

Julius A. Stratton "Champion of the Coast" Award, and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration has named him a National Marine Sanctuaries Environmental Hero. Douglas has also participated in an advisory role on President Clinton's U.S. Panel on Ocean Exploration, the National Academy of Sciences Committee on Science and Policy for the Coastal Ocean, and many others.

Throughout my tenure in the House of Representatives, I have had the special honor of calling Peter Douglas a constituent and a friend. A longtime resident of Marin County, Douglas has been a powerful advocate for the priorities that Marin residents hold dear and a staunch promoter of my legislation to extend federal Marine Sanctuary protection to the Sonoma coast. He has also had a hand in public service at the local level, co-founding community nonprofits and co-chairing one of California's first successful campaigns to enact a parcel tax to support local public schools.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in recognizing a man who has made immense contributions to our environment, a man whose tireless advocacy has expanded the meaning of the public good. Peter Douglas's work has encouraged us to celebrate and protect the richness of our natural surroundings, and his legacy lives on in the unrivaled beauty of the coastline that defines California.

ON THE OCCASION OF THE
FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE OF MICHIGAN'S
SIXTH ANNUAL
WALK4FRIENDSHIP

HON. GARY C. PETERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 12, 2011

Mr. PETERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Friendship Circle of Michigan as it holds its sixth annual Walk4Friendship.

Founded on the noble ideal that every person, regardless of physical and mental ability, deserves to have a loving and supportive environment, the Friendship Circle has become an important support network for individuals with special needs and their families.

In its seventeen years of existence, the Friendship Circle has expanded to cover more than eighty locations across twenty-two states and seven countries. Annually, over twenty-five hundred students with special needs in the metro Detroit area benefit from the specialized learning environment the Circle provides.

While there are many benefits to the Friendship Circle's members that are intangible, there are many numbers that sum the critical support it provides. Nine, the number of essential life skills which are taught to circle members at two hundred schools over fifty-four districts across Southeast Michigan. Seventeen, the number of customized lessons which are used to teach circle members important life skills. Eleven, the number of real-life environments at the Friendship Circle's Weinberg Village where members can practice and perfect their lessons to become productive members of the community. Nine-hundred, the number of volunteers in the metro Detroit region who have devoted time in 2011 to continuing to make the Friendship Circle's mission possible. And most importantly, one,

the founder of Friendship Circle, Rabbi Levi Shemtov, whose bold vision, righteous determination and commitment to his article of faith have made this program possible.

This year, as the Friendship Circle celebrates its sixth annual Walk4Friendship, we are reminded that our Nation is only as strong as the most vulnerable among us. With over five thousand participants expected this year, this 5k walk will continue to raise much needed resources and continue to raise the awareness community necessary to ensure that the Friendship Circle and its mission will endure.

Mr. Speaker, the Friendship Circle, along with its thousands of supporters in Southeast Michigan, has done so much to strengthen the lives of individuals with special needs and provide crucial support to their families. I am so pleased at the continuing success of the Friendship Circle in fulfilling its mission and look forward to continuing my work with it and its members as we move forward.

MARKING THE 10-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF 9/11

HON. LEONARD LANCE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 12, 2011

Mr. LANCE. Mr. Speaker, the 21st Century began, for all intents and purposes, on September 11, 2001. It did not begin well.

The war against terrorism is among the greatest public policy challenges of our generation. The deceased were casualties of war to the same extent as any person serving on the battlefield. But the terrorists made no distinction between members of the armed forces and civilians. The terrorists made no distinction between small children, infants and adults. They killed their victims at will.

We in New Jersey lost roughly 700 people, second only to the state of New York. I stated on the floor of the New Jersey State Legislature 10 years ago and I repeat here today on the floor of the United States House of Representatives that it will take the genius and the tenacity of a free society to overcome the scourge of terrorism, but overcome it we shall.

We have made much progress in the last 10 years, but Mr. Speaker, more progress needs to be made.

On December 8, 1941, speaking here in the house of the people, the House of Representatives, Franklin Roosevelt said famously that "No matter how long it may take us to overcome this premeditated invasion, the American people in their righteous might will win through to absolute victory."

That is as true today regarding the war against terror as it was when Franklin Roosevelt spoke it about World War II so many years ago.

In one of the subsequent stanzas of "America the Beautiful" the author, Katherine Bates, wrote of "Thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears," but of course that is not true. Human tears are still shed based upon what happened on 9/11 and alabaster cities gleam not as brightly based upon the horrific acts of the terrorists.

At the National Cathedral on September 14, 2001, the President of the United States, George W. Bush, said this: "There are prayers that help us last through the day or endure the

night. There are prayers of friends and strangers that give us strength for the journey, and there are prayers that yield our will to a will greater than our own. This world He created is of moral design. Grief and tragedy and hatred are only for a time. Goodness, remembrance and love have no end, and the Lord of life holds all who die and all who mourn."

The President went on to state at the conclusion of his remarks words that I believe are from the St. Paul's Epistle to Romans. The President said, "As we have been assured, neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities, nor powers nor things present nor things to come nor height nor death can separate us from God's love."

Mr. Speaker, this weekend we honor the memories of those who were lost on 9/11. We also honor the brave first responders to the horrific acts of a decade ago, and recall the tremendous heroism and self-sacrifice of so many in New York, at the Pentagon and on an airplane over Western Pennsylvania.

May God bless all of those who died on 9/11 and their families, those who bravely responded to the tragedy, and those who ever put on the Nation's uniform to serve and protect us from the dangers we have faced and continue to face.

And, Mr. Speaker, may God continue to bless the United States of America.

TO COMMEMORATE THE LEADERSHIP OF RACHEL YOSKOWITZ AT JEWISH FAMILY SERVICES OF DETROIT

HON. GARY C. PETERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PETERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate my friend, Mrs. Rachel Yoskowitz, as she departs from Jewish Family Services of Detroit and for her lifetime of work and advocacy in the realm of public health.

Rachel has had a long and auspicious career with a record of strengthening public health and wellness, not only in the greater Detroit area, but across the country. Her decades of work in the field of public health span every niche of that realm, from instructing healthcare professionals, to directing non-profit health-related advocacy groups, to directing state public health programs. Over this time she has cultivated a breadth and depth of knowledge which have made her a leader in the public health arena taking part in the state and national task forces, crafting and implementing statewide programs for adolescent health during her time with the Delaware Department of Health and Social Services and writing many successful public and private grants to develop sustainability of programs she has created.

During her time in Southeast Michigan, Rachel has worked primarily with Jewish Family Services, an agency of the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Detroit. For the first 10 years she directed the Immigration and Citizenship program at JFS. Under her direction, JFS assisted recently arrived immigrants with assimilation and acculturation into metro Detroit, particularly senior citizens. Additionally, the program provided continuing support to new residents in all stages of the immigration process.

In 2004, Rachel began work on Project Chessed, a referral network designed to connect medically uninsured adults in Detroit's Jewish community with donated and low-cost health care resources to avoid inappropriate and costly visits to hospital emergency rooms. Project Chessed provides a developed network that links patients to a complete host of services, from diagnosis and treatment by physicians and larger public health institutions, to affordable prescription drug access. This program has served as a model for other communities in Southeast Michigan and across the Nation. Through Project Chessed, Rachel has had a direct impact on one of the greatest inefficiencies and inequalities of our time—access to quality, affordable healthcare.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Rachel's decades of work on behalf of countless Americans across so many communities. I know her work in Southeast Michigan with Jewish Family Services and the Jewish Federation has greatly assisted many of my constituents and that her departure will be deeply felt by those who have benefitted from her commitment, passion and professionalism. I wish Rachel and her husband, Rabbi Herb Yoskowitz, many more years of productive service to the community as she moves into the education sector where her righteous deeds will continue to impact so many lives.

IN HONOR OF JANE J. SCHWAGER
OF FRAMINGHAM, MASSACHUSETTS

HON. STEPHEN F. LYNCH

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LYNCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Jane J. Schwager, in recognition of her outstanding contributions to the state of Massachusetts in the area of substance abuse and recovery, and to commend her for over fifteen years of dedicated service to her community.

Jane was born in Clifton Heights, PA to Ron and Peg Lanoie. As both of her parents dedicated much of their lives to the service of their country, with Ron serving in the United States Coast Guard, USCG, for 30 years and Peg working for the Civil Service for over 25 years, Jane grew up knowing service to one's community was important.

Jane has 2 children, Michael and Magdalene Tiapula, and is married to Jim Schwager. Jim and Jane currently reside in Worcester where they are raising their 3 year old granddaughter, Alysia.

In 1994, Jane began her work for the Early Intervention Program for children with disabilities. Eventually, Jane worked for the South Middlesex Opportunity Council, SMOC, and she continued her advocacy in the substance abuse field by participating in various treatment programs including the Meadows Program, the New Beginnings Program at Bethany Hill, and the Marlboro/Hudson Sober Housing. Using her own resources, Jane purchased a building in Worcester in 1999 and opened the J&J Sober House, a 10 bedroom house for men in recovery, which she continues to run to this day. The following year she was named as the program director at the Serenity House in Hopkinton, MA. Subse-

quently, in 2003, Jane became an adjunct faculty member and practicum supervisor for the Alcoholism/Chemical Dependency Treatment Program for UMASS Boston after obtaining her Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselor (LADC) 1 certification.

Jane's approach to recovery from addiction is rooted in her commitment to helping people obtain another chance in life. Jane employs a balanced approach of compassion and "raw reality" that acknowledges each participant's strengths while recognizes the struggles and trauma that often pervades participants' histories. It should also be noted that she is currently overseeing the SMOC Rhodes to Recover Program in Millbury, MA.

Her deep commitment to each and every one of the thousands of participants that have come through the doors of her program is constantly displayed through her compassionate actions. It is a tribute to Jane's commitment that she continues to empower recovering addicts to achieve their goals, dreams, and ultimately repair their broken lives.

Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct honor to take the floor of the House today to join with the family, friends, and contemporaries of Jane J. Schwager to thank her for her remarkable service to her state of Massachusetts, and to thousands of substance abuse victims.

ON THE OCCASION OF HEAT AND
FROST INSULATORS AND ALLIED
WORKERS LOCAL 25'S 100TH AN-
NIVERSARY

HON. GARY C. PETERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 12, 2011

Mr. PETERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate with the brothers and sisters of Heat and Frost Insulators and Allied Workers Local 25 as they celebrate the Local's 100th Anniversary.

As a part of organized labor, the members of Local 25 have been a voice in the chorus of a movement that has done much to ensure that today we are closer to knowing that a fair day's work equals a fair day's pay, that our work environment is safer than it has ever been and that when unexpected challenges strike, our jobs will be protected. Throughout our history, Local 25 and other locals across the labor movement have been at the forefront of protecting the rights of working Americans. Indeed, it is thanks to the aspiration, dedication and determination of working men and women and the labor movement that our Nation has given rise to a strong and dynamic middle class—the core of our vibrant economy. As a key force in these continuing endeavors, organized labor is the great fulcrum by which the gains of our economic success are enhanced.

As the members of Local 25 celebrate a truly tremendous milestone, 100 years of service to working men and women across Southeast Michigan and beyond, we are reminded that those benefits which we see today are a product of their struggles and their triumphs. Brought into reality by the hard work and determination of George Martens, Thomas Beasley and Nathan Metcalf, the Heat and Frost Insulators and Allied Workers Local 25 has been emblematic of the efforts of organized labor.

Following its creation 1911, the Local 25 advocated for the fair treatment and pay of its members and like many of their brothers and sisters, saw great success as minimum wage laws and fair labor laws were implemented and successfully defended. In 1950, Local 25 setup its first health and welfare fund to protect its members. Just six years later, the local created a pension fund and the following year insured that its members who had worked hard their whole life would have dignity in retirement.

As an advocate for safer working environments, in 1960, Local 25 took a leadership role in protecting its members from the harmful side effects of asbestos. As time pressed on, Local 25 pioneered the supplemental unemployment benefit fund in 1969, insulating its hard working members to be from work loss in slow economic times.

In its many evolving roles, Local 25 took on the role of educator to both current and aspiring members. In 1977 Local 25 created its apprenticeship and training programs, to educate new members and continue the education of its current members. Through this work, Local 25 has established a professional craftsman code of conduct which it uses to uphold its high standards of quality.

Mr. Speaker, I know in the years ahead that we will continue to see the rise of new challenges and opportunities. Thanks to hard work and dedication of working men and women, like those of Heat and Frost Insulators and Allied Workers Local 25, I am confident we will continue to rise above those challenges and embrace new opportunities that will benefit all Americans. Local 25's 100th Anniversary is truly an auspicious occasion and I wish its leadership and members many more years of success.

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HON. RANDY HULTGREN

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 12, 2011

Mr. HULTGREN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor all the World War II veterans, but especially our distinguished guests from the Honor Flight Chicago program. This noble program enables hundreds of Veterans from the Chicago area to come visit the memorial built to honor their great service and courage, and I have the great privilege of welcoming them to Washington DC.

We all have a special appreciation for our veterans because we know the sacrifices they made to protect us and bring peace to a world ravaged by war. These servicemen answered our nation's call during one of its greatest times of need. These brave Americans risked life and limb, gave service and sacrificed much, all while embodying what it is to be a hero. We owe them our deepest gratitude and thanks for protecting and ensuring our future.

I welcome these brave veterans to Washington and to their memorial. I am proud to submit the names of these men for all to see, hear, recognize and I call on my colleagues to rise and join me in expressing thanks.

Charles Anderson	Venice Anderson	James Anderson
Sam Lucas	Roy Anderson	May Anderson
Louis Beiriger	Laurain Beiriger	Edward Berry
Fran Berry	Norma Berry	Christine Roberts