

Claiborne case rescued the NAACP from certain bankruptcy by avoiding a financial penalty after the group organized a 1960s boycott against white merchants in Mississippi. In 1988, John represented the city of Richmond's program which set aside 30 percent of municipal construction jobs for minority-owned businesses. The Supreme Court ruled that the Richmond law was unconstitutional because it violated the white-owned construction firms' right to equal protection. Many would have been discouraged by the loss, but as John eloquently stated in the 2008 edition of *The Civil Rights Monitor*, published by the Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights, "We must recognize that this is a marathon and not a race if we are to find solutions that will work."

As I sat at John's memorial service, I not only sat as a legal colleague, but as a friend. Many shared their respects for a man who gave so much to promote justice and equality. I thank his wife of 20 years, Gay McDougall, for sharing her lifelong partner so that we could be beneficiaries of his lifelong mission.

WE SAY NEVER AGAIN TO THE
HOLOCAUST

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2012

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, on Yom HaShoah, better known as Holocaust and Heroism Remembrance Day, people from all walks of life regardless of politics, faith, race, gender, or sexual orientation recognize the Holocaust as one of the most horrific events in world history. Since the end of World War II the United States and our allies have promised to never allow such mass genocide to be repeated. Never again shall humanity experience the evil and destruction that brutally robbed eleven million people of their lives.

After the Allies took back Europe from the forces of evil, millions of Jews emigrated to the United States and to the area now globally recognized as the State of Israel. It is here where the Jewish people found a home to restore their identity in the aftermath of the War. When General Dwight Eisenhower arrived at Buchenwald, he ordered the U.S. 4th Armed Division to tour the facility. He wanted them to bear witness to the atrocities unleashed on human beings so that no person would ever question what happened.

For the Holocaust survivors, they live with the nightmares and trauma of having seen their brothers and sisters treated like animals. To this day former prisoners wake up seeing the most visible scar from that era, an identification tattoo forced on them upon entering the concentration camps.

New York is home to half of the Holocaust survivors living in the United States. Although we can never undo this tragedy, we can continue to remember and pay tribute to the survivors and their families. I am proud to live in a country that recognizes human rights and has provided sanctuary to oppressed people throughout the world. America must continue to remain that beacon of hope.

IN RECOGNITION OF CLEVELAND
PEACE ACTION

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2012

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Cleveland Peace Action as they gather for the Second Annual Save Our Communities—Books Not Bombs, Jobs Not Jails, Families Not Foreclosures Forum and Dinner and Rally on April 14 and 17, 2012.

Cleveland Peace Action, a chapter of Peace Action, was established in 1981 as the Greater Cleveland Nuclear Weapons Freeze Campaign. Their mission is "To reduce the threat of violence, war and terrorism by working through peaceful, just and democratic means." Cleveland Peace Action works for global nuclear disarmament, a comprehensive nuclear test ban treaty, a reduced military budget, alternatives to war and violence, cooperation with other nations and protection of human rights.

On April 14 and 17, 2012, Cleveland Peace Action will host the Save Our Communities—Books Not Bombs, Jobs Not Jails, Families Not Foreclosures Forum and Dinner and Save Our Communities—Make Taxation Fair! Bring the War \$\$\$ Home! Invest in Real Security! Rally. The community forum will be held on Saturday, April 14 at the Pilgrim United Church of Christ and will feature National Priorities Project's Senior Research Analyst, Chris Hellman, as the keynote speaker. The rally will be held on April 17 in Cleveland Public Square.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in recognizing Cleveland Peace Action as members of the Northeast Ohio community gather for the Second Annual Save Our Communities—Books Not Bombs, Jobs Not Jails, Families Not Foreclosures Forum and Dinner and Rally.

CELEBRATING STANLEY GORSKI
ON HIS 50 YEARS OF TEACHING
IN THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

HON. FRANK C. GUINTA

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2012

Mr. GUINTA. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I congratulate Mr. Stanley Gorski on his 50 years of teaching in the state of New Hampshire.

For the past fifty years, Mr. Gorski has inspired hundreds of high school students to pursue their talents and goals, and excel in their studies. As an English teacher, he has helped to spark an interest in reading and writing, and broadened the minds of many students in his classes, doing so with a great sense of humor and kindness appreciated by all. He is to be commended for his many years of service and dedication to his profession and students, and recognized for the impact he has had on their lives.

Throughout his fifty years of teaching, both at Bishop Brady High School and Trinity High School, Mr. Gorski has not only become a trusted and valued employee, but a mentor

and friend to his fellow teachers. He generously shares his knowledge and experience with those around him and we are all thankful for his many contributions to teaching.

I congratulate Stanley on reaching this great milestone and for his outstanding commitment to education and his students. Tonight's celebration is well deserved for the many years of service he has given and I wish him all the best for continued success in the future.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION RE-
GARDING RECORDED VOTE ON
THE HOLT AMENDMENT TO H.R.
4809

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2012

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, I wish to correct a vote I made yesterday, regarding the Holt Amendment to H.R. 4809, the Sportsmen's Heritage Act of 2012. I mistakenly voted against the amendment, when I intended to support it. I strongly support Rep. HOLT's intention, which was to make a technical correction to the legislation to allow a local park manager to close a park to hunting and recreational shooting when necessary. My record in supporting and protecting our national parks is a testimony to my strong commitment to these important places, and I believe that Rep. HOLT's amendment was an important technical correction.

I wish to clearly state for the record that I supported the Holt Amendment to H.R. 4809 and did not intend to vote against it.

IN RECOGNITION OF CLEVELAND
FEDERAL EXECUTIVE BOARD'S
26TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2012

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 26th anniversary of the Cleveland Federal Executive Board, and to thank all the federal employees in our community for their individual and collective dedication to the public good.

The community of federal employees in Cleveland, Ohio is comprised of more than 25,000 individuals who contribute their talent and expertise daily in an array of roles, including park rangers, administrators, accountants, clerical employees, attorneys engineers, military personnel, mail carriers, scientists, nurses and physicians.

The professional contributions extended daily by federal employees serve as a foundation of support, safety and security throughout the community. Every day, the environment is protected; the mail is delivered; veterans receive medical care; our national park is preserved; immigrants are guided to citizenship; citizens are provided with benefits and programs; and the universe is studied and explored thanks to federal employees in Northeast Ohio.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring the members of the Cleveland

Federal Executive Board and the thousands of federal employees who live and work within the Cleveland community. Their dedication to their work continues to preserve, protect and strengthen our entire community.

RECOGNITION OF SERGEANT
FRANK LEHR OF THE NEWARK,
CALIFORNIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2012

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Sergeant Frank Lehr. Sergeant Lehr retired from the City of Newark, California's Police Department on January 27, 2012.

Sergeant Lehr began his career with the Newark Police Department on August 2, 1986. Prior to joining the department he served as an officer in the City of San Jose Airport Police Force. During his time as a Police Officer in Newark, Sergeant Lehr served two terms with the Southern Alameda County Narcotics Enforcement Team as a Narcotics Detective. In addition to his patrol and detective assignments, Sergeant Lehr served as a Field Training Officer, an instructor for the Citizens Police Academy, a SWAT team member, a hostage negotiator, and in 1990 was named Officer of the Year by his peers.

Sergeant Lehr was promoted to the rank of sergeant on July 1, 2004. He was assigned to the Patrol Division and was the Community Safety Team Sergeant. In this position he worked with his team on gang related problems in Newark. In addition to his day-to-day duties, Sergeant Lehr also served as the Hostage Negotiation Team Sergeant and was an original member of the City of Newark's first Honor Guard.

On August 12, 2009, Sergeant Lehr graduated from the Sherman Block Supervisory Leadership Institute. The Institute is designed to stimulate personal growth, leadership, and ethical decision-making among California law enforcement's front-line supervisors.

Throughout his tenure with the Newark Police Department, Sergeant Lehr has served with distinction. I extend congratulations to him on his retirement and join the City of Newark in thanking him for his commitment to exemplary law enforcement.

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF SAINT ANDREW
GREEK ORTHODOX
CHURCH

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2012

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Saint Andrew Greek Orthodox Church, located in the Township of Randolph, Morris County, New Jersey as they celebrate their 50th Anniversary.

Saint Andrew Greek Orthodox Church came together with approximately 50 families and their first priest, Fr. Konstantine Tsigas, for their First Divine Liturgy on December 23, 1962 in Dover, New Jersey. The ground

breaking ceremony for a new church facility in Randolph, New Jersey took place on December 16, 1973. The Church has thrived throughout its many decades, growing from 50 families to over 500 and will continue to thrive for the many years to come.

Saint Andrew prides itself on not only preserving the Greek Orthodox faith and heritage for future generations but also on sharing its culture and faith with the Morris County community.

St. Andrew's incorporates individuals of varying interests and backgrounds through their comprehensive selection of community activities and programs. The Church has enriched the community by offering regular religious services, religious education, and weekly classes on the Greek Language and Hellenic culture. Members of their community can participate in the Church's Byzantine Choir, join one of the many Greek folk dancing groups, attend youth or adult Greek language classes, or join one of several service groups. By offering an array of cultural programs and activities, St. Andrew has succeeded in keeping the Greek culture and language a part of the holistic Orthodox experience.

The Church also provides philanthropic services to the community through volunteer work and services such as providing Life Line Screening, which preemptively scans for risk factors for Stroke, Vascular Disease, and Osteoporosis. St. Andrew's Daughters of Penelope organization award numerous college scholarships to graduating high school seniors in the area while the Philoptochos Society strives both to promote the Greek Orthodox tradition and to assist those in need through fundraisers.

Through their steadfast dedication to addressing the educational and social needs of the community while preserving the cultural and religious diversity of the Morris area, Saint Andrew Greek Orthodox Church has proved itself to be a pillar of our community.

The Saint Andrew Greek Orthodox Church is truly a place where anyone is welcome to find God and find a community of caring, friendly faces. We are proud to have them here in Morris County.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating Saint Andrew Greek Orthodox Church as they celebrate their Fiftieth Anniversary.

IN RECOGNITION OF TOAST-
MASTERS INTERNATIONAL, DISTRICT 10

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2012

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the members of Toastmasters International, District 10 as they gather in Cleveland, Ohio for their Spring District Conference on April 27 and 28, 2012.

Toastmasters International was established in 1924 as an organization dedicated to making people more confident in front of audiences. The organization empowers people to achieve their full potential. Through its member clubs, people throughout the world can improve their communication and leadership skills, and find the courage they need for suc-

cessful public speaking. Toastmasters International has more than 270,000 members that belong to 13,000 clubs in 116 countries. District 10 of Toastmasters International serves approximately 1,700 members and consists of more than 100 active clubs in Northeast Ohio.

The theme of the Spring Conference is "Strive for Excellence" and will consist of educational workshops, contests and a dinner. It will also feature the 2011–2012 Toastmaster International President, Mr. Michael Notaro and the Communication and Leadership Award recipient, Reverend Larry L. Harris, Sr., the Senior Pastor of Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in recognizing the members of Toastmasters International, District 10 as they gather for their Spring Conference.

RECOGNIZING ELIE WIESEL

HON. E. SCOTT RIGELL

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2012

Mr. RIGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to enter a statement into the Record on behalf of my constituent, Dr. Israel Zoberman. Dr. Zoberman is the Founding Rabbi of Congregation Beth Chaverim in Virginia Beach, Virginia. He is also the president of the Hampton Roads Board of Rabbis and Cantors. Dr. Zoberman asked me to enter the following remarks into the Record recognizing Elie Wiesel. Dr. Zoberman's statement follows:

"With over 50 books to his illustrious credit, Elie Wiesel continues to bless us at age 84 with his multiple pursuits, including recently as a musician of his childhood songs and melodies. If anyone deserves the honorary appellation of "Our Teacher and Rabbi" these unsettling times of post-Holocaust perplexities for Jew and Gentile, it is this distinguished yet humble survivor of the Holocaust's unique tragedy, calling upon us to bear sacred witness with Zachor's undying remembrance. He emerged from the "Kingdom Of The Night" resolved to help save humanity, struggling with his shaken faith in his early classic "Night," while contending with his brethren's fate in Soviet captivity in "Jews Of Silence," ever faithful to his rich Jewish moorings as well as universal culture.

Wiesel, a 1986 Nobel Peace Laureate—he should receive one for literature too—is on the very short list of those serving as humanity's conscience. He courageously speaks out for human rights in addition to his "Elie Wiesel Foundation for Humanity," and academic work as the Andrew W. Mellon Professor in the Humanities at Boston University. Among many awards and honors, this great American and humanitarian is a recipient of the United States Congressional Gold Medal along with the Presidential Medal of Freedom, and is the 1980 Founding Chairman of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council, receiving on May 16th, 2011, the first U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum Award, the museum's highest honor, now bearing Wiesel's name. He turned down, reportedly, in 2007 the sure opportunity to become Israel's President.

Wiesel's latest literary gem, "The Sonenberg Case," is a suspenseful Holocaust related novel reflecting his being at home both