

In addition to the Parish, Saints Cyril and Methodius School serves our community and provides the children of Lemont an opportunity for an outstanding Catholic education. The school has been honored with the prestigious 2019 U.S. Department of Education National Blue Ribbon School Award. In 1982, the Department of Education established the National Blue Ribbon Schools Program to recognize a select group of public and private schools with high or significantly improved achievement. I am proud that Saints Cyril and Methodius School has been honored as one of these exceptional schools.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Saints Cyril and Methodius Parish on its 135th anniversary and congratulating the Parish on its many accomplishments. May Saints Cyril and Methodius continue their great work in the community, while inspiring others through their dedicated service and faith.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE OPENING
OF THE IHA HEALTH CENTER

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 8, 2019

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the opening of the IHA community health center. The new facility will transform patients' access to health care and improve the lives, health, and well-being of many within the Ypsilanti community. This endeavor is worthy of commendation.

Eastern Michigan University (EMU) is the cornerstone of Ypsilanti. Founded in 1849, EMU is renowned for its distinguished programs that not only provide students a stellar higher education, but also have a significant community impact. Over the span of 170 years, EMU has demonstrated a clear commitment to this mission, striving to find new ways to serve the EMU community and beyond.

The launch of the new health center exemplifies EMU's continued dedication to strengthening the Ypsilanti community and represents the culmination of years of work between EMU and other community health care providers. Thanks to the collaboration of EMU, Saint Joseph Mercy Health System, and IHA, the new health facility will provide high-quality and innovative health care services to members of the Ypsilanti community, as well as EMU students, faculty, and staff. The state-of-the-art facility will offer comprehensive health care and 7-day-a-week urgent care services, among a host of other critical services and tools that will improve patients' health care experiences. The IHA community health center will be an important resource to many, strengthening health care offerings for both residents and students alike.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring and celebrating the opening of the new IHA health center on the EMU campus. It is critical that health care providers adapt to meet the changing medical needs of communities nationwide, and I am grateful for Eastern Michigan University's, Saint Joseph Mercy Health System's, and IHA's continued commitment to this cause. Their advocacy and efforts help provide quality, accessible, and affordable health care to patients community-

wide, truly making a meaningful impact in their lives.

HONORING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY
OF MERCED IRRIGATION
DISTRICT

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 8, 2019

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Merced Irrigation District (MID) on the occasion of their 100th anniversary. Since its founding, MID has provided water and power to many Merced, California residents and farmers in the greater Merced region.

MID began in 1919 when the community voted to establish its own public irrigation district. In 1922, MID purchased the Crocker Huffman Land and Water Company irrigation system and subsequently chose the Exchequer Mining Company on the Merced River as the ideal location to construct their first dam. Once constructed, Exchequer Dam allowed for storage of 281,000 acre-feet of water.

MID was looking to expand in the 1950s and began planning for more water storage. In 1964 the Federal Power Commission granted a license for MID to expand irrigation and power facilities on the Merced River. During this time, Pacific Gas and Electric Company entered into a contract with MID to sell all electricity produced by the project, which allowed them to finance it with no additional fees on taxpayers or growers. When completed, the New Exchequer Dam increased Lake McClure's storage to 1,024,600 acre-feet. By 1967, MID completed New Exchequer and McSwain Dams, enabling them to produce tens of thousands of megawatt hours of electricity while increasing their water storage.

In 1970, improvements to areas behind the dams at Lakes McClure and McSwain were completed, allowing them to become popular public recreational facilities. During the same time period, MID undertook initiatives to improve its fisheries and in the 1980s, renovated the Lake Yosemite Dam and launched the Double-Barreled LeGrande Replacement Project.

Today, Merced Irrigation District provides water to 2,200 local farmers, produces clean renewable energy, replenishes groundwater and helps protect the quality of groundwater, and provides multiple recreation facilities to the public. Due to the investments and decisions made early on, MID continues to be a regional leader in water and energy.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the Merced Irrigation District during their centennial year celebration. It is both fitting and appropriate that we honor and recognize the significant impact they've had on the development of Merced and its outlying communities.

HONORING UNITED HEBREW OF
NEW ROCHELLE 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 8, 2019

Mr. ENGEL. Madam Speaker, it is an honor to recognize an institution in my district, United Hebrew of New Rochelle, as it celebrates its remarkable 100th anniversary this year.

Founded in 1919 as The United Home for Aged Hebrews, the home quickly grew over its first decade to include 51 elderly men and women in need in a large two-story frame house surrounded by three park-like acres on Pelham Road in New Rochelle. In 1934, a three-story, red-brick addition to the original building was made possible by a generous contribution from Adolph Arber. The United Home was at that time the largest institution of its kind in Westchester County with 155 residents.

In 1954, ground was broken for a \$1.5 million building to replace the original house and 1934 wing. The new development, the Saul and Ada Gutner Pavilion, opened 3 years later and this new 102-bed facility was hailed as "an entirely new concept in living for the elderly in need and the first major departure from the institutional atmosphere of the traditional old age home." The building incorporated the newest architectural concepts with modern social thought. In 1976, the Lola and Saul Kramer Pavilion, a \$5.25 million skilled-nursing facility, was built with the assistance of a mortgage loan from the New York State Medical Care Facilities Finance Agency. The four-story building brought the United Home to a 270-bed capacity.

From there, United Home continued to grow. In 1983 it launched a Long-Term Home Health Care Program. In 1996, AZOR Licensed Home Health Care was launched, extending our award-winning services into the community to serve those who chose to stay in their own home. In 2003, the Beverly and Alfred J. Green Pavilion—Willow Towers Assisted Living—opened its doors. And in 2009, in its 90th year, United Hebrew Geriatric Center was renamed United Hebrew. The new name and logo honored their founders while reflecting the essence of United Hebrew's comprehensive services: united for its residents, caregivers, and their families.

Madam Speaker, this is the 100-year legacy of United Hebrew: a dedication to caring for those in need. As we mark this special occasion, I want to congratulate and thank the leadership and team at United Hebrew for serving our community with great distinction for a century.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. A. DONALD MCEACHIN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 8, 2019

Mr. MCEACHIN. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained on October 31, 2019 during roll call no. 603, On Ordering the Previous Question, H. Res. 660, Directing certain committees to continue their ongoing investigations as part of the existing House of Representatives inquiry into whether sufficient

grounds exist for the House of Representatives to exercise its Constitutional power to impeach Donald John Trump, President of the United States of America. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 604, On Agreeing to the Resolution, H. Res. 660, Directing certain committees to continue their ongoing investigations as part of the existing House of Representatives inquiry into whether sufficient grounds exist for the House of Representatives to exercise its Constitutional power to impeach Donald John Trump, President of the United States of America. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 605, On Agreeing to the Amendment, H.R. 823, Curtis of Utah Part B Amendment No. 1. Had I been present, I would have voted "no." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 606, On Agreeing to the Amendment, H.R. 823, Tipton of Colorado Part B Amendment No. 5. Had I been present, I would have voted "no." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 607, On Agreeing to the Amendment, H.R. 823, Crow of Colorado Part B Amendment No. 6. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 608, On Motion to Recommit with Instructions, H.R. 823, Colorado Outdoor Recreation and Economy Act. Had I been present, I would have voted "no." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 609, On Passage, H.R. 823, Colorado Outdoor Recreation and Economy Act. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY
OF JAMES C. BOHAN

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 8, 2019

Ms. DeLAURO. Madam Speaker, it is with the heaviest of hearts that I rise today to remember and pay tribute to my dear friend, James Bohan, who was taken from us much too soon as he lost his hard-fought battle with cancer. I am heartbroken for his wife Janice, and his two children, Jim Jr. and Jennifer. Jim was one of a kind and I, like all those fortunate enough to have known him, will miss him.

If there were two things you knew about Jim Bohan, it was that he "worked for the City" for too many years to count and that he was enormously proud of his Irish heritage. Jim had a story for any occasion, with most of them starting "when I worked for the City . . ." and the rest of them some adventure or antic that had ensued at "the Parade." He was a storyteller and would impart his knowledge to anyone willing to listen.

Jim dedicated his professional life to housing and community development. He began his career at the New Haven Redevelopment Agency as an Administrative Assistant with the Hill Project Office where he served as a liaison between federal officials and the City and developed planning proposals for neighborhood schools, housing, and parks. He went on to spend nearly a decade at the organization as a Development Officer where he was responsible for monitoring construction projects across the City as well as liaising with state

and local elected officials and community groups. In 1976, he began his career with the City of New Haven as the Coordinator of the Neighborhood Preservation Program. Jim would eventually go on to serve in the City's Development Administration where he was really a jack-of-all-trades. He was the Coordinator of Protocol, organizing major public events around the City; a liaison between various City Departments and local engineering firms; and the manager of the site selection process for the City Infill Housing Program to name just a few. It was from the Development Administration that Jim retired from City service in 1990.

Jim's retirement from the City turned out to be one of my most fortunate opportunities. Having been elected to my first term in the United States Congress, I found myself in search of trusted staff who would be able to manage the volumes of constituent services that were in demand. Jim was one of the first members of my staff. From his long history with the City of New Haven, Jim was not only familiar with the City at its heart but also with neighboring communities that made up Connecticut's 3rd Congressional District. Over the decade Jim worked with me, we spent countless hours traveling to events and meeting across the District. He became so much more than a staff member and friend—he became family. And though he left the Congressional office in 2002, he stayed in touch through frequent visits and passing on a variety of constituent requests.

As I mentioned, Jim was extraordinarily proud of his Irish heritage and he made every effort to celebrate and share his heritage with everyone he knew. Nothing demonstrates that more than his dedication to the Greater New Haven St. Patrick's Day Parade—the City's annual tribute to all things Irish. Jim was a dedicated member of the parade committee for many years and served as Grand Marshal in 1981. He went on to serve as the Parade's Executive Chairman for nearly a decade and, even after stepping down from the Executive Committee, Jim served as the Parade Coordinator—perhaps the most thankless of jobs—for a number of years. Even after he and Janice bought a home in Florida, Jim would make frequent trips to New Haven for parade meetings and, of course, the parade itself. The shrine in his home, a collection of memorabilia and keepsakes, speaks to the special place the Parade and the Committee held in his heart.

In his retirement, Jim also followed another of his passions—firefighting. The son of Captain in the New Haven Fire Department, Jim proudly followed in his footsteps becoming a volunteer with the Branford Fire Department for many years. Jim's fascination with his father's legacy could be seen in his collection of hundreds of carefully crafted fire engine models which he painstakingly built in his free time. One of his other favorite pastimes was serving in the Connecticut Foot Guard's 2nd Company—a historical state military organization whose members volunteer their time and talents to events and programs across Connecticut.

I consider myself fortunate to have called Jim my friend and, like for so many others, his absence will leave a hole that will never quite be filled. I extend my deepest sympathies to Janice, Jim Jr. and Jennifer. I hope that they know what an incredible impact he had on the

lives of his friends and colleagues. Jim will be missed but never forgotten.

TRIBUTE TO THE LATE REP.
ELIJAH CUMMINGS BY HIS STAFF

HON. AYANNA PRESSLEY

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 8, 2019

Ms. PRESSLEY. Madam Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following op-ed article, authored by the current and former staff of our dear friend, and forever Chairman, Elijah Cummings of the Oversight and Reform Committee, who passed away last month. The op-ed ran in USA Today on October 25, paying tribute to the man who served his constituents and country so well in this House for more than twenty-three years.

[From the USA Today, Oct. 25, 2019]

HOW WE WILL REMEMBER OUR BOSS, CHAIRMAN ELIJAH CUMMINGS: MORAL CLARITY IN ALL HE DID

(By Current and Former Staff of Rep. Elijah Cummings)

As current and former congressional staff of the late Rep. Elijah E. Cummings, chairman of the House Oversight and Reform Committee, we had the great honor and privilege of working with him over the course of more than two decades.

Many public figures have praised the chairman in recent days, extolling his unmatched integrity, courageous leadership and commitment to service and justice. To these well-deserved tributes, we would like to add our own eulogy, based on our experience working by his side.

He was inspiring, both in public and even more so in private. He brought moral clarity to everything he did, and his purpose was pure—to help those among us who needed it most. He taught us that our aim should be to "give a voice to the voiceless," including families whose drinking water had been poisoned, sick patients who could no longer afford their medicine and, most of all, vulnerable children and "generations yet unborn."

Whether in a hearing room full of members of Congress or in a quiet conversation with staff, his example motivated us to become our best selves in the service of others.

He was genuine. He insisted on personally interviewing every staff member he hired so he could "look into their eyes." Each of us has a personal memory of sitting down with him for the first time, and it was like nothing we had experienced before. He would ask why we were interested in public service, how we thought we could contribute and what motivated us.

Then he would lean in and ask in his low baritone voice, "But . . . what feeds your soul?"

More than a few of us left those interviews with tears in our eyes, perhaps feeling that we had learned more about ourselves than about him. He made that kind of personal connection with everyone he met, from the people of his district, to witnesses who testified at hearings, to whistleblowers who reported waste, fraud or abuse. Since his passing, we have been inundated with messages from many whose lives he touched.

He was demanding. He would boast that he had the hardest working staff in Congress and that he sometimes would call or email us in the middle of the night, which was absolutely true. His directive to be "effective and efficient in everything you do" still rings in our ears.