

As a native of his beloved Midland City, I stand today with all the people of that south Dale County town in remembering and celebrating the life of one of the finest people I've ever known. Joe Bob Parker was special to us and he will be missed.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MICHAEL E. CAPUANO

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 24, 2000

Mr. CAPUANO. Mr. Speaker, on May 23, 2000, I attended the funeral for the brother of Representative ANTHONY WEINER and was therefore unable to cast votes on rollcalls 214 through 223. Had I been present, I would have voted in the following manner: "Yea" on rollcall 214; "yea" on rollcall 215; "yea" on rollcall 216; "yea" on rollcall 217; "yea" on rollcall 218; "yea" on rollcall 219; "yea" on rollcall 220; "yea" on rollcall 221; "yea" on rollcall 222; "yea" on rollcall 223.

HONORING THE UNITED HOCKEY LEAGUE CHAMPION FLINT GENERALS

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 24, 2000

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, today I congratulate the Flint Generals of the United Hockey League, who on May 17, defeated the Quad City Mallards in the UHL Colonial Cup Championship series. The game was truly an exciting battle, which the Generals won 5-4.

The Generals are a great example of what hard work, determination, and a passionate desire to win can accomplish. The Generals celebrated a stellar regular season with a record of 51-14-9, and 111 points. This not only earned them the Central Division Championship, but they tied a league record for most points by a team in the regular season.

The Generals went on to score decisive victories in the postseason, defeating the Madison Kodiaks, the Muskegon Fury, and ultimately, a strong and skilled Mallard team.

The Generals are the third team to bring a professional hockey championship to my hometown of Flint, Michigan. They are another testament to the rich sports history that exists throughout the state of Michigan. Their accomplishments shine bright in the eyes of the people of Flint. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the 106th Congress to join me in saluting the Flint Generals. They are true champions.

HONORING THE WEST END MEMORIAL SCHOOL IN WOODBURY, NEW JERSEY

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 24, 2000

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, on May 24, at 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., at West End Memorial School in Woodbury, NJ, Col. Larry Engel,

vice-president of the Battleship NJ Foundation, will present a print of the Battleship to the Woodbury School District, certificates to the three elementary schools and decals to the 178 fifth grade students who raised \$1,000 toward the Battleship's Museum. They stitched over 1,400 needlepoint bookmarks and sold them for \$.50 each, several Easter baskets which sold for \$5 each and issued \$1 stock certificates to local businesses and civic organizations toward their Battleship NJ Peace Project. The students will present an assembly to the 4th and 5th grade students dedicated to those who have served our nation. Col. Engel will address the group about the NJ and Memorial Day. The students will present a check to Col. Engel for the Museum.

HONORING REV. DOCTOR WILLY UPSHAW

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 24, 2000

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, the year 2000 is significant for many reasons, not least of which is it being the 33rd anniversary of the Rev. Doctor Willie Upshaw's ministry at the Mt. Carmel Baptist Church in Yonkers, a church which has grown under his guidance and inspiration from 150 congregants to more than 2,500.

This incredible expansion of his ministry is based on his motto: "Its no secret what God can do." The high esteem and love given the Rev. Upshaw by his congregation is based on his devotion to his pastoral duties of visiting and praying with the sick and shut-ins, dedicating infants, bringing God to patients at nursing homes and to prisons, and helping those in the community who seek him out for his wisdom and counsel.

Under his pastorate eight deacons have been ordained and seven ministers licensed, of who two have been ordained. Under Pastor Upshaw the Youth Church Ministry has been organized, drawing large numbers of young people to membership through the Rites of Passage and Vows of Purity programs, movements made easier by the Pastor's great love for all youth.

Pastor Upshaw has also served in many other capacities: Executive Vice President of the Yonkers Council of Churches, President of the Ministerial Fellowship of Yonkers, member of the Central Hudson Baptist Association, and member of the Board of Directors of the Yonkers General Hospital among so many others.

Rev. Upshaw has contributed an almost infinite amount of goodness and decency into the community. I am proud to stand here today to congratulate him on 33 years of his pastorate and to wish him, and all of us, many more years.

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF JEREMY L. HAAS ON HIS APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY

HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 24, 2000

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to an outstanding young man from Ohio's Fifth Congressional district. I am happy to announce that Jeremy L. Haas of Sandusky, Ohio, has been offered an appointment to attend the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Mr. Speaker, Jeremy's offer of appointment poises him to attend the United States Air Force Academy this fall with the incoming cadet class of 2004. Attending one of our nations' military academies is an invaluable experience that offers a world-class education and demands the very best that these young men and women have to offer. Truly, it is one of the most challenging and rewarding undertakings of their lives.

Jeremy brings a great deal of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming class at the Air Force Academy. While attending Sandusky High School, Jeremy has performed very well in the classroom. Jeremy has attained a grade point average of 3.775, which places him eighteenth in his class of three hundred six students. Jeremy is a member of the National Honor Society. In addition, Jeremy has received Scholar Athlete Awards in Football and Track in each year of his high school career.

On the fields of competition, Jeremy has distinguished himself as a fine student-athlete. He is a member of the Varsity Football team and has participated in the summer running and weightlifting programs. Jeremy is also a member of the Varsity Track team. In addition, Jeremy has been involved with the International Club and the Sandusky High School band. He has also served as a volunteer at the Sandusky Community Police Station.

Mr. Speaker, I would ask my colleagues to stand and join me in paying special tribute to Jeremy L. Haas. Our service academies offer the finest education and military training available anywhere in the world. I am sure that Jeremy will do very well at the Air Force Academy and I wish him the very best in all of his future endeavors.

POEM BY SOL AXELROD

HON. GARY L. ACKERMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 24, 2000

Mr. ACKERMAN. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I share a poem written by my constituent Mr. Sol Axelrod of Commack, New York. The Merchant Marines have served as the sixth Armed Force of our country. Mr. Alexrod beautifully describes our ocean-going Patriots who have laid down their lives for freedom. As Memorial Day approaches, I thought his words were particularly moving.

Forever at Rest

Yes, I recall that fateful day

A mighty force had struck my way.
 Being thrust upon the deck,
 With no feeling in my legs or neck
 "Abandon ship", a voice cried out
 I could not stir or even shout.
 Merchant seamen rest in the deep
 Heroes in eternal sleep
 Confined to a watery grave.
 Patriots, bold and brave.
 To my regret, I cannot leave.
 There is no consolation for those who
 grieve—
 Here forever, I am part of the sea
 Having given my life for others to be free.

HONORING SHOLL'S CAFETERIA, A
 WASHINGTON LANDMARK

HON. CLIFF STEARNS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 24, 2000

Mr. STEARNS. Mr. Speaker, on March 15th, I joined in celebrating the 72nd Anniversary of Sholl's Cafeteria. Sholl's is more than a business, it is a cherished institution here in Washington.

One of the most important family rituals is eating together, joining together in a daily activity and discussing the events of the day and the plans for tomorrow. Sholl's provides this family atmosphere by providing a place for people to come together in an enjoyable environment, to share in taking a meal and to experience the sense of community.

I would like to submit for the RECORD this poem by John Seitz which honors this Washington landmark.

ODE TO SHOLL'S CAFETERIA

(By John R. Seitz)

Come bring along a friend to Sholl's. Liver and onions! Ah, the rolls! The chopped steak is the best in town. Meatloaf or blue fish share renown.
 Some folks favor the rhubarb pie, While pumpkin's what others swear by. Something lighter you might savor Is egg custard, rich in flavor.
 Water glasses catch the eye, Sparkling with ice as you go by. Coffee is smooth from cup to cup. Whichever time of day you sup.
 Is breakfast the meal you prefer? The eggs will suit without demur. The bacon's always crisp and done. Waffles, pastries, suit everyone!
 So grab a tray, and step in line. The wait's not long, and you'll do fine. Sit where you like, then dig right in. Your tasty meal waits to begin.
 Now you may hear, a threatening fear, That Sholl's could close and disappear. It's true; but Sholl's is open now. It plans to stay, and here is how.
 Patrons, diners, all who should Step forth for food that's cheap and good, Promote tradition with these goals! So "S.O.S."—"Support Our Sholl's!"

EXTENSION OF REMARKS CONCERN FOR RELIGIOUS MINORITIES IN IRAN

HON. SAXBY CHAMBLISS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 24, 2000

Mr. CHAMBLISS. Mr. Speaker, ten percent of the citizens of the Islamic Republic of Iran

are members of religious minority groups. According to the State Department and internationally recognized human rights organizations, religious minorities in Iran—including Sunni Muslims, Baha'is, Christians, and Jews—have all been the victims of human rights abuses simply because of their religious beliefs. More than half the Jews in Iran have been forced to flee that country since the Islamic Revolution of 1979 because of religious persecution.

Five Jews have been executed by the Iranian government in the past five years without having been tried. There has been an increase in anti-Semitic propaganda in the government-controlled Iranian press. I want to express my concern today about the thirteen Jews who Iran accused of spying for the United States and Israel and who were arrested on the eve of Passover in 1999. These men are currently being held in an Iranian jail, and although their trial has already begun, they have still not been charged. Further, contrary to Iranian law, these prisoners have been denied the right to choose their own legal counsel, and ten of the defendants have been imprisoned for over a year without any legal representation.

Both Israel and the United States have denied that these men were spying on their behalf. But, this case is indicative of the continued concern I have regarding Iran. From the continuing development of long range missiles capable of striking our friends and allies in the Middle East, to the lack of basic human rights and freedom for the Iranian people, to support for terrorists who target Americans, Iran persists in engaging in a pattern of unacceptable behavior that should cause all of us great apprehension.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in expressing alarm about Iran. It is my hope that the thirteen Jews currently being held on these trumped up espionage charges will be accorded their basic legal rights and that Iran will release all prisoners held on the basis of their religious beliefs.

HONORING MILES LERMAN

HON. JOE BACA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 24, 2000

Mr. BACA. Mr. Speaker, after 22 years of dedicated service, Miles Lerman will soon step down as Chairman of the United States Holocaust Memorial Council. At the end of this month, the Museum will be honoring his extraordinary commitment and dedicated leadership.

I would like to join with Mr. Lerman's fiends and colleagues in saluting his years of service not just to our Nation, but for the cause of justice throughout the world.

During World War II, Mr. Lerman fought the Nazis as a partisan in the forests of southern Poland. Upon liberation, he returned to his native town only to discover that his mother and siblings had been murdered.

After the War, he rebuilt his life in the United States, with his wife Chris, a survivor of Auschwitz.

Mr. Lerman has long been prominent in Jewish leadership, for which he received the medal of achievement from the Prime Minister of the State of Israel.

In 1980 he was appointed by President Carter to the United States Holocaust Memorial Council, to build a national Holocaust Memorial Museum in tribute to the victims of Nazi atrocities. He has been reappointed repeatedly by subsequent presidents. The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum is now the largest single repository of Holocaust artifacts in the world outside of the Nazi death camps.

In recognition of these achievements, President Clinton appointed Miles Lerman as Chairman of the United States Holocaust Memorial Council, the governing body of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum.

Mr. Lerman has also received numerous honors throughout his distinguished career, including the Outstanding Civilian Service Medal, Department of the Army, May 15, 1996; The Inaugural Israeli Bonds Freedom Award, the State of Israel Bonds, Washington D.C. June 5, 1994; the Jules Cohen Memorial Award, Jewish Community Relations Council, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, for commitment to international human rights and holocaust education, March 3, 1994; Commander's Cross (the highest award for a non-citizen of Poland), presented by Lech Walesa, President of the Republic of Poland, April 3, 1993; the Partisans Cross, for bravery in combat with the Nazi invaders, presented by the Order of Council of Ministers of the Republic of Poland, July 14, 1989; Prime Minister's Medal of Achievement, the State of Israel Bonds, June 10, 1973.

HONORING GERALD SQUILLANTE

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 24, 2000

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, we all rely on hospitals for our well-being or more accurately, the people in our hospitals to help us through our individual crises. One of the people I want to praise today for his work is Gerald Squillante, Director of the School of Radiation Therapy at Montefiore Medical Center.

He has brought diligence and compassion to his work and he is being honored for his 18 years of service at Montefiore Hospital to the people of the community. He graduated from the first class of the School of Radiation at Montefiore Medical Center's Radiation Oncology Department.

For the 18 years he has served as Director he has dedicated his time and ability to assist the administrative, technical and medical staff whenever they have called on him. He has been a dedicated teacher who helped his students reach their goal of graduating from the School of Radiation Therapy Technology and to pass the National Registry Examination in order to obtain their licenses to treat.

He has shown care and devotion to his family, his colleagues and his students, who are known with affection as "Jerry's Kids".

I want to join with his family, friends, colleagues and students in wishing him the very best on his anniversary. The work he does certainly is a benefit to all of us.