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IN PRAISE OF THE IDF'S TRIUMPH
OVER TERROR

HON. RITCHIE TORRES

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 1, 2024

Mr. TORRES of New York. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the majority of Americans who feel as I do, I commend the Israeli Defense Forces (IDF) for ridding the world of one of its most wretched war criminals, Yahya Sinwar.

As the mastermind of October 7th, the deadliest day for Jews since the Holocaust, Sinwar orchestrated the murder, maiming, mutilation, rape, torture, and abduction of Israelis as well as Americans. The IDF's triumph over Sinwar's reign of terror sends a resounding message to the rest of the world. The fate of the Middle East no longer belongs to the antisemitic wars of the past. It belongs to the Abrahamic peace of the future, a peace forged in the crucible of Israel's formidable fighting force.

The heroes of the IDF have shown Israel to be one of the few liberal democracies willing to fight for liberal democracy and one of the few Western nations willing to fight for Western civilization. May God Bless the IDF. Am Yisrael Chai (The People of Israel Live).

CONGRATULATING THE LA
DODGERS AND FREDDIE FREEMAN

HON. MICHELLE STEEL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. STEEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the Los Angeles Dodgers for bringing home their eighth World Series title. I am especially proud of first baseman Freddie Freeman, a California-45 native from Fountain Valley, for representing Orange County so well on the national stage and bringing home the World Series MVP award.

Freddie has shown remarkable perseverance in overcoming personal and professional trials, and this tremendous accomplishment is a testament to his work ethic and drive to succeed.

A true Orange County hero, Freddie and this Dodgers team have excelled at the highest level and added to the rich baseball tradition of Southern California. I'm so proud of them for their accomplishments and can not wait to see more championships in the years to come.

HONORING GIUSEPPE ANOIA'S
90TH BIRTHDAY

HON. ANDY HARRIS

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 1, 2024

Mr. HARRIS. Mr. Speaker, it is a privilege and honor to recognize Mr. Giuseppe Anoa as he approaches his 90th birthday this November.

Born November 19, 1934, Mr. Anoa has been a constituent of Maryland's First Congressional District since he immigrated to the United States from Italy in 1961. He received a degree in civil engineering from Johns Hopkins University in 1970 and worked for Baltimore City for 17 years until his retirement in 2000. Mr. Anoa has been happily married to Phillis, nee D'Adamo, for over 32 years.

It is a distinct privilege to recognize Mr. Anoa on his upcoming 90th birthday and celebrate this wonderful milestone. On behalf of Maryland's First Congressional District, I wish Mr. Anoa a very happy birthday.

CELEBRATING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE LOAVES & FISHES
COMMUNITY SERVICES

HON. BILL FOSTER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 1, 2024

Mr. FOSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 40th Anniversary of Loaves & Fishes Community Services, one of the largest food pantries in Illinois. Founded in 1984 by a group of compassionate members of St. Raphael Catholic Church, this organization began as a small food pantry in a church closet, serving just eight families. Today, 40 years later, Loaves & Fishes provides assistance to over 10,000 individuals each week, including residents of DuPage, Kane, Kendall, and Will Counties.

The success of Loaves & Fishes can be attributed to the collaboration of its dedicated staff and more than 1,000 volunteers, who range from teenagers to seniors nearing 90 years old. Their commitment has been instrumental in ensuring the prosperity of countless families. The extensive volunteer hours contributed over the years have allowed Loaves & Fishes to scale its operations, enabling efficient and cost-effective service at facilities such as the Frank J. Rus & Donald S. Toy Food Market & Resource Center.

Over the years, Loaves & Fishes has expanded its mission beyond addressing food insecurity to include programs that promote self-sufficiency. These initiatives include offering emergency assistance for rent and utilities, help with public benefits, vehicle donations, Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA), employment readiness support, and the Moving

Up program—a 20-session intensive course designed to help clients identify and overcome barriers to progress.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to have Loaves & Fishes Community Services in my district, actively working to alleviate hunger and support our community. I invite my colleagues to join me in expressing gratitude to Mike Havala, the current President and CEO of Loaves & Fishes, along with all the dedicated members of this organization. May it continue to be a beacon of service for many years to come.

RECOGNIZING PA-1'S HOMETOWN
HERO: MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP
POLICE DEPARTMENT LIEUTENANT
KENNETH MELLUS

HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 1, 2024

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an extraordinary individual from Pennsylvania's First Congressional District—someone who has gone above and beyond the call of duty in service to both our community and our country. It is with great respect and admiration that I recognize Lt. Kenneth Mellus, one of our district's distinguished Hometown Heroes.

Hometown Heroes are not defined by titles of accolades but by the quiet power of their actions. They are distinguished by their unwavering integrity, the strength of their character, and their steadfast commitment to the people and places they serve. They are the foundation upon which our communities stand—the ones who lift others up, inspire hope, and, in doing so, call us all to higher standards of service and compassion. Lt. Mellus has embodied this spirit in ways that words can scarcely capture.

For the past thirty-eight years, Lt. Mellus has tirelessly served and protected our community here in Bucks County. Lt. Mellus began his career with the Middletown Township Police Department in 1985, first as a patrol officer before serving eight years as a K-9 handler alongside his faithful partner, K-9 Snowball. Following his promotion to Sergeant in 1995, he was instrumental in the development and implementation of several outstanding and successful community policing initiatives, including the Citizens Police Academy, Neshaminy School District's Adopt-a-Cop program, child fingerprinting/ID programs, K-9 demonstrations, and a series of Crime Prevention seminars. In 2011, he was promoted to Lieutenant and continued to be a driving force of innovation and positive change within the department. His efforts and contributions towards enhancing and improving the department's IT infrastructure resulted in nearly all the technology MTPD utilizes today. From dash cameras and departmental training to a records management and scheduling system, Lt. Mellus's vision and leadership were pivotal in revolutionizing the department's technological landscape and ensuring MTPD had the necessary tools to serve and protect our community.

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