulnerable youth for more than 31 years.

The Honorable William Haines Jr. is the recipient of this year's "Public Voice" award. Mr. Haines, a former Burlington County freeholder, was an aggressive advocate of land preservation whose legacy has been the preservation of thousands of acres of farmland and open space in Burlington County. His efforts led to the creation of the county parks department in 1999 and the recognition by the Victorian Society in America for the county's restoration efforts at historic Smithville Park in Eastampton.

Earning this year's "Chairman's Award of Excellence" is Mr. Mark Morgan who serves as President of the Moorestown Business Association and Director of the Moorestown Theatre Company. Under his leadership, both groups have thrived and become integral community organizations.

The honorees will be recognized at Burlington County's Chamber of Commerce Voice of Business dinner on April 19, 2010. I applaud these outstanding individuals and businesses who have worked hard to achieve the American dream of free enterprise and serve our community by ensuring small businesses remain the job engine of America.