

RECOGNIZING THE CENTENNIAL
ANNIVERSARY OF MILTON HIGH
SCHOOL

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 23, 2015

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Milton High School in Milton, Florida upon the occasion of its Centennial Anniversary.

Milton High School, home of the Panthers, first opened its doors on November 1, 1915, welcoming 252 students in grades 1 through 12. Today, the school has a student body of over 1,700 students.

As the only high school serving the City of Milton, the school has educated thousands of students over the course of its 100-year history, and its graduates have gone on to achieve great success in many fields. Its strong athletic program continues to give students the opportunity to participate in many organized sports including: soccer, football, baseball, cheerleading, and volleyball, among others. Milton High teams have won numerous awards and championships, including back-to-back state football championships. Additionally, MHS is home to the Mighty Black and Gold Marching Band and has a renowned fine arts department, several honor societies and service clubs, as well as a Navy Junior ROTC and an unparalleled computer technology lab, known as Milton Institute of Technology.

Along with receiving an "A" academic rating, Milton High School was also recently named one of the best high schools in America by U.S. News and World Report. Notable alumni from Milton High School include: Founder and Chairman of Aflac Paul Amos; PGA Tour golfers: Heath Slocum, Bubba Watson, and Boo Weekley; and former Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives Bolley "Bo" Johnson. However, Milton High School has also served as the foundation for doctors, lawyers, engineers, ministers, financial experts, NASA experts, pilots, military heroes, college and professional athletes, educators, and countless other dedicated alumni who have impacted Florida and our Nation.

Mr. Speaker, my wife Vicki and I would like to congratulate the Milton High School Panthers on 100 years of excellence, and we wish them all the best for continued success.

HONORING GEORGE AND AGNES
FRANKLIN ON THE OCCASION OF
THEIR 77TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY
AND IN CELEBRATION OF
THEIR 100TH BIRTHDAYS

HON. FRANK C. GUINTA

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GUINTA. Mr. Speaker, I would like to express my congratulations to George and Agnes Franklin on celebrating their 77th anniversary and in celebration of their 100th birthdays.

This is a great milestone in a marriage and speaks highly to the love and commitment they have shown to one another and their family over the years.

As they reflect on the great memories and milestones that have highlighted the past fifty years, I know they will think fondly on all they have shared together, and I wish them all the best for the future.

RECOGNIZING MR. WILLIAM T.
STANLEY

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 23, 2015

Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this time to recognize the life of Mr. William T. Stanley, a scientist from the Field Museum located in Chicago, IL. Born in Lebanon, Bill grew up in Kenya and moved to the United States with intentions on becoming an animal scientist.

Bill was in charge of some 29 million species at the Field Museum in Chicago. Scientists and students would reach out to Bill for his resourcefulness in their respected field of study. He has helped many graduate students reach their potentials with his assistance to their thesis and dissertations. His knowledge and ability to explain specimens in detail motivated his audience to engage and learn.

Reaching his goals to becoming a mammalian researcher, his character touched the lives of everyone he came in contact with. Bill was known for not only his research but also his ability to fill the room with his good spirits and incredible sense of humor. Bill will be missed by his family, friends and the mammalian research in which he devoted his life too.

I would like to thank William T. Stanley for his strong leadership and contributions to the city of Chicago and may he rest in peace.

RECOGNIZING LINDA ATKINS AS
CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 23, 2015

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, Linda Atkins attended Berkeley High School, then earned a bachelor's degree in social science from California State University in Sacramento. From 1976 to 1998 she was a State of California Architectural Associate, heavy equipment mechanic, building maintenance worker and auto technician for the California Highway Patrol. Linda Atkins then spent three years working for Caltrans' material engineering division. During her work with the state, she integrated several employment classifications as a tradeswoman and was a Service Employees International Union Local 1000 representative. Linda Atkins has also been a strong advocate for gay and lesbian state employees.

In 1998, Linda Atkins was elected to the Eureka City Council, where she is a councilwoman to this day. Linda Atkins has been a longtime member of the Humboldt County Democratic Central Committee and has served as its chair; she is also a member of the Eureka Progressive Democratic Club. She has helped bring a diverse viewpoint to the city council and has been a strong participant in local elections. Linda Atkins was recognized as Community Partner of the Year in 2014.

Mr. Speaker, Linda Atkins' dedication to the state and the Humboldt County community is commendable and worthy of recognition. I urge my colleagues to join me in extending our congratulations to her.

HONORING SUE GOODNOW IN
CELEBRATION OF HER 100TH
BIRTHDAY

HON. FRANK C. GUINTA

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 23, 2015

Mr. GUINTA. Mr. Speaker, I would like to express my congratulations to Sue Goodnow in celebration of her reaching her 100th birthday.

As she reflects on the great memories and milestones that have highlighted the past hundred years, I know she will think fondly on all that she's accomplished and the positive impact she's had on New Hampshire.

It is with great admiration that I congratulate Ms. Goodnow on achieving this wonderful milestone, and wish her the best on all future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING RAMBAM MESIVTA,
WINNER OF A NATIONAL BLUE
RIBBON AWARD

HON. KATHLEEN M. RICE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 23, 2015

Miss RICE of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Rambam Mesivta academy in Lawrence, New York, on receiving the National Blue Ribbon School award. As the only school on Long Island to receive a Blue Ribbon award this year, Rambam Mesivta has truly distinguished itself as an exceptional academic institution deeply committed to the educational and personal development of its student body.

For 24 years, Rambam Mesivta has implemented a rigorous curriculum that challenges its students to not only strive for academic excellence, but also to become more engaged members of their community and better citizens of the world. In fact, within days of the 2004 earthquake and tsunami in Southeast Asia, which killed more than 250,000 people, students from Rambam Mesivta raised more than \$6,000 to help rebuild schools and buy school supplies in Sri Lanka.

Following the tragic 2014 terrorist attack at the Har Nof synagogue in Jerusalem, in which four Jewish worshipers were killed, a group of 10th graders from Rambam Mesivta responded immediately with a campaign to raise money for the victims' families. Within a day of the attack, the students had raised nearly \$20,000, and within 10 days, they raised over one million. Nearly two months after they launched their campaign, this passionate and caring group of students raised over two million dollars.

Rambam Mesivta has instilled in its students a dedication not just to their studies, but to public service and to helping those in need. I am truly proud to represent this wonderful school and its community in Congress.

Once again, I'd like to congratulate Rambam Mesivta on receiving the National Blue Ribbon Award and I want to thank its students, administrators and faculty for their incredible work and their service to our community.

INCREASED VIOLENCE IN ISRAEL AND THE WEST BANK

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 23, 2015

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, I am concerned and saddened by the recent reports of increased violence in Israel and the West Bank.

I join with Secretary of State John Kerry and United Nations Secretary General Ban Ki Moon in urging both Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to publicly condemn the violence, use rhetoric that will calm tensions in the region, and refrain from making public statements that will incite violence.

It is my hope that Secretary Kerry's visits with President Abbas and Prime Minister Netanyahu this week are helpful in putting an end to the violence that has already taken so many lives and allows for a constructive dialogue that can ultimately lead to a peaceful resolution for the region.

TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF THE LIFE OF THE HONORABLE DICK ROSENBAUM

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 23, 2015

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and work of a dedicated public servant of California's 18th Congressional District.

Dick Rosenbaum was born and raised in Queens, New York, and died on October 11, 2015, at the age of 81. He leaves his wife of 57 years, Ruth; his son, Dan Rosenbaum; his daughter, Amy Rosenbaum and three grandchildren.

Dick was a science prodigy who went to Brooklyn Tech and attended Cornell University on a full scholarship, and earned his Ph.D. in aeronautical engineering from Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He and his wife moved to Palo Alto in 1963, and he worked as a research scientist for Lockheed for 31 years.

Dick Rosenbaum served three times on the Palo Alto City Council, from 1971 to 1975 and from 1991 to 1999, serving as Mayor in 1998. He was called a "fiscal bloodhound" by the Palo Alto Weekly and was prescient about the dangers of excessive city spending. He was a residentialist who valued the quality of life in Palo Alto, and worked to preserve historic buildings. He supported low income housing but opposed overly dense projects. He wrote frequently for the Palo Alto Weekly, usually about fiscal matters. He was loved and respected by his colleagues for his integrity and sense of humor. I had the privilege to represent Dick and work with him on behalf of our mutual constituents.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the entire House to join me in honoring the life and work of Dick Rosenbaum and in extending our condolences to his family. Our community and our country are stronger because of the life and work of Dick Rosenbaum.

TRIBUTE TO GRAHAM NASH

HON. DARRELL E. ISSA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 23, 2015

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and pay tribute to the great musical contributions of singer and songwriter, Mr. Graham Nash.

Over the decades, Mr. Nash has been a member of several legendary musical acts and written many powerful songs like "Teach Your Children" and love songs like "Our House" with Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young. I particularly remember the song "He Ain't Heavy, He's My Brother" when he was a member of The Hollies because we both lived in Ohio.

Mr. Nash won a GRAMMY in 1969 for "Best New Artist" with Crosby, Stills, & Nash. Their debut album was nominated for Album of the Year and inducted into the GRAMMY Hall of Fame in 1999. Mr. Nash is also a two-time inductee in both the Songwriter's Hall of Fame as well as the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame.

Additionally, a New York Times best-selling author, an internationally renowned photographer, and a philanthropist and activist, Mr. Nash used an array of artistic outlets to share his beliefs and talents around the world.

Mr. Nash was born and raised in the United Kingdom. But he mentioned to me one of his proudest days was August 14, 1978—the day he became an American citizen. He is currently a resident in California and I am proud he calls our great state home.

A new exhibition titled "Graham Nash: Touching the Flame" at the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame Museum in Cleveland, Ohio, documents the extraordinary career of Mr. Nash. We are fortunate he has shared his creative musical talents and thought-provoking songs with the world. For these reasons, I commend Mr. Graham Nash as a remarkable lyricist and performer.

IN MEMORY OF SIMON KONOVER

HON. JOHN B. LARSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 23, 2015

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember Simon Konover, who passed away on October 20, 2015 in Delray Beach, Florida at the age of 93. Konover was the founder and patriarch of The Simon Konover Company and Konover South, a diversified, fully integrated real estate empire, based in West Hartford, Connecticut and Deerfield Beach, Florida.

The Konover organization achieved national stature, based upon strong ethics and innovation. This family-owned business now spans three generations. The companies, established in 1957, have developed, constructed, owned and operated properties throughout the Mid-

west and Eastern U.S., stretching from Maine to Florida. The company's extensive portfolio has included shopping centers, hotels, residential communities, office buildings, industrial buildings, mixed use and specialty properties. Over the course of its history the Konover companies have owned and operated 15 million square feet of retail, 20,000 apartment units, 2 million square feet of office space, 4000 hotel rooms and more.

Konover is also recognized as an exceptional philanthropist, as a pillar of both the national and Hartford Jewish communities, and as one of Connecticut's outstanding civic leaders. His deeds, accomplishments and commitment are legendary. His life was devoted to community, enormous generosity and kind deeds. A complete list of organizations that he was involved in, and honors received, could fill pages and are too numerous to recount here. A sampling: Konover is a Junior Achievement Laureate and member of its Business Hall of Fame. He was recognized as Hotelier of the Year by the Connecticut Lodging and Restaurant Associations. Konover was a trustee of the Doris and Simon Konover Family Foundation. He donated construction management services to Paul Newman's Hole in the Wall Gang Camp for seriously ill children in Ashford, Connecticut and also initiated the creation of an affiliated camp in Israel. Konover built campus housing at the University of Hartford, and along with his wife Doris, was instrumental in creating the Konover Campus Center there. They are founding supporters of the Center for Judaic Studies and Contemporary Jewish Life at the University of Connecticut, which among its numerous activities expanded its study of human rights.

In addition to endowing that Center's first faculty chair, their other major donations to UCONN include the University Libraries, the Thomas J. Dodd Center, the Kosher Dining Center and UCONN Health Center. Konover received three honorary doctoral degrees: from UCONN, University of Hartford and Gratz College. Recognition of Konover's community contributions are countless and include the Prime Minister's New Life Award from the National Committee for Israel Bonds. He received the Distinguished Service Award to the Cause of Good Relations from the National Conference for Community and Justice. He is a founder of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C. and served as President and Campaign Chairman for the Jewish Federation of Greater Hartford, where he was also honored as a Life Director. He received the JFACT Community Builder Award. He is a founding member of Beth El Temple in West Hartford and a major donor to the new Hebrew High School of New England in West Hartford and Hebrew University in Israel.

Konover was born in the small shtetl of Makow Mazowiecki in Poland, one of 8 children. At age 16 at the start of World War II in 1939, he was interned in a Nazi labor farm, where he survived unimaginable indignities. He narrowly escaped to Russia, where he was drafted into its army. He endured many hardships as a truck driver delivering supplies to the front line during the Battle of Stalingrad. He was imprisoned for one year in a Siberian hard labor camp until the war's end in 1945. Konover often stated that he "lived minute to minute, not hour to hour." He survived the war with his brother Harold, but lost his parents, five siblings, brothers-in-law, nieces, nephews,