

RECOGNIZING ISOBEL GOLDMAN

HON. JOSEPH D. MORELLE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 28, 2024

Mr. MORELLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Jewish American Heritage Month and to recognize an outstanding individual from Rochester, NY, whose contributions have made a lasting impact on our local Jewish community: Isobel Goldman.

Isobel Goldman served for 18 years as Director of Community Relations at the Jewish Federation. In that capacity, she created and directed the Rochester Jewish Coalition for Literacy, which started with six volunteers and under her leadership, grew to over 200 people who went once a week to Rochester City Schools to assist with students in K–6 with literacy skills. She also served as the Director of Grants at the Max and Marian Farash Charitable Foundation where she started the First in Family College Tuition-free program, led Jewish Education programming, and started an initiative to help fund scholarships for teens hoping to travel to Israel. She has truly embodied the spirit of service to others.

This Jewish American Heritage Month, it is my honor and privilege to recognize Isobel Goldman. Her extraordinary legacy has uplifted the lives of everyone who calls Rochester home and will continue to inspire us all for decades to come.

INTRODUCTION OF THE NATIONAL COMMISSION TO COMBAT WORKPLACE SEXUAL HARASSMENT ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce the National Commission to Combat Workplace Sexual Harassment Act, which would establish a national commission to combat sexual harassment in the workplace. I have modeled this bill on bills Congress has passed to establish commissions to address other national problems. Specifically, this bill would establish a commission to carry out a comprehensive investigation and study of workplace sexual harassment in the United States.

A national commission would assure the American people that Congress takes sexual harassment seriously, beyond just the high-profile workplace instances. Most importantly, the commission would hear from a cross section of workers—from office and factory workers to retail and food service workers. The commission could travel or invite witnesses to the District of Columbia from throughout the country to recommend changes in laws or regulations and best practices to prevent, investigate, respond to and penalize sexual harassment in the private and public sectors.

Our constituents expect Congress to take on the problem of sexual harassment throughout our national economy. A national commission could help reach and reduce sexual harassment, a form of gender discrimination, where the average American works.

I strongly urge my colleagues to support this bill.

RECOGNIZING MAY AS ALS AWARENESS MONTH

HON. MARCUS J. MOLINARO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MOLINARO. Mr. Speaker, today I stand before you to recognize May 2024 as National Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) Awareness Month. We honor individuals who have been affected by ALS and pledge unwavering support to patients and their families.

Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), known by many as Lou Gehrig's disease, is a progressive fatal neurodegenerative disease in which the nerve cells in the brain and spinal cord stop working and die. Over time, a person's mind loses connection with the muscles, slowly taking away the ability to walk, talk, eat, and eventually breathe. After symptoms develop, most patients only live for another 2–5 years, and despite its destructive nature, currently no one knows what causes most cases of ALS and there are no cures. Today, an estimated 31,000 people in the United States are living with ALS.

In order to combat this devastating illness, we must increase education and support research. ALS Awareness Month deepens the public's awareness of people with ALS' dire circumstances, and acknowledges the terrible impact this disease has, not only on the person, but on his or her family and the community. It further recognizes the research being done to eradicate this disease and is why I sign an annual appropriations letter each year requesting increased funding for ALS research. Our commitment to accelerating the pace of discovery must remain unwavering, fueled by the hope that one day, ALS will be a livable disease for everyone, everywhere, until we can cure it.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues in the House join me in celebrating the month of May to advocate for patients fighting ALS and for the tireless work of the families, caretakers, and researchers supporting those affected by this relentless disease.

COMMEMORATING THE CENTENNIAL OF THE U.S. BORDER PATROL

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, with the introduction of H. Res. 1261, I join my colleagues on the House Committee on Homeland Security in commemorating the 100th anniversary of the creation of the United States Border Patrol. It is important that we honor the service and sacrifices of the men and women of the U.S. Border Patrol and their families, past and present.

Since the U.S. Border Patrol's creation on May 28, 1924, Border Patrol agents have shown commitment and dedication to safeguarding our Nation by securing and protecting our borders.

The U.S. Border Patrol has seen its mission expand greatly since its first stations opened in Detroit, Michigan, and El Paso, Texas, in 1924. Congress expanded its duties to patrolling the seacoast in 1925. U.S. Border Patrol's Air Operations officially commenced in 1941.

The tragic events of September 11, 2001, underscored the importance of homeland security and led to significant enhancements in U.S. Border Patrol operations.

With each new mission set, the men and women of the U.S. Border Patrol have consistently risen to the challenge. As we mark the agency's centennial, we particularly remember the 156 Border Patrol agents who made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty.

The United States Border Patrol has overcome significant challenges while protecting Americans and our national security. I take this opportunity to thank the nearly 20,000 agents currently protecting the 6,000 miles of international land borders and 2,000 miles of coastal waters. I also celebrate the agents who came before them and the families who endure great sacrifices and provide unwavering support to those who serve in the United States Border Patrol.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF WILL NEITZEL

HON. BRYAN STEIL

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. STEIL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Will Neitzel, a member of my staff for the last five and a half years. Will joined my team as I opened a new office and started my first term, serving Wisconsin's First Congressional District. Will has been an integral member of my team.

While serving in my personal office, Will's candor, hard work, and humor have been tremendous assets to my office. When first starting my office, Will was essential in getting my mail program up and running, working tirelessly to produce dozens of letters each week. As a policy staffer Will helped Wisconsin families and small businesses better understand and navigate federal programs.

After serving as one of my lead staffers in my personal office, Will then moved to the Committee on House Administration when I became Chairman in January of 2022. Will quickly became my Wisconsin advocate with the Committee, always thinking of ways House Administration can benefit the people of Wisconsin's First District. Will also jumped right in and helped lead the Committee's widely successful "Running an Effective Committee in the Majority Series", "Level Up: GOP Staff Development Course", and the "Intern Lecture Series", among many others.

With Will as a part of my Member Services team, the Committee has held briefings and education trainings for over 2,000 Members of Congress and their staff. This team has also successfully completed over 600 Member-related requests. Will also spearheaded the planting of the Sugar Maple tree on the U.S. Capitol Grounds commemorating the 175th anniversary of the State of Wisconsin.

Mr. Speaker, there is no doubt in my mind that the great people of Wisconsin are better off because of Will's service here in the U.S.

House of Representatives. I'm so appreciative to have had him in my personal and committee offices. On behalf of my personal office and the Committee on House Administration, we want to thank Will for his great services and friendship. We wish the very best of success to Will, Steph, Jack, and Ada as they start a new chapter back home in Wisconsin.

RECOGNIZING JOY GETNICK

HON. JOSEPH D. MORELLE

OF NEW YORK

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Mr. MORELLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Jewish American Heritage Month and to recognize an exemplary individual from Rochester, NY, who is making a profound impact on our Jewish community: Joy Getnick.

Joy Getnick serves as the Executive Director of the University of Rochester Hillel. She has quietly but powerfully done vital work over these last several months guiding our young students, particularly with the rise of anti-semitism on campus and throughout society. She is an educator and leader not just on campus, but across all of Rochester. Joy is also the founding director of Camp Seneca Lake in Israel, a summer Israel program for teens. Her commitment to uplifting and mentoring students is helping to shape the next generation of leaders, and her legacy will live on through each of the lives she has touched.

Jewish American History Month is the perfect opportunity to recognize and honor our local Jewish neighbors who are working diligently to make our community a better place. I can think of no better example than Joy Getnick, and I commend her for her many accomplishments.

RECOGNIZING GEORGE CASSAR

HON. RASHIDA TLAIB

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, today I want to recognize Marine Corps Lance Corporal George Cassar, Purple Heart recipient, for his service to our Nation, as he serves as Grand Marshall of the City of Dearborn's ninety-eighth Memorial Day festivities.

Lance Corporal Cassar joined the Marine Corps in October 1966 and served until 1969. During his service, Cassar displayed remarkable bravery and perseverance, earning two Purple Hearts. The first was awarded after his tank was hit by a rocket, and the second was given when he was wounded by shrapnel. Since his retirement from military service, Lance Corporal Cassar continues to serve his community, coaching basketball for an impressive forty-seven years.

Please join me in recognizing Lance Corporal George Cassar for his service to our Nation.

RECOGNIZING THOMAS FINK

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Mr. MORELLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Jewish American Heritage Month and to recognize an extraordinary individual from Rochester, NY, who is making a profound impact on our Jewish community: Thomas Fink.

Tom Fink is the embodiment of service in my hometown. Tom is a past president of Temple B'rith Kodesh and a former National Board Member of the Union of Reform Jewish Congregations. He has been active in volunteer work and social activism for decades, particularly on the issue of homelessness and affordable housing. He has dedicated himself time and time again to bettering our region, going above and beyond to serve his neighbors in ways both big and small.

During Jewish American Heritage Month, it is my privilege to recognize Thomas Fink for his selflessness, generosity, and dedication to uplifting our Jewish community. Rochester is a better and brighter place because of his leadership. His legacy will leave a lasting mark on all those whose lives he has touched.