

79TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
UKRAINIAN FAMINE-GENOCIDE

HON. SANDER M. LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 27, 2012

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, this year marks the 79th anniversary of the Ukrainian famine-genocide, a tragedy that claimed the lives of an estimated 7 to 10 million Ukrainians between 1932 and 1933. I rise today to commemorate the lives of those who perished at the hands of Josef Stalin's Soviet Union and to remember the suffering of the Ukrainian people.

Using food as a weapon, Stalin's barbaric regime orchestrated a famine of genocidal proportions, attempting to suppress the Ukrainian nation by systematically starving its people. In 1932, the Soviet government confiscated Ukraine's grain crop as "social property" and executed anyone who resisted the seizure. Then, in an action that clearly reveals the murderous motivation behind the Soviet plan, the Red Army closed Ukraine's borders, sealing in the starving people who were trying to flee and shutting out any outside aid.

Unfortunately, the Ukrainian famine, referred to as the Holodomor, remains one of the least known human tragedies, in part because of generations of denial by the Soviet Union. By claiming the famine was the result of drought, food shortages, or other natural causes, the Soviet government engaged in a pernicious type of behavior that Holocaust survivor Elie Wiesel has called a "double killing." The Soviet Union carried out a deliberate campaign between 1923 and 1933 to eliminate the Ukrainian nation, killing millions of victims, and in the subsequent years denied that it ever happened, attempted to kill the memories of the victims.

There should be no doubt that the Holodomor was manmade and deliberate, a fact that has been confirmed by evidence gained through the opening of the Soviet archives over the last decade. This evidence will help ensure that the horrors of the Ukrainian famine-genocide are never repeated and the memories of the victims are never forgotten.

Another way we are ensuring that the Holodomor remains in our collective consciousness is the creation of a memorial in our Nation's capital honoring the famine's victims. Set to open next fall, the Ukrainian Famine Memorial is the product of cooperation among the Congress, the Ukrainian Government, and the 1.5 million strong Ukrainian-American community. The memorial will provide a reminder to us all that tyranny must not go unchallenged and that victims of inhumanity must never be forgotten.

I urge my colleagues to join me in remembering the victims of the Holodomor on its 79th anniversary.

HONORING DIRECTOR JOE JUDGE
UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM
THE SANTA CLARA VALLEY
WATER DISTRICT

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to acknowledge and honor Director Joe Judge upon his retirement from the Santa Clara Valley Water District.

Joe has been a Director at the Santa Clara Valley Water District since 1986, when the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors appointed him as At Large Director to represent North County. He was elected to the Board of Directors in 1996 to represent District 2, which includes central and downtown San Jose, portions of East San Jose, and Willow Glen.

During his tenure, he served as vice chairman in 1995 and 2009. Joe also served as chairman in 1989, 1996, and 2004. Joe championed the importance of Santa Clara County's water supply and flood protection. He gained community support for eighteen flood protection projects totaling \$529 million for District 2, including eight projects for the Guadalupe River, four projects for Calabazas Creek, mitigation plantings at the Children's Discovery Museum, erosion repair along the Los Gatos Creek, and the construction of a local child care center. He played a key role in the development of the Guadalupe River Park as a collaborative effort within the District.

While at the Santa Clara Valley Water District, he was able to help ensure that the county had a plentiful pure water supply, improve our water infrastructure, and preserve our watersheds, creeks, and trails. He advocated for state and federal policies to resolve longstanding Delta issues, including the restoration for the Delta ecosystem and a reliable Delta conveyance system.

Joe graduated from San Jose State University with a degree in business administration. He owns and operates his construction firm, Judge Construction. As a local businessman, he provided an open channel of communication between the business community and government, which advanced water conservation countywide. As a dedicated public servant for 26 years, his presence will be missed.

Director Joe Judge is retiring and I wish him all the best in the years to come. I commend Joe for his valuable service and wish him the best in his future endeavors. The community is very fortunate to have benefited from his expertise, passion, and commitment. He has left his mark in Santa Clara County.

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF SAINT JOSEPH THE WORKER CROATIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 27, 2012

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to congratulate Saint Joseph the Worker Croatian Catholic Church in Gary, Indiana, as it celebrates its 100th anniversary as

a parish on Sunday, October 14, 2012. I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate Father Stephen Loncar, parish pastor, on this special occasion. The 100th anniversary festivities will begin with a Mass of Thanksgiving at 10 a.m. at the church, celebrated by the Most Reverend Dale J. Melczek, Bishop of Gary. After the service, a banquet will be held at the Croatian Center in Merrillville, Indiana.

I would also like to commend the members of the Saint Joseph the Worker Parish Council and Anniversary Committee for the work they have put forth in the planning of this momentous event. Members include: Robert Balash, John Benich, Larry Brown, Irene Flores, Glenda Garriot, Charlene Gyurko, Anne Krpan, Tom Lashenik, Carmen and Frances Lenzo, Cheryl Lenzo, Sam and Celeste Linde, Marta McCobb, Marian Nicksich, Peter Podnar, Charlene Reynolds, Joe Ruda, Nick and Esther Sanchez, Mike Stulac, Guy and Rose Sutton, Kathy Swanson, Rosella Tuszyński, Michael Velasco, and Paul Yurkas.

In 1906, Croatian immigrants, comprised mainly of small business owners and steel workers, arrived to the growing city of Gary, Indiana, seeking employment opportunities and a better quality of life. Upon arrival, the immigrants dealt with numerous obstacles and prejudices, including a difficult language barrier. In order to create a sense of community with the hope of preserving Croatian heritage and culture, they joined together to create their own parish, and in 1913, Holy Trinity Croatian Catholic Church was built. The church continued to grow over the years due to the unwavering dedication of its leaders and parishioners. By 1919, a parochial school was added under the leadership of Reverend Charles Jesih of Croatia. Due to the growing population, the church continued to expand, and by 1956, under the leadership of Father Venceslav Ardes, a new larger church was completed and consecrated Saint Joseph the Worker Croatian Catholic Church in Gary, Indiana. One hundred years ago, the immigrants longed for a parish where they could attend mass in their own language and today that practice remains. The pioneers would be proud to know that this tradition is still alive today.

The church continues to seek innovative ways to sustain the traditions and ideals of the Catholic Church throughout Gary and Northwest Indiana. In 2009, Saint Joseph the Worker joined in an alliance with the Gary Cluster Parishes, a group formed by pastors and commissions with the goal of maintaining the Catholic Church in Gary, Indiana.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in congratulating Saint Joseph the Worker Catholic Church on the 100th anniversary of its founding. Throughout the years, the leaders and parishioners of the church, both past and present, have dedicated themselves to preserving Croatian tradition and upholding the values of their Catholic religion. For their commitment to public service and for touching the lives of countless individuals, the leaders and parishioners are worthy of the highest praise, and I wish Saint Joseph the Worker Catholic Church many prosperous years to come.

TRIBUTE TO MS. ANGELA
EDWARDS

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 27, 2012

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Ms. Angela Edwards.

Ms. Edwards started her nursing career in 1983 at Port of Spain General Hospital. She received her diploma in Nursing in 1986 and immigrated to the United States in 1989. She received a Bachelor's degree at St. Joseph College and a Master Degree in Nursing from Teachers College at Columbia University.

Ms. Edwards then started work at Mount Sinai Medical Center in 1993 and in 1996 she received the Nursing Award for Nursing Excellence. Ms. Edwards' stand-out service helped her get promoted from Staff Nurse to Clinical Coordinator and finally Clinical Nurse Manager. Ms. Edwards also served as Clinical Director of Nursing at the Saint Vincent Medical Centers from 2008 until the center's closure in April 2010.

Ms. Edwards started work at Woodhull Medical Center and during her brief tenure she created and implemented a Quality Nursing Dashboard to monitor clinical, financial and human resources sensitive indicators. She was instrumental in creating an all RN model in the Medical Surgical units, thereby ensuring high quality care for out-patients and she implemented Focus Charting to ensure improved nursing documentation in acute care units. All these initiatives to improved patient care culminated with the Implementation of Primary Nursing Model, which is as a Best Practice at the Woodhull Medical Center.

All through her nursing career Ms. Edwards provided compassionate and quality care to all patients especially those without resources. Today, she continues to tirelessly work to eliminate health disparities among the communities she serves.

Ms. Edwards now serves as the Deputy Director of Nursing at the North Brooklyn Health Network where she leads the nursing team providing quality care for the Inpatient Unit which consists of Critical Care, Medical/Surgical, Behavioral Health and Maternal Child Health services.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize Ms. Edwards for her contribution to the medical fraternity and our community.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Ms. Angela Edwards.

IN MEMORY OF DAISY LEA
ALEXANDER KENNEDY

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 27, 2012

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the life of Daisy Lea Alexander Kennedy, the beloved wife of my dearest friend and Chief of Staff, Arthur "Art" W. Kennedy. Sadly, she passed away on November 21 2012. I am truly blessed to have known Daisy and my thoughts and prayers go out to Art, his family, and friends during this most difficult time.

Daisy was a loving wife and mother, a life-long educator and mentor, and an active member of her community. Born on October 3, 1932 in Evergreen, Alabama to the late Delilah and Richard Alexander, she was the youngest of five children. At an early age, the family moved to Pensacola, Florida. Daisy was educated in the Escambia County Public School System and graduated from Booker T. Washington High School. She went on to attend Florida A&M University (FAMU), where she received both her undergraduate and graduate degrees.

With a great passion for teaching and mentoring, Daisy worked tirelessly for 37 years in the Broward County Public School System. She also played a critical role in her grandchildren's education, teaching them important skills such as writing, reading, and math.

Furthermore, Daisy was a faithful member of First Baptist Church Piney Grove since 1956. She sang soprano in the choir, started the noonday bible study, and held several leadership positions. These included being the first chairperson of the church directory, a past president of the Pastor's Aide, a former Sunday School Superintendent, a member of the hospitality committee, and an active member of the Missionary Circle of Mary of Bethany.

In addition, Daisy was a highly respected and admired member of the community, dedicating her time to numerous organizations. She was a strong supporter of the FAMU Alumni Association, the Golden Heights Neighborhood Association, the Kappa Silhouettes, and the Retired Teachers' Association.

On July 8, 1984, Daisy was united in holy matrimony to Art Kennedy. With this union came seven children, eighteen grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren, plus one on the way.

Daisy leaves to cherish her wonderful memory a loving and devoted husband, Art; her children, Sharon Telfer of Winter Haven, Florida; Lennard Robinson, Sr. of Plantation, Florida; Janice (Jerome) Boger of Conyers, Georgia; Michael Bruce (Joyce Marie) Kennedy of Miramar, Florida; Vikki Johnson of New Carrollton, Maryland; Arthur (Yolanda) Kennedy of Fort Lauderdale, Florida; and Jill Kennedy of Plantation, Florida; her grandchildren, Patrick, Shante, Shannon, Daima, Danielle (Marcus), Trawick, Kendall, Bryce, David (Amanda), Kasey Corey, Kiara, Daniel, Lennard, Moriah, Marion, Rico, Alex, and Tyler; her great-grandchildren, Marcus, Kamari, Lauren, Elijah, Ayden, Cameryn, Khambrea, King, and Kennedy; two brothers, Henderson Alexander and William Crosby; one sister, Alberta Lewis; a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins; her goddaughter, Deetra Durham; two very special friends, Mary Ellen Sands and Jackie Hall; and countless others.

Mr. Speaker, for those of us whose lives she touched, Daisy Kennedy will always have a special place in our hearts. She will be remembered fondly and dearly missed.

JUDGE DOMINICK SPADACCINO

HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 27, 2012

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Judge Dominick

Spadaccino who passed away recently at the age of 91. Judge Spadaccino will be remembered as one of the more colorful and unique characters to have served Bucks County. He served 23 years as a Magisterial District Judge in Middletown, PA before retiring in 1987. His service earned him a commendation from President Ronald Reagan.

Judge Spadaccino served in the U.S. Army Air Force in the China-Burma-India Theater of World War II along with his six brothers. He operated as a medical technician and earned a presidential citation for service, armed forces medal and distinguished service award. During his time in Bucks County, he was involved with the Uptown String Band in Hulmeville and was known for his lively wedding services.

He was described as a straightforward judge who was not afraid to speak his mind. He was known as a fair judge, who was respected for both his humorous nature and esteemed service to our community.

75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
ALUMNAE CHAPTER OF DELTA
SIGMA THETA SORORITY

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 27, 2012

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect and admiration that I recognize the Gary, Indiana Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority for recently celebrating its 75th anniversary. The theme for the event was "Through the Looking Glass: A Supreme Record of Sisterhood, Scholarship and Service." In honor of this momentous occasion, a reception was held on Friday, October 19, 2012, at the Genesis Convention Center in Gary, Indiana.

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, is a private, non-profit organization that was founded on January 13, 1913, by 22 students at Howard University in Washington, DC. The organization was founded in order to promote academic excellence and to assist the underserved population by providing scholarships, supporting community organizations, and by empowering people to fight for positive public policy. In one of their first public acts, the Delta founders participated in the Women's Suffrage March in Washington DC. on March 3, 1913. The Deltas were incorporated in 1930 and today, the sisterhood has over 200,000 female members and 900 chapters across the world.

Throughout the years, the sorority has continued to establish programs that strengthen the African American family and improve education, healthcare, and international development. The programs supported and developed by Delta Sigma Theta are based on the organizations five-point thrust that includes: economic development, educational development, international awareness and involvement, physical and mental health, and political awareness and involvement. Each program is coordinated by committees that work together to develop and implement this five-point thrust.

The Gary, Indiana, Alumnae Chapter has worked diligently to serve the city of Gary and all of Northwest Indiana. The Gary Alumnae chapter has created many innovative programs that have helped numerous people