

CELEBRATING THE CENTENNIAL
ANNIVERSARY OF THE ANNUN-
CIATION GREEK ORTHODOX
CHURCH OF PENSACOLA

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 29, 2010

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the founding of Pensacola's Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church. This remarkable milestone is a testament to the years of great work by the church.

The year 2010 is a relatively small occurrence on the timeline of Orthodox Christianity, a faith that traces its beginnings all the way back to the apostles and dates many of its earliest traditions back to the days of St. John Chrysostom. 2010 also marks the 100th anniversary of Pensacola, Florida's oldest Orthodox congregation. The first Greeks to come to Pensacola were seamen who migrated during the 1860s. As the Greek community continued to grow, it was decided to build a church where Greek ideals and customs could be preserved as well as a place where spiritual needs could be met. Today, the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church of Pensacola is a place of worship for more than 150 families of various ethnic backgrounds.

In thinking about the tremendous occasion before us and the countless good deeds that have been carried out in the name of the Father by this body, I am reminded of the words of the Apostle Paul. Paul wrote to the church of Galatia, "And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not." On this 100th year anniversary of the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church of Pensacola, I ask that they too heed the words of the Apostle Paul. After all these years, I encourage the church not to lose heart in doing what is good, but rather continue to serve the Lord and accomplish His work. I ask that they don't give up, but continue to show the fruit of the Spirit which is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

Madam Speaker, it is my great privilege to honor Pensacola's Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church on their centennial anniversary. These 100 years have been a testament to the compassion and good will that exists among mankind.

INTRODUCING A RESOLUTION URG-
ING THE GOVERNMENT OF CAN-
ADA TO END THE COMMERCIAL
SEAL HUNT

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 29, 2010

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce a resolution urging the Government of Canada to end the commercial seal hunt.

While the vast majority of countries have banned the commercial seal hunt long ago, Canada is by far the largest remaining seal killer in the world. Each year, about 300,000 harp seal pups are killed for their meat, oil and

pelts and almost exclusively traded internationally.

The United States and the European Union have banned both the hunting of seals and the importation of any seal products. Polling has shown that the majority of people in Canada oppose the commercial seal hunt and support foreign nations' ending their trade in seal products. A recent poll even reveals that half of Newfoundland sealers support a federal buyout of the commercial sealing industry.

Indeed, the few thousand fishermen who participate in the commercial seal hunt in Canada earn, on average, only a tiny fraction of their annual income from killing seals, with the remainder coming from traditional seafood. In recent years, the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans of Canada has authorized historically high quotas for harp seals despite high pup mortality, low seal fur prices and reduced industry participation.

Madam Speaker, the commercial seal hunt is not only unnecessary but cruel. Ninety-seven percent of the seals killed are pups between just twelve days and twelve weeks of age, without any ability to defend themselves. Most of them have not even learned how to swim. They are either shot or struck on the head by a hakapik or club. Many are injured in the course of the hunt and escape beneath the ice where they die slowly and are never recovered. Seal pups can also be skinned while still alive.

Several reports concluded that avoidable suffering occurs during hunting, sealers fail to comply with regulations and authorities do not effectively monitor the hunt and enforce regulations. This slaughter has to come to an end.

My resolution will urge the Government of Canada to prohibit the commercial hunting of seals, while allowing subsistence hunting for aboriginal communities. It will also encourage other countries to ban trade in seal products.

Madam Speaker, wild animals are a very important part of our commonly held natural resources and contribute to the diversity and stability of our environment. We cannot let economic interests take over our moral values. Animal cruelty is an inexcusable abomination. The United States must continue to protect those animals that cannot protect themselves and ensure fair and humane treatment. It is essential to maintain a balanced and healthy ecosystem that allows for the coexistence of both human beings and the world's most incredible species.

I urge my colleagues to join me in protecting wildlife and environmental conservation across the globe by supporting this important resolution.

HONORING JAMES J. DOWLING

HON. PATRICK J. MURPHY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 29, 2010

Mr. PATRICK J. MURPHY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize James J. Dowling, for his lifetime of service and dedication to the United Way of Bucks County.

Since the 1970s Mr. Dowling has been an integral part of the United Way of Bucks County and since then has been a leader in the community and within the United Way.

During Mr. Dowling's time as Chair of the Community Investment Cabinet for the United Way of Bucks County, programs for children's education have flourished. He has been one of the driving forces here in the 8th District when it comes to strengthening early education.

Mr. Dowling has led the United Way of Bucks County through tough economic times and has never wavered in his commitment to the organization and to the community. He never lost sight of the hard work that needs to be done to support those who need help the most.

Madam Speaker, I am proud today to recognize James J. Dowling for his commitment to our community and for his vision as a leader. He's a true asset to Bucks County and I'm proud to be his Congressman.

COMMEMORATING THE RETIRE-
MENT OF RICHARD CAROL (RC)
SMITH

HON. PHIL HARE

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 29, 2010

Mr. HARE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the long and distinguished career of public service of Richard Carol Smith, known to family, friends and colleagues as RC.

A life-long resident of the Midwest, RC has been a fixture in Macon County and in particular Long Creek Township through his work in government service as well as his political activism. What is even more impressive is that while working diligently for the public good, he was employed by Wabash, Norfolk & Western and Norfolk-Southern Railways, for some 39 years. Yet he found the time to be an incredibly active and respected member of his community and our region.

His service and commitment to Long Creek is unparalleled. He currently serves as Long Creek Township Clerk, a post he has held since 1997, as well as being a former assessor for the town. He has also served Long Creek as the township supervisor and assistant supervisor.

His service to Macon County is just as impressive. RC served on the Macon County board for almost 30 years. He was first elected to the board in 1970 and served as chairman from 1985 to 1986 and as vice-chairman for 6 years. He also served as the Mt. Zion Township Supervisor and was the first Democrat elected to the post in 20 years.

In addition to a long career in area Democratic Party politics, Mr. Smith has been an ardent supporter of the labor movement, culminating with him serving as the executive director of Decatur Area Labor-Management from 1989-1997.

A man of faith, RC is active in his local church, where he is an ordained Deacon at the Tabernacle Baptist Church. He also served his country honorably in the U.S. Air Force from 1952 to 1956.

RC can't quite shake the pull of politics and will remain the president emeritus of the Long Creek Township Democrats as well as continue as the secretary of the Macon County Democrats. However, with all of the accomplishments and commitments, RC has earned a well deserved retirement from his service as

the chairman of the Long Creek Township Democrats. RC has been married over 45 years to his wife Wanda and is the proud father of three children and a grandfather to boot. I know that he is looking forward to spending more time with his family, but I am confident he will still remain as an active and steadfast force for his community. I hope he enjoys his retirement—it is well earned after many years of service and commitment to the people of our area.

HONORING UNIVERSITY OF FINDLAY PRESIDENT DR. DEBOW FREED

HON. JIM JORDAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 29, 2010

Mr. JORDAN of Ohio. Madam Speaker, I am honored to commend to the House the outstanding contributions of Dr. DeBow Freed. Dr. Freed is departing the presidency of the University of Findlay after serving in that office for nearly seven years.

DeBow Freed's distinguished service is a shining example to everyone in the field of higher education. He is a 1946 graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point, to which he returned as a physics instructor at the conclusion of more than two decades of Army service. He also earned nuclear science and nuclear engineering degrees from the University of Kansas and the University of New Mexico.

He served as dean of Ohio's Mount Union College from 1969 until 1974, when Illinois's Monmouth College selected him as its president. At Monmouth, as would be true in his future assignments, Dr. Freed helped solidify the school's fiscal standing, increase enrollment, and strengthen ties between the campus and the local community.

In 1979, Dr. Freed was chosen to serve as Ohio Northern University's ninth president, a position he held for two decades. At ONU, he oversaw continual balanced budgets, bolstered the school's endowment funds, and supervised numerous renovation and construction projects—including the completion of a performing arts center that bears his name and that of his wife of 61 years, Catherine Moore Freed. Dr. Freed was elected president emeritus in 1999.

In 2003, Findlay's Board of Trustees invited Dr. Freed to accept the presidency on a temporary basis and assist in the search for a longer-term president. He quickly endeared himself to Findlay's students, faculty, and staff through his vision, integrity, and high personal standards. Because of his strong leadership and commitment to the school and the local community, the trustees asked him to remain in office.

The university has benefited tremendously from Dr. Freed's outstanding skills as a manager and educator. During his tenure, he has helped expand the school's academic offerings to include doctoral programs in pharmacy and physical therapy. He has overseen an increase in the number of full-time faculty members from 155 to 195. He is held in the highest regard by students, who appreciate his direct engagement with them and his dedication to their success.

Dr. Freed models the service to community that he encourages in others. He is a trustee of the Toledo Symphony and the Blanchard Valley Health Association, as well as a former chair of the Center of Science and Industry Foundation Board of Trustees.

Dr. Freed is insistent that he is not "retiring," noting that retirement implies a departure. The students, faculty, and staff of the University of Findlay will never be far from his thoughts—just as he will never be far from theirs.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the people of Ohio's Fourth Congressional District, I offer my congratulations to Dr. DeBow Freed on a long and distinguished academic career. I wish him and his family every success as they move to a new chapter in their lives.

RECOGNIZING MR. GREGORY J. HARBAUGH

HON. MARK STEVEN KIRK

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 29, 2010

Mr. KIRK. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor a 10th District resident who has experienced what only a handful of Americans have gone through. Mr. Gregory J. Harbaugh of Wilmette logged over 800 hours in space as an astronaut for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. A graduate of Purdue University, Mr. Harbaugh began his career supporting flight operations from Mission Control at the Johnson Space Center in Houston.

In August 1988, Mr. Harbaugh became an astronaut and went on to participate in four space flights. During those flights, he spent more than 18 hours in extravehicular activity outside of the spaceship. For his service, Mr. Harbaugh received the NASA Distinguished Service Medal, four NASA Space Flight Medals, the NASA Exceptional Service Medal, and the NASA Exceptional Achievement Medal.

Mr. Harbaugh's explorations are invaluable to the advancement of science. I wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE JEWISH HERITAGE FESTIVAL IN SACRAMENTO

HON. DANIEL E. LUNGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 29, 2010

Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and pay tribute to the Jewish Heritage Festival and the Jewish Federation of the Sacramento Region.

May is National Jewish American Heritage Month, and an opportunity to celebrate all that Jewish life has brought to this Nation.

In conjunction with National Jewish American Heritage Month, the Jewish Federation of the Sacramento Region will bring to the capitol of California the annual Jewish Heritage Festival on May 2, 2010.

The Jewish Federation of the Sacramento Region was founded more than 150 years ago, and has grown to more than 25,000 residents in their eight county area.

The Heritage Festival is a celebration of Jewish culture in the United States, and an opportunity to increase communication, coordination, and cooperation between the local communities and their Jewish and non-Jewish residents.

With so many differences and divergent upbringings, there is much we share as a global community. The Festival will celebrate all that unites people with traditional food, live music and entertainment, dancing troupes, cultural exhibits and displays, family and children activities, and a special teen zone. Global values such as Tikkun Olam (repairing the world) will be highlighted with a variety of booths and activities that participants can learn from.

In collaboration with community organizations, the Tikkun Olam area will highlight the importance of social action in the Sacramento region. The area seeks to improve human welfare, deepen civic culture, and develop group life and commitment to others.

I am pleased to recognize the Jewish Federation of the Sacramento Region for their contribution to our district and their leadership in the Jewish Heritage Festival.

IN MEMORY OF CHRISTIE STANLEY

HON. ELTON GALLEGLY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 29, 2010

Mr. GALLEGLY. Madam Speaker, I rise in memory of Christie Stanley, the first female District Attorney for the County of Santa Barbara, California, who died this week at 61 years young after a courageous fight against cancer.

Christie was elected District Attorney in June 2006 with 70 percent of the vote. In many ways, she epitomizes the American Dream and how hard work and perseverance can bring a person to the pinnacle of her career.

Christie graduated from Ventura College of Law Magna Cum Laude, first in her class, while married, caring for two young daughters and commuting from Lompoc for 4 years—a round-trip of about 160 miles.

She was drawn to a career in law enforcement while in Kansas for her uncle's funeral. While she was there, her uncle's murderer was caught and brought through the small town square. Armed townspeople waited, intent on vengeance. The officers who had him in custody—friends and colleagues of Christie's uncle—brought the killer in safely so he could be prosecuted.

"I was and am consistently impressed by law enforcement professionals who do the right thing, even when it is the hard thing to do," Christie said of the experience.

Christie practiced civil law for 2 years before she joined the Santa Barbara County District Attorney's office in 1980. Soon after she was assigned to supervise the Lompoc District Attorney's office. She prosecuted hundreds of cases, including murders, rapes and arson, and had a nearly perfect conviction record.

In 1984, she was recognized as "Deputy District Attorney of the Year." She had been an associate member of the Santa Barbara County Law Enforcement Chiefs since 1991,