

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

A TRIBUTE TO ROBERT AND KAY SCHATTNER AND THE JEWISH PRIMARY DAY SCHOOL

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 8, 2003

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call the attention of the House of Representatives to the upcoming dedication of the new home in Washington, D.C. of the Jewish Primary Day School of the Nation's Capital (JPDS-NC) and to pay tribute to the contributions of Dr. Robert and Kay Schattner in enabling JPDS-NC to dedicate their new home.

On Sunday, December 21 JPDS-NC community will dedicate their new building at 6045 16th St., NW, Washington, DC. After a three year hiatus JPDS-NC has returned to Washington, DC. This makes JPDS-NC the only Jewish Day school in our Nation's Capital. JPDS-NC is an independent, pluralistic, co-educational Jewish day school for students in pre-kindergarten through sixth grade.

It is particularly fitting that this Jewish day school is moving to this address because this same building was constructed to be the home of the Hebrew Academy from 1951-1976. JPDS-NC will add greatly to the cultural richness and diversity of the Nation's Capital.

It is particularly pleasing to recognize and pay tribute to my constituents Robert and Kay Schattner's for helping make this new building possible. Their \$2 million contribution to this school building facilitated JPDS-NC moving back into the District. When this building is dedicated later this month it will be named the Kay and Robert Schattner Center.

This generous contribution is not the first major charitable gift of the Schattners. Only last year the University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine dedicated the Robert Schattner Center in Philadelphia.

The Schattner family has deep roots in the Metropolitan Washington area. Kay Schattner grew up in Washington, DC and once hosted a popular local radio program named "Kay's Korner." Her work earned her the title of National Radio Star of the Year in 1959. She also worked for the Washington Daily News as a columnist.

Robert Schattner has had a distinguished career as a dentist, entrepreneur, and inventor. He developed the widely used throat spray, Chloraseptic as well as other medical products. He currently serves as president of Sporicidin International, a company which develops medical, dental and household antimicrobial products.

Mr. Speaker, Kay and Robert Schattner are the type of civic minded couple that has made this country great. It is my honor to rise and pay tribute to their contribution which will allow a great educational institution to thrive in our Nation's Capital.

Mr. Speaker, I am submitting for the RECORD an article published on 9/11/03 in the Washington Jewish Week which announced

the Schattner gift and the move of the JPDS-NC.

[From the Washington Jewish Week]

JPDS GETS \$2 MILLION GIFT DONATION, IS BETHESDA COUPLE'S LARGEST TO JEWISH CAUSE

(By Teddy Kider)

Robert and Kay Schattner have had quite a year. Twenty minutes after students and officials of the Jewish Primary Day School of the Nation's Capital (JPDS-NC) raised the flag and hung mezuzot at their new home in the District last week, the Bethesda couple signed on to contribute \$2 million to the facility, naming it the Kay and Robert Schattner Center.

The facility, the former Owl School on 16th Street N.W. in the District, provided JPDS-NC with its first permanent home in the District since the school became independent of Adas Israel Congregation in 1999.

"What interested us most is the school accommodates all sectors of Judaic affiliations and backgrounds," said Robert Schattner. "You can be chasidic or Reform, and the school will take you and accommodate you."

The Schattners' gift to JPDS-NC comes less than one year after the Nov. 1 dedication of the Robert Schattner Center at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia.

The Schattners' contribution, the largest in the history of Penn's dental school, provided the campus with a \$22 million, 70,000-square-foot building that connected two previously built structures and created the largest dental school facility in the United States. Robert Schattner is an alumnus of the dental school.

With the finishing touches still being completed in Philadelphia, the Schattners were reluctant to take on another project.

"We just have too many involvements," said Robert Schattner.

Last spring, the Schattners were approached by Lisa Silver, a friend who has three children at JPDS-NC and knew that the couple might want to contribute to a Jewish day school. Silver was initially turned down, but was persistent in showing the Schattners what JPDS-NC had to offer the community.

"I say this as a good thing: she's a great saleswoman," quipped Robert Schattner.

Eventually, the Schattners decided that providing funds for the 16th Street campus let them support a worthy cause while maintaining a minimal involvement with the already-completed building.

The \$2 million gift fulfilled more than half of the JPDS-NC Coming Home Campaign's goal of \$3.8 million, and will be used to support new programs like a prekindergarten and an Intergenerational Jewish Arts Program. A dedication ceremony will be held in November.

"We are so grateful to Kay and Robert Schattner for stepping forward with their \$2 million lead gift to launch our Coming Home Campaign," said former president and chair of the campaign Margaret Hahn Stern. "The first step is always the hardest, and we hope that many others will now be inspired to join the Schattners at whatever level they can afford. . . . Widespread participation in this campaign will firmly position our premiere Jewish day school in the nation's capital."

The Schattners may have no previous ties to JPDS-NC, but they are deeply rooted in the Washington community.

Kay Schattner, who grew up in Washington, D.C., has a background in the media, having worked on a one-hour daily radio broadcast called "Kay's Korner" from 1953 to 1961. The show earned her the title of National Radio Star of the Year in 1959.

She also worked for the Washington Daily News, writing the "Gourmet Guide" dining supplement from 1960 to 1969 and producing columns for the paper from 1960-1970.

A member of the Academy of Television Arts & Sciences and of American Women in Radio & Television, Kay Schattner also did interviews for Curtis Circulations, which enabled her to be the self-proclaimed "only person to interview Robert Kennedy and Jimmy Hoffa in the same afternoon."

Robert Schattner grew up in Bronx, N.Y., and earned a bachelor's degree in chemistry from the City University of New York before going to Penn's dentistry school.

While practicing dentistry in Queens, N.Y., he developed Chloraseptic, a throat spray. After 10 years in private practice, Schattner created The Chloraseptic Company and moved to the District, where he sold the revolutionary product to The Norwich Pharmacal Company.

Robert Schattner now serves as president of Sporicidin International, which develops medical, dental and household antimicrobial products, and he's been involved in several attempts to purchase sports teams in the area or move teams to the area.

Recently, Schattner introduced Masticide, a new product that treats mastitis, or the inflammation of a cow's udder, and is supposed to help farmers who annually lose about \$3 billion due to mastitis in their herds.

While Robert Schattner has been honored for his work outside of the office by the Association for Physical and Mental Rehabilitation, the President's Committee for Physical and Mental Rehabilitation and the Columbia Lighthouse for the Blind, his wife has worked with numerous organizations to better the community, including heart, cancer and multiple sclerosis associations.

INTRODUCTION OF THE IDENTITY THEFT INVESTIGATION AND PROSECUTION ACT OF 2003

HON. ROBERT C. SCOTT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 8, 2003

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, today, I am introducing in the U.S. House of Representatives the "Identity Theft Investigation and Prosecution Act of 2003" with my colleagues Rep. HOWARD COBLE, the gentleman from North Carolina, Rep. JOHN CONYERS, the gentleman from Michigan, Rep. ED CASE, the gentleman from Hawaii, Rep. MARTIN FROST, the gentleman from Texas, Rep. BARNEY FRANK, the gentleman from Massachusetts, Rep. HOWARD BERMAN, the gentleman from California, Rep. JAN SCHAKOWSKY, the gentleman from Illinois, Rep. BARBARA LEE, the gentleman from California, and Rep. DENNIS KUCINICH, the gentleman from Ohio, as original cosponsors. This bill will address the issue of identity theft and fraud immediately by

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