

honoring An Open Door Church for its exceptional community service ministry and to congratulate the organization on its 25th anniversary. The founders and congregation of this truly admirable organization continue to touch the lives of numerous people, and for this selfless, lifelong service they are to be commended.

HONORING MAJOR CAMILLE MACK

HON. LARRY KISSELL

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2011

Mr. KISSELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and pay tribute to Major Camille Mack, United States Army, on the occasion of her departure from the Army House Liaison Office to pursue a Master's Degree in Strategic Intelligence from the National Defense Institute at Bolling Air Force Base. I, and many other members of this chamber, have had the pleasure of working with her over the past three years as she served as a part of the U.S. Army Office of Legislative Affairs and as a Liaison Officer in the Army Liaison Office in the U.S. House of Representatives. Major Mack served in my personal office and was an essential part of my staff during that time.

In 1999, after completing Officer Candidate School at Ft. Benning Georgia, Major Mack was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Signal Corps Branch.

Major Mack's initial assignment was to Fort Bragg, North Carolina, where she served as a Psychological Operations Platoon Leader and Company Executive Officer in 4th Psychological Operations Group. She deployed on two consecutive tours in Iraq in support of 1st Marine Expeditionary Force and 3rd Psychological Operations Battalion.

For 22 months, Major Mack commanded the 45th Sustainment Brigade stationed in Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. While in command, her unit was dispersed to three locations throughout Iraq. Upon her return to the United States, Major Mack served on division staff as the network operations Officer in Charge (OIC) and then later was selected as a Congressional Fellow and served a year in my personal office. During her time as a Fellow in my office, Major Mack showed great leadership and dedication; the very qualities that have helped her make this chamber, our U.S. Army and our nation a better place. She embodies the very core values of our armed services. I was honored to have her become such an integral and important part of our team.

Following her fellowship in the House of Representatives, Major Mack was assigned to the Army House Liaison Office. I have come to know Major Mack well during her assignment to the House of Representatives through her time working as a fellow in my Washington D.C. Office and as a regional liaison in the Army House Liaison Office. She has never failed to impress me with her energy and dedication to Soldiers, their families, and the United States Army. She is a superb representative of Army values.

Camille's personal contribution to our nation on behalf of not only the United States Army but also all of our armed services represents the finest of our military professionals.

Camille's service is a remarkable example of patriotic and selfless service.

It is my great honor to congratulate Major Camille Mack on her service to the Army and our Nation and I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the outstanding accomplishments of this Soldier, citizen, and friend.

IN HONOR OF THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CITY OF WESTLAKE

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2011

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the City of Westlake, Ohio, in recognition of its bicentennial celebration. Since 1811, Westlake has been a shining community within Northeast Ohio.

In 1811, 16-year-old Leverett Johnson became Westlake's first resident when he began clearing land for a log cabin. This cabin served as lifelong home for him, his wife Abigail, and their nine children. Johnson went on to have a distinguished career in government, serving as a justice of the peace, township treasurer, Cuyahoga County Commissioner, and Ohio State Legislator.

Now, 200 years later, Westlake is a successful, vibrant community known for its unique appeal to both businesses and families. The City of Westlake is continuing to make improvements to the community; St. John Medical Center is being renovated, Cuyahoga Community College's new Westshore campus is near completion, and plans are underway for the construction of a new high school.

The residents of Westlake have planned a series of events to celebrate their city's rich history and vibrant future. Several events, such as a fence dedication, historic cemetery tour, marker dedication and time capsule burial will take place at the historic Evergreen Cemetery. The Evergreen Cemetery was founded around 1820 by Leverett Johnson and several other early settlers. Today it serves as their final resting ground and one of Westlake's most historic locations. Other planned festivities include an art show, concert, Mayor's Ball, a 4th of July parade and fireworks and a Bicentennial Ball Drop on New Year's Eve.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor of the City of Westlake, Ohio as its residents celebrate the city's bicentennial. I extend my sincere congratulations to all members of the Westlake community.

IN RECOGNITION OF FATHER ANTON KCIRA'S RETIREMENT AFTER MORE THAN 40 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

HON. GARY C. PETERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2011

Mr. PETERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Father Anton Kcira, a leader in Michigan's Albanian American community for

the past 22 years and a fierce advocate for the rights of Kosova Albanians around the world, on the occasion of his retirement after 40 years of ministry in the Catholic Church.

As the son of a town mayor in Kosova, Father Anton learned at a young age the value of service to his community and the importance of standing up for one's own beliefs. Early in his life, Father Anton heard the call to serve his community as a priest in the Catholic Church and went on to serve several parishes for over two decades following his ordination. As a servant of the Church during the years of communist rule in Yugoslavia, Father Anton took great personal risk to provide spiritual guidance and leadership to the Kosova Albanian Catholic community during a time of great uncertainty.

As a community leader, it is clear that Father Anton believes strongly in the power of dialogue to bring his community together. During his time in Kosova he took it upon himself to step out into the community to resolve issues between brothers, sisters, friends and neighbors. He even took it upon himself to step in between the warring sides of blood feuds and brought peace between families who had been fighting for generations. Father Anton even reached out to Albania's Muslim community and through his skillful dialogue built an understanding and mutual respect between Albanian Muslims and Catholics.

After his many years of service to the Albanian community in Kosova, Father Anton was forced to flee his homeland to avoid persecution by Yugoslavia's communist government. Father Anton arrived in Michigan in 1989 and was appointed administrator of St. Paul's Albanian Catholic Church by the Archdiocese of Detroit. He brought with him the same sense of community that had served his parishioners so well in Kosova and under his administration St. Paul expanded its congregation from 50 families to over 1,100 members. Under his leadership, St. Paul's also found its new home in Rochester Hills and built an extraordinary place of worship, which has allowed its members to better practice their spiritual fellowship.

Much as he did in Kosova, Father Anton has continued to play a central role within the community he serves. Father Anton rallied the Albanian community to support the many Albanian refugees who arrived, first fleeing from communism and then from genocide in the Balkans. In an even greater show of leadership, Father Anton called upon his parish to meet the challenges its brothers and sisters were facing in the Balkans and the St. Paul's parishioners responded by raising over one million dollars to help the wounded in Kosova. In addition, Father Anton has been an unwavering international voice for the needs of Kosova, advising Members of Congress, U.S. Presidents and world political and religious leaders on the need to support Kosova's ethnic Albanian minority. In 1999, he even sat as a member of the Rambuje Delegation which developed the peace that has allowed Kosova to become the independent nation that it is today.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in celebrating a true leader, statesman and humanitarian as Father Anton Kcira celebrates his retirement after more than 40 years in the service to the Catholic Church. Father Anton has truly been a father to a community that has faced so much adversity and contributed immensely to improve the lives of millions

around the world. I wish him happiness in his retirement and trust that he will continue to be a strong advocate for his community and for fairness and social justice around the world.

HONORING JAMES D. BOYD'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2011

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, Mr. GARAMENDI and I rise today to congratulate Mr. James D. Boyd on an exemplary 50 years of public service to the State of California. For five decades, Mr. Boyd has been a pioneer in the fields of renewable fuels, air quality, new vehicle technologies, bio-energy and climate change. He deserves great praise for his involvement and expertise, which has resulted in California becoming a leading example for the rest of the nation.

Jim graduated from the University of California, Berkeley in 1961 with a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration, and a minor in Mechanical Engineering. He immediately went to work for the California Department of Water Resources, where he served as principal budget reviewer for the administration of major state public health and health care programs, as well as appeared before committees of the state legislature as principal advocate for these programs' budget needs.

From 1970 to 1976, Mr. Boyd worked at the California Health and Welfare Agency as the Deputy Director, and then as the Assistant Secretary of Operations. In the latter role, he directed operational, administrative and fiscal policy for eight agencies with more than 30,000 employees and a budget exceeding \$3 billion. These departments operated the state's programs for Health (Public Health, Medicaid, Mental Health), Employment, Rehabilitation, Social Welfare, Corrections, and Youth Authority.

Following his tenure at the California Health and Welfare Agency, Jim was appointed chief executive officer of the California Air Resources Board (CARB). From 1981 to 1996, he directed the nation's largest state air pollution-control program, which included the adoption of regulations that required the use of cleaner burning gasoline and diesel fuel, lowering emissions of cars and trucks, and the implementation of electric vehicles on California roads. Due in large part to these efforts, the state now has the highest number of hybrid electric vehicles in the world. During his time as CARB's CEO, he successfully served under five chairmen and three governors with contrasting political views, which is a significant testament to his professionalism and problem-solving skills.

For the past decade, Mr. Boyd has served on the California Energy Commission, where he oversees transportation programs, and an annual \$100 million investment in alternative and renewable fuel and vehicle technologies. Because of his expertise, Jim was appointed by U.S. Energy Secretary Steven Chu to the National Petroleum Council to comprehend and explain the circumstances and fixtures surrounding transportation fuels of the future.

Jim has accomplished many feats in his careers including organizing California's first Bio-energy Interagency Working Group, as well as California's first Joint Agency Climate Change Team, which predated any current mandates pertaining to the issue. He has been honored for contributions to the field of air pollution control and serves on several nonprofit and public-private boards. For instance, his participation with the Baja Board of Governors and the Swedish government on renewable energy resulted in two Memorandums of Understanding between the State of California and Baja, and California and Sweden.

Additionally, Mr. Boyd was appointed California's liaison to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission in 2002 and became knowledgeable about issues facing nuclear power plants, particularly seismic vulnerability. Because of this experience, Jim was able to testify before Congress in the wake of Japan's Fukushima nuclear disaster in April 2011.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. GARAMENDI and I ask our colleagues to rise and thank Mr. Jim Boyd for his tireless dedication to the health and well-being of the great people of California, his decades of strong leadership, and for continuing to seek creative and cost-effective solutions to some of the state's most pressing issues.

IN RECOGNITION OF WOODVALE CEMETERY

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2011

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the Woodvale Cemetery on the occasion of its dedication as an Ohio Historical Marker.

The Woodvale Cemetery was established in the early 1800s after Mr. Fred G. Klink donated a half acre of land to be utilized as a burial ground. It was not until 1876 that the cemetery was named by Frank M. Stearns who proposed the unnamed cemetery be identified for the scenic wooded vale it abuts. In 1931, the Woodvale Cemetery covered 35 acres and was designated as a non-profit cemetery. Today the Woodvale Cemetery is owned by the cities of Middleburg Heights and Berea and spans nearly 50 acres.

The Woodvale Cemetery hosts some of Ohio's most historic and important graves. The oldest marked grave, dated 1858, is that of Fred G. Klink, the patron of the cemetery. Other notable sets of graves include those of John Baldwin and James Wallace's, the founders of Baldwin Wallace College.

There are also hundreds of veterans from every U.S. war buried in Woodvale Cemetery. There are entire areas dedicated to the graves of soldiers of the U.S. Civil War. Additionally, the first Ohioan to be awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor, World War I veteran Albert E. Baesel, is buried in the cemetery.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in recognition of the Woodvale Cemetery on the occasion of its dedication as an Ohio Historical Marker.

COMMEMORATING THE CITY OF CENTER LINE, MICHIGAN ON ITS 75TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. SANDER M. LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2011

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate the city of Center Line, Michigan, as it celebrates its 75th anniversary of being incorporated as a city this weekend.

The city of Center Line is located north of Detroit in Macomb County and was incorporated in 1936. The city has a rich heritage, and is known as a warm, family-oriented and tight-knit community. Residents have always prided themselves on maintaining the community's distinct identity and small-town feel. After 75 years of growth and change, that local spirit remains embodied in the city.

The area incorporated as a village in 1925 and transitioned to cityhood in 1936. The Center Line name derives from the center of three Native American trails named by the French that led north from Detroit to other trading posts. The middle trail, known as the "Centre Line," became the main road used by early settlers travelling between the cities of Detroit and Utica. It became known as Center Line Road, and today is Sherwood Avenue.

The "center" of town became Van Dyke Avenue after construction of St. Clement Catholic Church in 1854. St. Clement has been one of the defining landmarks of the city. In addition to the many Catholic families that settled in Center Line, a large number of the residents that migrated from Detroit to settle in Center Line are of French, German, Belgium and Irish descent. These close-knit families have lived in the city their whole lives, many now going on the three generations.

The city of Center Line embodies the American dream: Hard-working, middle class families, many of whom worked their way up the economic ladder through employment in the domestic auto industry and also serving honorably in our country's armed services.

As the city of Center Line commemorates this milestone, I ask all my colleagues to join me in congratulating its residents, elected officials, and businesses as they celebrate their history, preserve their rich local heritage, and look forward to growth and prosperity in the future.

IN HONOR OF MARY E. HARTMAN

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2011

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mary E. Hartman on the occasion of her retirement from the Western Campus of Cuyahoga Community College.

Ms. Hartman was raised in southeast Cleveland and is the youngest of five children. She graduated in 1970 from Marymount High School and proceeded to study at the Eastern Campus of Cuyahoga Community College, where she completed her associate of applied business degree in 1975.

While studying, Ms. Hartman was hired as the executive secretary to the college executive vice president at the district administrative