

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING MR. JOEL GORELICK ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 5, 2013

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I stand before you today to honor Mr. Joel Gorelick on his retirement from his position as president and chief administrative officer of Peoples Bank. Joel's many years of dedication and expertise in the banking industry have been a remarkable asset to the community of northwest Indiana. In honor of Joel's retirement, a reception will be held on Friday, January 25, 2013, at Briar Ridge Country Club in Schererville, Indiana.

Joel Gorelick was born and raised in northwest Indiana and graduated from Ball State University. He went on to receive a master's degree in business administration from Indiana University and also attended the Graduate School of Banking at the University of Wisconsin at Madison. In 1983, Mr. Gorelick joined Peoples Bank as the vice president for commercial lending. In this role, Joel was able to effectively develop the bank's commercial line of business and established Peoples Bank as a leader in small business lending. For his tremendous success, he was awarded the Small Business Advocate award from the Entrepreneurial Excellence program, hosted by the Northwest Indiana Small Business Development Center, and was named the 2000 Board Member of the Year by the National Association of Development Companies. In 2005, Joel was promoted to president and chief administrative officer of Peoples Bank. He played a major role in the development of the corporate office in Munster, Indiana and in the expansion of the bank throughout Lake and Porter Counties. Joel Gorelick is known for his energetic dedication to serving the people of the community and has been called a mentor and coach for the bank's personnel.

Ever a good man of business, Joel realized that his responsibility was not simply to ensure the success of Peoples Bank, but to leave the world better than he found it. Mr. Gorelick selflessly and passionately gives of his time through his involvement in various community organizations and civic activities, including the Northwest Indiana Regional Development Company, the Indiana Bankers Association, the Lake County Economic Development Corporation, and the Boys and Girls Club of Northwest Indiana, for which he is currently providing direction to the executive committee of the Tolleston Project, a campaign to build a new home for the Boys and Girls Club in Gary, Indiana.

Joel's excellence in his field and commitment to charitable endeavors throughout the community is exceeded only by his devotion to his amazing family. Joel and his wonderful wife, Marcia, have two beloved sons and two grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in honoring Joel

Gorelick for his lifetime of leadership and service to the community. His constant effort to improve the quality of life for the people of northwest Indiana is truly inspirational. Joel has been able to positively impact the lives of countless individuals and is worthy of the highest praise. I ask that you join me in wishing him well upon his retirement.

HONORING THE CENTENNIAL OF THE MORRIS MUSEUM

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 5, 2013

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Morris Museum in Morris County, New Jersey, which is celebrating its Centennial in 2013.

The Morris Museum began as a small exhibit in the Morristown Neighborhood House located on Flagler Street in Morristown. With the collections rapidly growing, by 1927 the exhibit had encompassed seven rooms. At this time the exhibit contained 19th century articles, European and Asian artifacts, along with rocks, minerals, and fossils. Looking to expand to a larger venue, the exhibit moved to the Maple Avenue School and stayed until 1956 where it was officially incorporated in 1946. This venue enabled the Morris Museum to create better programs for children and coordinate these programs with the curriculum being taught in surrounding schools. These programs included use of dioramas, panels, and an outreach program centered on Native American civilization.

Having expanded out of its four prior locations, in 1964 the museum moved to its current location at the historic Twin Oaks Mansion, formally owned by the Frelinghuysen family. This gave the organization the opportunity to expand programs to all ages and add to its visual art exhibits. By 1970, the gallery was enlarged significantly through facility additions and the 312 seat Bickford Theatre was added. The museum received the prestigious honor, in 1973, of being the first New Jersey museum to be recognized by the American Association of Museums. Finally, by 1990 the name had been changed to the current title of the Morris Museum and had expanded to a total of 75,524 square feet.

The Morris Museum mission has continuously been, "to elevate the cultural consciousness, excite the mind and enhance the quality of life by advancing the understanding and enjoyment of the visual and performing arts, natural and physical sciences and humanities." It does this through state-of-the-art programs it provides to the public. Such programs include Tot Tours and ArtWALK, are designed to instill an early love for art in toddlers and their caregivers, as well as the "Museum Loan Program," which lends over 1,400 exhibit kits to schools, libraries, and district organizations. The Morris Museum also provides an excellent

Transportation Program designed to transport children in underprivileged areas, such as Newark, Elizabeth, Jersey City, and Dover, to view the galleries and participate in hands-on activities. Adults can also benefit through the Adult Outreach Programs, which include Adult Tour Programs and Senior Fridays aimed at assisted living facilities and nursing homes. Services include exhibition tours, appealing discussions, and free refreshments.

Today, the museum possesses an average attendance of 438,000 visitors per year and contains a diverse assembly of people from 15 counties and different socio-economic and ethnic groups. Permanent displays include geology, animals, model railroads, historical crafts, pottery, carving, basketry, and textiles of all cultural backgrounds. In addition to these displays is the exhibition of 150 pieces from the expansive and world renowned Murtoogh D. Guinness collection of mechanical musical instruments and automata. The Museum also includes natural science, paleontology, and anthropology exhibits for those interested in expanding their scholastic knowledge.

As of 2012, The Morris Museum has won numerous awards such as an award for Excellence in Tourism by the Department of Travel and Tourism, Outstanding Arts Organization by the Arts Council of the Morris Area, and has been recognized by the NJSCA as a Major Arts Institution for the past seven years in a row. Identified as a major influence on society, the museum has clearly exemplified the arts in a positive manner throughout its lifetime.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and your colleagues to join me in congratulating the Morris Museum as it celebrates its Centennial.

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF OFFICER RALPH SCHAUF

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 5, 2013

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Police Officer Ralph Schauf Star Number 2829, on his recent retirement from his position as the Labor Liaison Officer in the Intelligence Section of the Chicago Police Department.

For the last 35 years, Officer Schauf worked to protect the citizens of the City of Chicago. Ralph began his career January 3, 1977 working in the 12th District Monroe Street. Over time, he worked in Special Operations Group and Gang Crimes North, the Intelligence Division with the FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force, the 18th District Chicago Avenue, and the 17th District Albany Park. When he worked at the Education and Training Division, Ralph was the original "Red Man" in the physical skills section. He would put on a protective red suit and during scenario and control tactics training was the subject the recruits had to control and place in custody. He taught recruit

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and in-service classes in a variety of subjects. While at the 17th and 18th Districts, he worked in Community Policing. In the 18th District, he worked with the Police Explorers and youth programs, and in the 17th District, he was the community and elected officials liaison for quality of life enforcement. He was on a leave of absence for about 2 years as an inspector at the Illinois State Police. Ralph concluded his illustrious career on November 16, 2012 in the Intelligence Section as the Labor Liaison Officer ensuring proper police service for organized labor activities.

His dedication to his fellow officers, his job and the city he loves is an example of why Chicago is known as "The City That Works."

Ralph would be the first to tell you that his family is his first priority, and they have provided support throughout his career. He has been happily married to his wonderful wife, Antoinette, for 15 years. His family also includes his son, Ralph Schauf, Jr., who is now a Trooper with the Illinois State Police, and his wife, Jennifer, his daughter, Adriane, and his granddaughter, Olivia Ruth.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in applauding Officer Schauf's years of service to the City of Chicago and the Chicago Police Department. I hope that his dedication and hard work inspire us all to see the difference we can make by serving our local communities. I wish him a happy and successful retirement and all of the best in the future.

INTRODUCING THE DONATE FOR DISASTER RELIEF ACT

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 5, 2013

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Donate for Disaster Relief Act.

Forty-seven major disasters were declared last year. The year before that, we had 99 major disasters. Three major disasters have already been declared in 2013. On top of that, there were a number of smaller incidents that do not rank on the scale. A tornado that destroys a single house might not be a "super storm," but for the family that lost its home, that tornado certainly is a major disaster.

Things are not going to get better. There are going to be more major disasters. We are going to have to pay for the response and repair. We need to start thinking about what we can do ahead of time to be prepared for when they strike. We don't have to wait for the worst to happen before we actually do something. This bill will help us get ready beforehand. Why wait?

The Donate for Disaster Relief Act creates a completely voluntary check-off on income tax returns that lets taxpayers elect to donate to a disaster relief trust. This bill is an opportunity for us to share our selflessness and generosity before an emergency situation.

The harsh reality of disasters is that while we may not be able to predict when, we certainly can be prepared. The altruism of the American people is on display in their willingness to pitch in and help those in their greatest time of need. This bill creates an easy way for concerned Americans to anticipate the need for disaster relief, wherever and whenever it may be necessary.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 5, 2013

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, due to a long-scheduled event, I was unable to be in Washington, DC for the votes that occurred on February 4, 2013. As a result, I missed the votes listed below. I regret missing these and had I been in Washington, DC, I would have voted as follows:

H.R. 297: Children's Hospital GME Support Reauthorization Act of 2013—I would have voted yes on H.R. 297. This critical legislation, to extend and reauthorize payments to children's hospitals so that they can continue to educate the next generation of doctors, is essential not just for my district, but the entire country. As we move forward with implementing the Affordable Care Act and expanding access to health services for millions of U.S. citizens, it's essential that we continue to grow our medical workforce by partnering with our local hospitals.

H.R. 225: National Pediatric Research Network Act of 2013—I would have voted yes on H.R. 225. This legislation furthers pediatric medical research by bringing together a spectrum of experts working to advance treatments and cures for our children. By using a consortium model, doctors and researchers will be fighting disease instead of with each other for scarce research dollars.

HONORING THE LIFE OF EMANUEL GOLD

HON. GRACE MENG

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 5, 2013

Ms. MENG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the life and service of Emanuel Gold, known to his friends as Manny. After a long fight with cancer, Manny passed away at 77.

Manny Gold began his distinguished career in Albany, New York as Counsel to the Majority Leader of the New York State Senate in 1965. At 35 years old, he was elected to the Assembly, and a year later to the New York State Senate where he would serve for 27 years.

Manny had a great sense of humor and was well regarded on both sides of the aisle. His tireless work throughout his career permanently bettered New York State, New York City and the Borough of Queens.

One of Manny's greatest legislative accomplishments was the "Son of Sam" law, which prohibited criminals from profiting from their crimes. This landmark legislation helped lay the foundation for similar laws around the country.

Manny was an avid photographer and could often be seen taking pictures of the State Capitol and Executive Office Building in Albany. In his earlier days Manny was a boxer, but he quickly made a transition to the less physically demanding sport of golf which he played over the course of his long life. His love for music was as strong as it was for sports and politics, exemplified by the symphony orchestras he conducted.

Mr. Speaker, Manny was a tireless public servant for the citizens of New York and always made it a priority to put his constituents first. Even with the loss of his beloved sons Adam and Jeffery he continued to be a strong leading voice for the people of New York.

With work that spanned over three decades he exemplified the meaning of courage and strength by sponsoring legislation that touched the lives of many who lived and worked in Queens. These bills included a measure to mandate that New York City hospitals provide Emergency Room treatment and to make public buildings more accessible for the disabled.

The legacy that he leaves reflects the love for his New York family, but more importantly the love he had for wife Judith, his surviving children Sue and Steve, his daughter Bonnie and his granddaughters Emily and Jackie.

Mr. Speaker, for his service to New York State, advocacy for Queens, and devotion to his family and friends, I ask all of my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in honoring Emanuel Gold.

CONGRATULATING REV. GREGORY NELSON DAVIS ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. BRUCE L. BRALEY

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 5, 2013

Mr. BRALEY of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, for the past 34 years, Rev. Gregory Nelson Davis has been a familiar figure in Johnston, Iowa. This month marks a bittersweet occasion: it is Rev. Davis' last month of work for the St. James Lutheran Church before he steps down as its pastor.

Joining the ministry was not Davis' first goal in life, but he attributes his career to the love he has for his congregation. After studying philosophy as an undergraduate, Davis decided to continue his education by getting a Master's Degree in Philosophy. He then decided to attend seminary, because he wanted to make a difference in people's lives every day.

For the past 28 years, Davis has been the pastor at St. James Lutheran Church, and has doubled its congregation since he started preaching there.

It is fitting that he now wants to focus on his own family after giving so much of his life to others. Once he steps down from the pulpit he is excited at the prospect of spending more time as a husband and as a grandfather to his two grandchildren.

Rev. Davis will give his last sermon on February 17th. I thank him for his years of hard work guiding people in the right direction and wish him the best in his retirement.

21ST ANNIVERSARY OF THE TRAGEDY IN KHOJALY, AZERBAIJAN

HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 5, 2013

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, as the Co-Chairman of the House Azerbaijan Caucus, I rise today to bring attention to the tragedy that