

Dr. Kelly graduated from Northeast Missouri State University in 1964 with a B.S. in Zoology and Chemistry. He received an M.A. in Secondary School Administration from the same institution in 1968. During this time he interacted with adolescents on a daily basis as a Science Teacher and Coach in Missouri. Dr. Kelly then served as an assistant principal, vice principal and principal in both Missouri and Illinois. After having worked for a number of years, Dr. Kelly returned to school and received his Ph.D. from St. Louis University in 1973.

Dr. Kelly served as Superintendent of schools in Rockford, Illinois and Little Rock, Arkansas. prior to moving to Prince William County in 1987. As a school administrator, Dr. Kelly strived to bring out the best in his students, employees and community. His oversight on educational practices allowed him to implement nationally recognized School-Based Management Programs, design alternative programs for students with special circumstances, and supervise curriculum restructuring and benchmark examinations. Dr. Kelly's positive actions and open door policy stabilized relations within the school system, and established trust among parents, teachers, the School Board and the community at large.

Dr. Kelly's dedication to his work has been recognized through numerous awards and commendations. In 1987 he was named by a panel of educators to The Executive Educator 100, a selection of 100 outstanding educational leaders. Dr. Kelly also received the Virginia Elementary School Principals "Educator of the Year" Award and was elected Chairman of the Washington Area School Study Council.

In addition to his educational pursuits, Dr. Kelly stays involved in many charitable and community activities. He is a member of the board for the United Way, the National Conference of Christians and Jews, as well as the Boy Scouts of America.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, I would like to extend my best wishes to Dr. Edward L. Kelly on his retirement as the Prince William County Superintendent. Through his long and distinguished career Dr. Kelly has touched the lives of countless students. While I know that he will be greatly missed, his retirement is well deserved. I call upon my colleagues to join me in honoring Dr. Kelly, and I wish him the best of luck in all future endeavors.

CONGRATULATING RABBI JEHIEL ORENSTEIN

**HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 12, 2005*

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the career and accomplishments of Rabbi Jehiel Orenstein. Rabbi Orenstein is a beloved figure not only among the 575 families at Congregation Beth El, but throughout the community at-large.

In 1961, Jehiel Orenstein received his master's degree in Judaica and was ordained as a Rabbi at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America. While he was a student there, he received the Lawrence Prager Award for outstanding scholarship in medieval Hebrew Lit-

erature. In 1986, Rabbi Orenstein received his PhD from New York University in linguistics. In that same year, he was awarded the degree of Doctor of Divinity from the Jewish Theological Seminary of America.

Rabbi Orenstein served as Chaplain of the United States Air Force on Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas. After three years on Lackland Air Force Base, Rabbi Orenstein moved to Lynbrook, New York, where he was Rabbi of Congregation Beth David. After his stay at Temple Beth David he became Rabbi at Temple Israel in Great Neck, New York. For the past 35 years, Rabbi Orenstein has served as the spiritual leader of Congregation Beth El in South Orange, New Jersey. During his distinguished tenure at Beth El, Rabbi Orenstein has overseen a vibrant and growing Conservative Jewish congregation.

He has written several publications, including a book about Hebrew Literature. Some of his other works include articles published in Conservative Judaism, the New York Times, and *Bai'nanu*, a working publication for American Conservative Rabbis.

Rabbi Orenstein is the past president of the Maplewood-South Orange Clergy Association, Chaplain of the State Police of New Jersey, and Chaplain of the Maplewood Police and Fire Departments. He is also the past president of the Rabbinical Assembly of New Jersey. I know that he is particularly proud of founding the South Orange-Maplewood Interfaith Holocaust Service, a 27-year tradition.

Rabbi Orenstein is married to Sylvia Mowshowitz Orenstein, a very accomplished attorney in her own right. They are the parents of three very successful children, and are the proud grandparents of five.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to wish Rabbi Jehiel Orenstein a hearty "Mazel Tov!" on giving the opening prayer today on the Senate floor.

Rabbi Orenstein built a strong synagogue during his 35 years at Beth El, and has been a pillar for the South Orange-Maplewood region. I would also like to thank him for his years of service dedicated not only to his congregants, but our community and the State of New Jersey. May he enjoy a very well-deserved retirement

HONORING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE MAYOR PRO-TEM JAMES D. ROBERTS

**HON. HENRY CUELLAR**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 12, 2005*

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mayor Pro-Tem James D. Roberts for his public service to the city of Charlotte, Texas.

A patriotic and dedicated American, Mr. Roberts is no stranger to service and sacrifice for his town and country. A veteran of Vietnam, he served in the U.S. Navy from 1968 through 1972.

James Roberts is a dedicated public servant, and a lifelong patron of the State of Texas. He has served the City of Charlotte for eleven years, having worked previously as Alderman for 9½ years.

Working closely with numerous community organizations, Mr. Roberts is active in the

Atascosa Finance Committee, the Charlotte FFA, the 4-H Club, and the San Antonio Livestock Show Auction Committee. He also serves his community as a volunteer for the fire department, often working as the acting Fire Marshal.

Having lived in the community for over 28 years, James Roberts and his wife Marilyn are the owners of a local feed store. They live in Charlotte, Texas with their three children Cody, Jerrold, and Cheryln.

Mr. Speaker, I am deeply proud to have been given this opportunity to recognize the Mayor Pro-Tem of Charlotte, James D. Roberts, for his dedicated public service.

CONGRATULATING GERALD T. LANGAN UPON 35 YEARS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE

**HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 12, 2005*

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask you and my esteemed colleagues in the House of Representatives to pay tribute to Gerald T. Langan for 35 years of community service and 25 years as president and CEO of Goodwill Industries as he is honored Friday night at a celebration at The Radisson Hotel in Scranton, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Langan is a 1966 graduate of Central High School in Scranton. After high school, he went on to Lackawanna Junior College and Bethel College.

In 1970, he took a job as the education coordinator for Head Start. Mr. Langan then became the project director for Head Start in 1973. Since 1985, he has been president and CEO of Goodwill Industries of Northeastern Pennsylvania.

Mr. Langan has twice served as president of the Pennsylvania Goodwill Director's Association. He was appointed to the State Office of Vocational Rehabilitation Board by Governor Robert Casey. Mr. Langan is a member of the Pennsylvania Association of Rehabilitation, the zoning board for the City of Scranton, and the housing board of Lackawanna County. He was awarded "Health Care Professional of the Year" by the State of Pennsylvania. Mr. Langan was a past member of the Lackawanna College Board of Directors, and served as board chairman for two years.

Mr. Langan and his lovely wife Fran have one daughter, Kristen.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Gerald Langan as he is honored for his selfless devotion to the community and dedication to making the world a better place.

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**HON. BETTY McCOLLUM**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 16, 2005*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under