

1959, Fred moved the candy-making part of the business to Third Avenue North from its original Ludington Street location. Fred also separated the store Saykly's from the candy production facility.

Shortly thereafter, Marge and Josephine began operating the store, then known as "Saykly's Confectionary and Gift." Around 1960, Saykly's stopped selling groceries and concentrated on selling the candies and gift items for which the store has since become so famous.

In 1983 Debbie and Jim Kirby purchased Saykly's Confectionary and Gifts from Josephine and Marge. Debbie was the granddaughter of Joseph, the original founder of the business. Operating Saykly's was a homecoming for Debbie who began working in the store at age 12 when her aunts, Marge and Josephine were the proprietors. Today, Debbie fondly recalls how her Aunt Marge instilled into her a sense of customer service, always reminding Debbie to put a smile on her face for customers by saying, "Smile, God loves you."

Today, Saykly's remains in the same family that started it 100 years ago. Since the enterprising Joseph Saykly opened the store in 1906, it has been a mainstay in downtown Escanaba. The store continues to be an institution for everyone who lives in Escanaba and throughout the Upper Peninsula. Locals and visitors alike delight in Saykly's famous chocolates.

Saykly's has grown over the years. The business now employs 28 people year round and that number increases when extra help is needed during busy sale times such as Christmas, Valentine's Day and Easter. In addition to renovating the store on Ludington Street in Escanaba, the Kirbys have opened Saykly's outlets in the Delta Plaza Mall in Escanaba as well as the Westwood Mall in Marquette, Michigan.

However, just as the business has grown over the years, the owners have never forgotten their commitment to quality. Saykly's uses only premium ingredients, still heats candy in big copper kettles and hand-dips all of its chocolates.

Saykly's remains an anchor of the Escanaba community. As Debbie Kirby notes, what she enjoys most about owning and operating Saykly's are her customers. Generations of families have gathered at Saykly's to buy treats, visit with their neighbors or simply see a friendly Saykly face.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to admit that I too have been bitten by the Saykly chocolate bug. Over my 14 years in Congress, I have handed out hundreds of Saykly chocolate bars, known as "Yooper Bars" to people in Washington, D.C. A "Yooper Bar" is a chocolate bar in the shape of Michigan's Upper Peninsula. Everyone from Members of Congress to President Clinton to troops recovering in Walter Reed Hospital from wounds incurred in Iraq have enjoyed a delicious Yooper Bar from Saykly's.

Mr. Speaker, we all know how challenging it can be for a family to build a small business. Growing a successful business, while also keeping it in the same family for over 100 years, is truly an impressive accomplishment. I ask that the entire U.S. House of Representatives join with the people of Escanaba to observe Saykly's centennial celebration. Please join me in saluting the Kirbys and all the generations of the Saykly family who have made

"Saykly's" into a special place that is enjoyed by so many of my constituents.

TRIBUTE TO HOLY TRINITY HUNGARIAN CHURCH

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 13, 2006

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor and enthusiasm that I recognize the Holy Trinity Hungarian Church in East Chicago, Indiana, as its members celebrate the church's 100th anniversary. The festivities began on Sunday, October 22, 2006, with Holy Mass, and were followed by a jubilee dinner at Casa Maria Banquet Hall in Dyer, Indiana, to celebrate this exceptional milestone.

Around the turn of the 20th century, the Hungarian neighborhood in East Chicago, Indiana, was centered around family, religion, and a yearning for a church of their own. On July 4, 1904, a group met in the home of Stephen Farkas on Alexander Avenue to share ideas for beginning what is now the Holy Trinity Hungarian Church. On November 11, 1906, the cornerstone was laid for the first church building, which was followed by its dedication on the feast of the Holy Trinity in 1907. On Christmas Eve 1907, the first resident pastor arrived, Father Oscar Szilagyi. Though his tenure was short-lived due to the regulations of the Religious Order, Father Szilagyi has the distinction of performing Holy Trinity's first marriage, baptism, and funeral. Though this church, as well as Holy Trinity's second church building, was eventually destroyed by fire, the parishioners and their spiritual leaders forged on. Through their faith, hard work, and dedication, the cornerstone of the third and present church was laid on May 30, 1920, and dedicated on May 22, 1921. Following the rebuilding of the church, Holy Trinity went on to open a school in 1922, and by 1927, Holy Trinity, continuing to expand, saw the development of several organizations, including: Holy Rosary Circle, Altar Society, Holy Name Society, Knights of Holy Trinity, Children of Mary, and Young Ladies Sodality.

The parishioners at Holy Trinity continued to share their faith in communion with one another, surely not without their share of continued struggles. In February 1957, the newly formed Diocese of Gary was established, and Holy Trinity joined the neighboring Catholic parishes in welcoming the Most Reverend Andrew G. Grutka as its first Bishop. Throughout the years, Holy Trinity and its leaders have achieved many milestones and accolades. None, however, was seen as more prestigious than that which occurred on July 10, 2004, when Holy Trinity was honored with a visit from Peter Cardinal Erdő, Primate of Hungary.

Another outstanding milestone in the parish's history took place on May 1, 2005, when the present pastor, Father Alphonse Skerl, celebrated his 50th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood. Through all of the support, generosity, and leadership of Father Skerl for nearly 35 years, along with the dedication of the parish council, staff, parishioners, and organizations, Holy Trinity has reached their most momentous celebration with the 100th anniversary.

Holy Trinity Hungarian Church has been a mainstay in the city of East Chicago and is

worthy of this recognition as it celebrated its 100th anniversary on Sunday, October 22, 2006. The church offers an invaluable service to its parishioners and community, providing numerous opportunities for all to join together to experience its rich heritage.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in honoring and congratulating Holy Trinity Hungarian Church on their 100th anniversary. Throughout the years, the clergy and members of Holy Trinity have dedicated themselves to providing spirituality and guidance through the protection of the Hungarian traditions and faith. Their constant dedication and commitment is worthy of our admiration.

TRIBUTE TO LAVEDA CROSS

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 13, 2006

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, it has come to my attention that a longtime community leader in Lexington, MO, has been recognized for her commitment to the Daughters of the American Revolution. LaVeda Cross has been a member of this distinguished organization for twenty-eight years and recently served as Regent of the Lafayette-Lexington Chapter for the past eight years.

Under the leadership of LaVeda Cross, the Lafayette-Lexington Chapter more than doubled its membership while at the same time promoting the City of Lexington and its local businesses. Notably, she traveled the state raising funds for the restoration of the Madonna of the Trail monument in Lexington.

LaVeda Cross not only was active in her local chapter, she also has held many leadership positions with the state chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. She has served as the Missouri State Corresponding Secretary, Missouri State Registrar, and Chairman of the Missouri Madonna of the Trail Monument. Her leadership continued at the national level where she served as the National Vice Chairman of the Flag of the United States of America.

As a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Ms. Cross devoted much of her time to traveling. She has represented the Lafayette-Lexington chapter at district meetings, fall forums, at the Missouri State Conference, and at the National Continental Congress.

Mr. Speaker, I want to thank LaVeda Cross for her leadership to the community of Lexington, MO, to the State of Missouri, and to her country. I know the members of the House will join me in wishing her well.

CONGRATULATING COACH CHRISTOPHER DONFIELD ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. STEVEN R. ROTHMAN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 13, 2006

Mr. ROTHMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Mr. Christopher J. Donfield, a resident of Washington Township, New Jersey, for his

devoted service to Bergen Catholic High School as an English teacher, guidance counselor, and basketball coach for 46 years.

Christopher Donfield grew up in Teaneck, New Jersey and earned a full academic scholarship to attend Fordham Prep in the Bronx. He continued on to Fordham University, where he majored in both English and Accounting. Shortly after graduating, Chris sought a teaching position at Bergen Catholic High School, where he quickly became a favorite of both students and colleagues alike. He also became coach to the high school basketball team. During his 40 year tenure as the Varsity Head Coach of the boys' basketball team, the Crusaders, Chris led the team to an astounding 648 wins in his 878 game career. This includes a streak of 31 straight winning seasons that began in the 1968–69 season. In addition to his accomplishments as a Varsity Coach, Chris led his team in an unprecedented achievement of 30 straight Bergen County Jamboree appearances, as well as qualifying for the State Tournament 33 times in 34 seasons and winning the Sectional Crown 7 times.

The most significant accomplishment of Chris's career, however, is the impact he had on the thousands of students that he has taught and coached over the years. Chris put his heart and soul into everything he did while he was at Bergen Catholic High School and it shows in the heartfelt respect and admiration the student body and the entire Bergen Catholic community have bestowed upon him.

Today, I would like to recognize Christopher Donfield's dedication to the Bergen Catholic High School community and congratulate him on his impressive coaching achievements. I send him my best wishes on his retirement.

TRIBUTE TO STAFF SERGEANT JONATHAN ROJAS

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 13, 2006

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect and deep sadness that I wish to commend United States Army Staff Sergeant Jonathan Rojas for his bravery in the field of battle and his willingness to fight for his country. Staff Sergeant Rojas was killed in action when his vehicle came under attack by small arms fire near Baghdad, Iraq on October 3, 2006. His sacrifice will be remembered by a community that has been struck hard by the devastating loss of one of its own.

Born in Mexico City, Mexico, Jonathan Rojas moved to Hammond, Indiana in 1990 to be with his family. Following his graduation from Hammond High School in 1997, he attended college for a year and eventually went on to work for several years at a local glass company, prior to joining the Army in 1999.

Jonathan's friends and family recall him as always being playful, the type to never refrain from cracking a joke. They also remember him as a good kid who was never in trouble and loved to spend time with his family. Jonathan was an avid sports enthusiast who participated in soccer and baseball while in school, and as with so many of his generation, he was a true video game aficionado.

Staff Sergeant Rojas leaves behind a loving family that misses him very much. He is sur-

vived by his devoted wife, Tasha (Sullivan) Rojas. The couple would have celebrated their fourth wedding anniversary on October 25, 2006, and planned to start a family upon Jonathan's return to civilian life. Jonathan also leaves to cherish his memory his adoring parents, Jose and Catalina Rojas, his brother, William (Norma) Rojas, his sister, Isaura Rojas, and his nephew, William Rojas, Jr., as well as his treasured companions, Diamond, Tyson, and Joker. Staff Sergeant Jonathan Rojas also will be greatly missed by a saddened but proud community and a grateful nation.

Mr. Speaker, at this time, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in honoring a fallen hero, United States Army Staff Sergeant Jonathan Rojas. Staff Sergeant Rojas is the sixteenth service member from northwest Indiana to sacrifice his life during Operation Iraqi Freedom, and his passing comes as a setback to a community already shaken by the realities of war. Staff Sergeant Rojas will forever remain a hero in the eyes of his family, his community, and his country. Thus, let us never forget the sacrifice he made to preserve the ideals of freedom and democracy.

IN HONOR OF MARLAND "MARLEY" LYLE HOLTE

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 13, 2006

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the achievements of my good friend Marland "Marley" Lyle Holte, who was admired by many for his commitment to better the lives of the residents of San Benito County. Marley passed away Saturday, September 16, 2006 at the age of 80, but left a long history of community service. Holte moved to Hollister in 1966 where he was a teacher at R.O. Hardin School for several years before becoming its principal. He served in that position, and later at Rancho San Justo School, for a total of 18 years. Although he retired from teaching in 1987, he never really retired. He started a new vocation in the real estate business and in 1994 opened Crown Realty. That same year, he won election as mayor of the City of San Juan Bautista.

Marley was a familiar face in the community for decades, thanks to his efforts on behalf of the local youth, minorities and particularly the homeless. Friends remember him as a modest person who was reluctant to take credit for his good deeds. Marley served as President of the San Benito County Little League; Commissioner of Hollister's Parks and Recreation Commission; Director of the San Juan Bautista Chamber of Commerce; Member of the San Juan Bautista Planning Commission; President of 33rd District Agricultural Fair Board; and Chairman of the San Juan Bautista Rotary Club.

Marley founded the Community Assistance Program and provided free dinners on Thanksgiving and Christmas. He started the Christmas dinner tradition about 20 years ago after he and his wife decided to combine their money and feed the needy instead of buying gifts for each other. Several years later they started organizing Thanksgiving dinners as

well. The Holiday Dinners began in 1985 and have continued ever since. The annual dinners, which have more than doubled in size since their inception, are funded entirely by donations from area businesses and residents. Holte said the success of the dinners is the result of widespread community support.

Marley was well-liked by many for his ability to build consensus and transcend political, cultural and personal borders. He earned the admiration of the Latino community for his good deeds and was elected President of the San Benito County League of United Latin American Citizens, where he served in that position for 5 terms. Many in the Latino community referred to Marley as the "Norwegian-Latino" because of his love of the culture, music and most of all, its people. In addition to serving on nearly every local community organization, Holte had piled up an astounding collection of accolades, including "Realtor of Year" in 1993 and the LULAC "Outstanding Man of the Year" Award in 1996.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge all the wonderful things that my good friend Marley gave to all of us. He will be missed by many including his son, Dan. His departure fills us with sadness but his outstanding work is an example to the generations that come.

RECOGNIZING NEW AMERICA MEDIA'S FIRST NATIONAL ETHNIC MEDIA AWARDS

HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 13, 2006

Mr. HONDA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize New America Media (NAM) and The First National Ethnic Media Awards. From its inception, NAM has worked to create a more inclusive public forum and to bring visibility and economic viability to ethnic media, a critical sector of American journalism that covers and serves our country's growing ethnic and immigrant communities that are often marginalized by barriers of culture and language.

NAM has continued to build the profile of ethnic media by developing first a California and now a national awards program to recognize journalists working in the ethnic media and covering stories critical to their communities.

NAM conducted a nationwide poll of ethnic communities in multiple languages that found 52 million adult Americans access ethnic media regularly; ethnic media represent the forefront of civic and independent journalism; it is where ethnic and immigrant Americans turn to find information about their communities, their states, their government, their healthcare, education for their children, their civil rights as citizens in our society—yet ethnic media has received only marginal recognition from the public and private sector.

NAM's work to highlight the important role that ethnic media plays is commendable. NAM's work to create bridges between ethnic media and the mainstream as well as cross-cultural understanding between ethnic communities is praiseworthy. NAM's commitment to honoring the ethnic media through an increasingly prestigious Awards Program is admirable.