

JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE
MONTH

SPEECH OF

HON. GENE GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 30, 2012

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise to share a few words on the vast and significant contributions Jewish Americans have made towards making America the greatest country in the world.

The first Jewish Americans arrived on our shores in 1654, for the same reason millions would follow in later years, as refugees from harm, poverty, and persecution.

These first Jewish Americans would settle in New Amsterdam (now New York) and eventually spread throughout our country from places as dispersed as Charleston and Philadelphia in the 18th century to nearly every corner of our country today, including a large and thriving community in my hometown of Houston.

The contribution of Jewish Americans to our Nation's history, culture and development are almost too numerous to list—from the legal contributions of Supreme Court Justice Louis Brandeis, to the musical talents of Leonard Bernstein, to the athletic prowess of Sandy Koufax, to the unknown thousands of Jewish American men and women who struggled for equality, workers' rights, and fought and died bravely for our country against tyranny.

Today, the Jewish American community, now over six million strong, continues this long and proud tradition as members of every segment of American society—from the classroom and the boardroom to the battlefield and the halls of Congress.

I ask all my colleagues in this chamber to join me in celebrating May as Jewish American Heritage Month.

RECOGNIZING THE ACHIEVEMENTS
OF THE THOMAS JEFFERSON
HIGH SCHOOL NATIONAL HIS-
TORY BOWL TEAMS**HON. ADAM SMITH**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 31, 2012

MR. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the two teams of Thomas Jefferson High School students who have qualified for the National History Bowl's Championships in Washington, DC.

The teams made up of seniors John David McCleary, Sarah Lee, and Matthew Kullberg, and juniors Abigail Rood, Julia Huber, Hanna Moore, Anna Metcalf, Elissa McDavid, and Paul Jaquish, battled teams from across Washington State to qualify for the National Championship. They were challenged with questions ranging from Chinese dynasties to the lyrics of the ACDC hit "Back in Black." The two teams placed second and fourth to qualify for the National Championships.

In addition to participating in National History Bowl, these students belong to the rigorous International Baccalaureate program, which gives students a global education experience that prepares them to thrive in today's intercultural world. They are coached by Inter-

national Baccalaureate history teacher, Steven Hall, an Air Force Military Police Veteran.

The National History Bowl is an inter-scholastic team history competition. Each year between 60 and 75 regional tournaments are held to determine the top teams that will move on to the National Championships in Washington, DC. This year competitions were also held in Europe and Asia, and over 100 teams will compete in the National Championships. The goal of the National History Bowl is to instill a curiosity for the past that will help students as they grow into tomorrow's leaders.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor that I recognize the accomplishments of the Thomas Jefferson High School National History Bowl teams. Qualifying not just one, but two teams is a prestigious achievement very few schools can hope to accomplish. I wish them all the best of luck.

REVEREND MARK MACKEY SR.,
NEW PASTOR OF MACEDONIA
MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH**HON. STEPHEN LEE FINCHER**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 31, 2012

Mr. FINCHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the installation of Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church's new pastor, Reverend Mark Mackey, Sr. Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church is located in Jackson, in the 8th District of Tennessee.

On May 7th, Pastor Mackey became Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church's 10th Pastor. Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church, for finding the shepherd for its flock, and beginning a new legacy in the community with Pastor Mackey.

TRIBUTE TO HAL JACKSON, PIO-
NEER NEW YORK CITY RADIO
BROADCASTER**HON. JESSE L. JACKSON, JR.**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 31, 2012

Mr. JACKSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to note that there are many persons in the history of the African American community who have broken down important racial barriers, and that one of the most important of these was Harold Baron Jackson—better known as Hal Jackson—who helped to break down such barriers as a popular cross-over New York City radio broadcaster for over 50 years. He remained an active broadcaster on WBLS-FM Radio until just a few weeks before his passing. He died last Wednesday at age 96.

Mr. Jackson's easy manner and multiple interests in music didn't make it any easier for him to break into the radio business in the 1930s—before the 1954 Brown decision when Jim Crow de jure legal segregation was still the law of the land, while hangings of Blacks in the South were still a major concern in Black life and de facto segregation ruled the North.

The New York Times pointed out in its obituary, "At a time when segregation was wide-

spread, he was a familiar voice to black and white listeners alike. At one point in the 1950s, he was hosting three shows—one rhythm-and-blues, one jazz and one pop—on three different New York radio stations.

He was also a significant player, along with Percy Sutton, in the establishment of the African American wholly-owned Inner City Broadcasting Corporation in 1970 where he established an urban contemporary format rooted in African American music but which also appealed to a racially mixed audience. While getting his start in broadcasting in Washington, DC, he moved to New York in 1954 and helped to establish WBLS as the highest rated radio station in New York City. Mr. Jackson dominated the airwaves, eventually expanding his reach across the country.

In 1990 he became the first African American inducted into the National Association of Broadcasters Hall of Fame, Mr. Speaker, and in 1995 was among the first five inducted into the Radio Hall of Fame.

Hal Jackson's birth, as was true of many southern Blacks then, was not officially recorded but it's believed that he was born on November 3, 1915 in Charleston, SC. He was one of five children. His father, Eugene Baron Jackson, was a tailor, and his mother was the former Laura Rivers. Both of his parents died when he was a child, so he was raised by "relatives in Charleston and New York before settling in Washington, where he graduated from Dunbar High School and attended classes at Howard University." (New York Times)

Mr. Jackson was also an avid sports fan who broadcast Howard University football and Negro league baseball games and organized an all-black basketball team known as the Washington Bears. He also raised money for civil rights causes, established Hal Jackson's Talented Teens International and was one of the first advocates of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday. And, as they say, the rest is history.

He was married four times and divorced three. His current wife, the former Debi Bolling, survives him, along with two daughters, Jane and Jewell; his son, Hal Jackson, Jr., a former Wisconsin Supreme Court Justice; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

IN RECOGNITION OF OXFORD HIGH
SCHOOL YELLOW JACKETS BASE-
BALL TEAM FOR WINNING THE
6A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP**HON. MIKE ROGERS**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 31, 2012

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I would like to request the House's attention to pay recognition to the Oxford High School Yellow Jacket baseball team in Oxford, Alabama, who recently won the Alabama High School Athletic Association Class 6A State Championship.

This is the first State Championship for the Oxford baseball team after coming in as runners up in 1978, 1989 and 2009. They are led by Head Coach Wes Brooks.

All of us across Calhoun County and East Alabama are deeply proud of these talented young Alabamians. I'd like to congratulate the

team, their coaches and Oxford High School on this outstanding achievement.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STEVEN M. PALAZZO

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 31, 2012

Mr. PALAZZO. Mr. Speaker, on May 30, 2012 I was unavoidably delayed due to a mechanical problem during travel causing me to miss rollcall vote 295 on H.R. 4201, the Servicemember Family Protection Act. Had I been present for this vote, I would have voted "aye".

PRENATAL NONDISCRIMINATION ACT (PRENDA) OF 2012

SPEECH OF

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 30, 2012

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I am opposed to H.R. 3541—Prenatal Nondiscrimination Act (PRENDA) of 2012, because it is a backdoor attempt at reversing decades of precedent established by *Roe v. Wade*. I have always believed that a woman's right to choose is a constitutional right. And personal decisions, such as deciding whether or not to have an abortion, should involve a woman, her family and her faith. If an abortion is a personal decision, the government should not interfere.

The passage of the Prenatal Nondiscrimination Act presents would put the onerous on health care providers in deterring the intent of the woman seeking an abortion. The legislation would create a civil cause of action for an injunction that could take months to resolve, leaving the woman with limited options. Most egregiously, the legislation would, for the first time in almost forty years, allow the government to legislate this personal decision in the first trimester of pregnancy. It is clear that the ultimate goal of this legislation is an outright ban on abortion services. For these reasons, I oppose this legislation and urge my colleagues to stand with women and against the Republican continuous attacks on their rights.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROBERT L. TURNER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 31, 2012

Mr. TURNER of New York. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 295 I was away from the floor due to a memorial service for first responders at the World Trade Center Memorial in New York. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

HONORING WARMINSTER PRODUCTION TEAM

HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 31, 2012

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Warminster based production team responsible for the anti-bullying album "All About Bullies . . . Big and Small." Congratulations to Steve Pullara, Jim Cravero, Gloria Domina, Kevin Mackie and Patrick Robinson for their Grammy award winning production for best children's album. Your album is inspiring to us all, and it paves the way in the fight against bullying amongst our nation's youth.

Today, bullying is a serious problem in our schools, and it has manifested into cyber bullying in our homes. Statistics show that nearly 77 percent of our children have been bullied at some point in their lives, and some of these cases have even led to suicide.

In order to prevent bullying throughout our nation, it is necessary to apply unique and creative methods that resonate with younger generations. Featuring 37 songs, poems and short stories performed by prominent American artists, "All About Bullies . . . Big and Small" sends a powerful anti-bullying message to its listeners.

Thank you once again to the producers of the album for doing their part to make not only Bucks County, but the entire nation, a better, safer place for everyone. I am honored to represent these Grammy winners in Congress, and hope they will continue their efforts.

HONORING TL HANNA HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS' SOCCER TEAM

HON. JEFF DUNCAN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 31, 2012

Mr. DUNCAN of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the TL Hanna High School Girls' Soccer Team for winning the State 4A Championship. These young women had a phenomenal 27–2 season, defeating Wando High School two to nothing to capture the state title for the first time in school history.

Led by their coach, Katelyn Davis, and their trainer Jason Powell, the team had three players named "all state", and five named "all region".

After winning the State Championship in Columbia, South Carolina, on May 18, one of the players was asked about her head coach by a member of the press and stated: "She is the rock of this team. Our big sister. We look up to her so much, and wouldn't be here without her."

Coach Davis did an excellent job leading her team to the state title, keeping them focused on their motto "one team, one goal."

Competitive sports are valuable for teaching important life lessons such as determination, hard work, and being part of a team. I'm confident that these young women will carry their experiences with them out into the world, and use them to boldly succeed in life.

Congratulations to: Tatiana Guarin, Madison Anderson, Madyson Strong, Paige Miller,

Baylee Gillmore, Chelsea Drennan, Catherine Roberts, Madison Cutts, Amber Bowles, Kelly Shaw, Meredith Parker, Jan Wilson, Anna Brannon, Olivia Bair, Kylie Miller, Christina Barrington, Lina Baroni, Margaret McElwee, Fantasia Todd.

You all have many reasons to be proud. I know that you'll never forget your 2012 Championship season, and I hope you'll take the same level of boldness that you brought to the field with you everywhere you go in life.

Congratulations Yellow Jackets, and God Bless.

PRENATAL NONDISCRIMINATION ACT (PRENDA) OF 2012

SPEECH OF

HON. STEVEN R. ROTHMAN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 30, 2012

Mr. ROTHMAN of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong opposition to H.R. 3541, the Prenatal Nondiscrimination Act (PRENDA) of 2012. Contrary to its misleading title, H.R. 3541 would do nothing to prevent sex discrimination, but instead, would be a huge step backwards for gender equality, by enacting dangerous restrictions on women's reproductive rights. This legislation would place harsh criminal penalties on doctors, asking them to read minds, profile women, violate doctor-patient confidentiality, and make them fearful of providing legal health care. It is a reckless attempt to restrict women's health care rights simply to score political points, and yet another reprehensible example of politicians practicing medicine without a license. American women can and should be trusted to make morally and intellectually sound decisions about their own health.

HONORING REVEREND RICHARD CARRUTH'S 35 YEARS OF MIN- ISTRY

HON. STEPHEN LEE FINCHER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 31, 2012

Mr. FINCHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Reverend Richard Carruth of Newbern, Tennessee for his 35 years of service to Methodist communities in Mississippi, Kentucky, and West Tennessee.

Even as a retiree, Reverend Carruth has a long history of enriching and supporting the lives of his communities tri-state area. Since then, he has actively served small membership churches in the 8th District of Tennessee after making his retirement home in Dyer County.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating Reverend Carruth on the occasion of his 35th Anniversary as a Methodist Minister this May. There is no doubt that throughout those 35 years, his ministry has touched thousands of lives.