

AWARDING CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL TO ADDIE MAE COLLINS, DENISE McNAIR, CAROLE ROBERTSON, AND CYNTHIA WESLEY

SPEECH OF

HON. KEITH J. ROTHFUS

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ROTHFUS. Mr. Speaker, I want to commend my colleagues from Alabama, Ms. SEWELL and Mr. BACHUS for their work on H.R. 360. I was pleased to support awarding the Congressional Gold Medal to Addie Mae Collins, Denise McNair, Carole Robertson, and Cynthia Wesley in commemoration of the 1963 bombing of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church. Bestowing this honor is a fitting tribute to these young girls who are martyrs in the cause for freedom and justice. May we never forget the sacrifice of these young girls and their families and the impact it had on the United States civil rights movement.

HONORING THE BRADFORD COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY AND THE AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS

HON. TOM MARINO

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 26, 2013

Mr. MARINO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Bradford County Humane Society of Ulster, Pennsylvania, and the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA), for their efforts to save the lives of shelter animals in my district.

The Bradford County Humane Society provides care to homeless and abused pets, and investigates reports of animal cruelty in the community. When staff at the Humane Society realized their shelter in Ulster needed a new animal transport vehicle to carry out their life-saving work more efficiently, the organization turned to the ASPCA for assistance.

The ASPCA is a key player in animal welfare philanthropy, and has provided funds for animal welfare programs in every state. Over the past five years, the ASPCA has distributed nearly \$55 million in grants to shelters and rescues across the country.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to announce that the Bradford County Humane Society of Ulster, Pennsylvania is the recipient of the ASPCA's 5,000th grant since 2008.

An award of \$31,500 will allow the Bradford County Humane Society to acquire a new animal transport van, which the organization will use to investigate animal cruelty cases and ferry shelter animals to a local veterinary clinic for spay and neuter surgeries. The new vehicle will reduce transportation costs and stress on animals during transit.

On behalf of the citizens and animals of Pennsylvania, I'm proud to congratulate the both the Bradford County Humane Society and the ASPCA for their continued commitment to protecting animals.

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ORADELL PUBLIC LIBRARY

HON. SCOTT GARRETT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 26, 2013

Mr. GARRETT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Oradell Public Library. On February 7th, 1913, a small group of community leaders met in Oradell to discuss the creation of a public library. A little over two months later, these individuals successfully opened the public library on April 19, 1913.

The library was originally managed by its Board of Trustees and the president of the board, William Zabriskie, who served in that position for 25 years. The board dedicated their time and efforts to ensure the library continued to grow and serve the community. The examples of generosity that contributed to the development and evolution of the library are numerous, but some instances demand specific mention.

The first librarian, Marie A. Skinner, worked on a volunteer basis for the first three months and thereafter received a mere ten dollars per month for her hard work. A local carpenter volunteered his time and materials to build the library's first shelves. World renowned painter Charles Livingston Bull, an Oradell resident and an original board member, donated multiple works of art which reside in the library to this day. After ten years of occupying a room behind the local post office, the library moved to its own building provided by the Bellis-Blauvelt family. Residents later donated books to increase the library's collection.

A hundred years after its founding, the Oradell Public Library remains an exemplary model of what is possible when people come together for the betterment of their community. I congratulate the Oradell Public Library on this important and impressive milestone. It is an honor to represent the people of Oradell and to commend the hard work and personal sacrifice of so many that established the Oradell Public Library.

RECOGNIZING THE 98TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 26, 2013

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 98th anniversary of the Armenian Genocide.

In the wake of World War I, the Ottoman Empire launched a campaign of terror against their own Armenian citizens. From 1915 to 1923, forced deportations displaced 2 million Armenians. Unarmed men were separated from their families and were either forced into concentration camps or taken away to be executed. Innocent women and children were systematically stripped of their possessions and driven into what is now the Syrian Desert. During these "Death Marches" they were subjected to starvation, sickness, and abuse amid brutal conditions. In the end, nearly 1.5 million

Armenians had lost their lives in what became the first genocide of the 20th century.

Although these atrocities occurred almost a century ago, it is imperative to remember the suffering that was endured as a result of unrestrained human malice. To acknowledge this truth is necessary, not just out of respect for our fellow citizens of Armenian descent, but also in hope that we can prevent such heinous crimes from occurring in the future.

Today, I call on my colleagues to join me in somber remembrance of the 1.5 million Armenians who perished during this dark period of history, and to honor the strength and resolve of the Armenian community still working to overcome this tragedy.

HONORING JUDITH L. FITZGERALD, J.D.

HON. C.A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 26, 2013

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to recognize Ms. Judith L. Fitzgerald, who will be honored with the "2013 Dream Keeper Award" for her many contributions to the education of youth in Maryland over the past three decades.

A Baltimore native, Ms. Fitzgerald is a graduate of Western High School and Lincoln University. She earned her law degree from Boston College and practiced both privately and for various government agencies. She began her teaching career as an adjunct professor at the University Of Maryland College Park and Baltimore City Community College.

Ms. Fitzgerald was a distinguished lecturer at Bowie State University, serving as a pre-law advisor, faculty advisor to two clubs and as program director for a consortium of Historically Black Colleges and University's with National Intelligence Studies Programs. During her tenure at Bowie State, Ms. Fitzgerald was the recipient of numerous honors and awards including the "Outstanding Service & Appreciation" Award and the "2012 Bowie Girls Rock Award" for her tremendous work as a mentor and faculty member.

Ms. Fitzgerald is currently a contributing faculty member at Walden University, where she teaches in the PhD and Masters Programs for the School of Public Policy and Administration. In addition to her teaching responsibilities, she is the lead faculty for other courses and serves on several dissertation committees.

When she is not teaching, Ms. Fitzgerald serves as the Vice President and Executive Director for ReInvent Inc., a music and arts after-school and summer school program for at-risk youth. She has also volunteered as a mediator for the Maryland Commission for Human Relations and Community Mediation Maryland. She has served on advisory boards too many to name and is a member of All Saints Church in Baltimore.

Mr. Speaker, the "Dream Keeper Award" was established to recognize the contributions of educators in the State of New Jersey. This is the first time the award will be presented to a resident of another state. This fact reflects Ms. Fitzgerald's personal commitment to each student she encounters. She truly leads by example, providing guidance and mentoring to those aspiring to enter the legal profession

and other careers. I ask that you join with me today to honor Ms. Judith L. Fitzgerald. It is with great admiration and appreciation that I congratulate her on this well-deserved honor and wish her many more years of success.

HONORING FLOYD VANDERHOEF

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 26, 2013

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Floyd VanDerhoef for his service to our nation and his honorary membership into the 12th Armored Division Memorial Museum's Board of Directors.

Floyd served as a first lieutenant and captain in A Company, 56th Armored Infantry Battalion. Floyd's battalion was one of the first units in Patton's First Army to cross over the Rhine into Germany, where it helped liberate between 40,000–50,000 prisoners held en route to the Dachau concentration camp.

Following his service, Floyd remained close with the veterans who served alongside him, and he was instrumental in establishing the 12th Armored Division Memorial Museum in Abilene, Texas. He donated his own memorabilia and even paid for gold stars on the museum's floor to honor his fallen comrades.

It is important for all of us to take a moment and say thank you to our veterans like Floyd VanDerhoef who sacrificed for our country and our freedom. From the time of our nation's founding to today, these brave men and women have earned the enduring gratitude of our nation, and we honor their selfless service.

I am honored to recognize Floyd VanDerhoef for his service to our nation and for his commitment to honor his fellow veterans.

REMEMBERING THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 26, 2013

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, with Orthodox Christians across the world observing Holy Week next week, it is only fitting that today we remember a time in history that tested the will and character of the Armenian people.

Like the earliest Christians, the Armenians proved themselves not only survivors of persecution, but also masters of their destinies.

I have been a strong supporter of Armenia and of the Armenia Genocide resolution, which recognizes the massacre of 1.5 million innocent Armenian men, women and children at the hands of the Ottoman Empire as genocide.

These atrocities should not be ignored whether they took place in the early 20th century by the Ottomans, the mid-20th century by the Third Reich, or now with the ongoing violence in the Nuba Mountains and Burma.

Genocide is a scourge on the human race and must be acknowledged as such.

As we continue to seek the truth, a final acknowledgement of the horrific events that took place so long ago, I will always stand in solidarity with the Armenian people.

IN RECOGNITION OF TEMPLE BETH AHM'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 26, 2013

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Temple Beth Ahm as members gather to celebrate its 50th anniversary. Since its humble beginnings, the congregation has grown structurally and in membership, while continuing to provide outstanding spiritual guidance to the community.

Temple Beth Ahm traces its roots back to a community committed to its Jewish values. They established the Strathmore-at-Matawan Jewish Center as an organization for meetings, worship, education and activities. These events were held at various locations throughout the town, including members' homes, schools and fire houses. The organization affiliated with United Synagogue of America in 1963 and continued to grow in membership. In 1968 it completed the construction of its synagogue and changed its name to Temple Beth Ahm, the House of the People, as individuals from surrounding communities began to join.

Temple Beth Ahm continued to grow as it established a Hebrew School, preschool and theater group and its social groups expanded activities held at the temple. Over the years, other congregations merged with Temple Beth Ahm—The United Hebrew Congregation of Keyport in 1974 and Temple Ohav Shalom of Sayreville in 2002. Each of the mergers brought not only additional membership, but also Judaica and other objects and assets that enhanced the synagogue. It expanded its construction, adding classrooms and a permanent sanctuary in 1983 and later expanding its library and building a chapel.

Throughout its 50 year history, Temple Beth Ahm has also expanded its vision. In 1973 it elected its first female president and followed Rabbinical Assembly procedure to open roles of ritual aspects to women. In 2011 it hired its first female Rabbi, Lisa Malik.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Temple Beth Ahm on its 50th Anniversary. Its service to the community is truly deserving of this body's recognition.

HONORING THE REVEREND MONSIGNOR FRANCIS MANIOLA ON HIS 100TH BIRTHDAY AND THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF HIS ORDINATION

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 26, 2013

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Reverend Monsignor Francis Maniola on his 100th birthday and the 75th anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood. I am happy to have joined him in celebrating these milestones at St. Symphorosa, the Catholic parish on the Southwest Side of Chicago that he has served for 45 years.

Monsignor Maniola was originally appointed Pastor of St. Symphorosa Parish in 1968. Responding to changes in Catholic parishes that were mandated by the bishops of the Second

Vatican Council, Father Maniola sought to increase Parish involvement both spiritually and socially. He led the establishment of new groups and liturgical ministries at St. Symphorosa such as the popular Super Club, a senior citizens group with weekly events and activities, as well as support groups like the Widow and Widowers Club. I fondly remember Monsignor Maniola as the Pastor of the parish throughout my eight years at St. Symphorosa School.

Although he retired in 1981 with the title "Pastor Emeritus," his leadership and commitment to the Parish have continued to be felt in the community.

At 100 years of age, Monsignor Maniola is in good health and high spirits. As an avid baseball fan, he enjoys watching Cubs and White Sox games. He also enjoys solving crossword and Sudoku puzzles. He remains deeply spiritual, and maintains an active role in the Parish.

Today I express my admiration of Monsignor Maniola's devotion to St. Symphorosa, and honor his lifetime of achievements. I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing Monsignor Maniola well as he celebrates his 100th birthday and the 75th anniversary of his Ordination, and to thank him for his service.

LOWER BUCKS COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 26, 2013

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Lower Bucks County Chamber of Commerce for 50 years of outstanding service to the business community in Pennsylvania's 8th District.

The Lower Bucks County Chamber of Commerce was founded in the hopes to advance the values of free enterprise, and since 1963 has dedicated itself to enhancing and promoting business in the Lower Bucks County region. Incorporating more than 1000 member companies, today the LBCCC has earned the accreditation by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

As a lifelong resident of Bucks County, I greatly admire the work being done by the Lower Bucks County Chamber of Commerce. Their commitment to representing small, medium and large businesses and firms is commendable, and I am honored to represent the chamber in Washington, along with several member businesses that have maintained membership for all 50 years, Begley, Carlin & Mandio, LLP, Bucks County Courier Times, Bucks County Technical High School, Burton & Browse LLP, The Dow Chemical Company, Farruggio's Bristol & Philadelphia, Auto Express, First Federal of Bucks County, First National Bank and Trust, Company of Newtown, General Machine Products Company, Inc., Hellyer Performing Arts Center, Inc., Intercounty Media Group, Hal Lefcourt, APR, Lucisano Brothers, Inc., PECO, Pennsbury School District, United States Steel Corporation, United Way of Bucks County, and WBCB Radio Station (1490 AM).

I am pleased to congratulate the Lower Bucks County Chamber of Commerce and recognize those member companies who have