

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 Erdo, 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