

Time and again, he has proven to be an outstanding leader for the Lions of District 16C.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me on congratulating Mr. Albert Olizi. The people of your community, the people of New Jersey, and the people of America thank you for your service.

IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF
LENORE C. "LORI" WENDELL

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 15, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and remembrance of Lenore C. "Lori" Wendell, whose life was filled with family, friends and service on behalf of our community.

Mrs. Wendell was the cherished wife of the late Richard. Together, they lovingly raised their daughters, Jennifer and Heather. She was a devoted mother and enjoyed a close relationship with her grandchildren, Jamie, Patrick, Anthony, Quinn and Allan.

Mrs. Wendell's giving and kind nature reflected throughout her life. She was active in local politics and was a community leader. She consistently volunteered her time and talents on behalf of numerous causes. Whether to assist with a local fundraiser or to help a family in need, Mrs. Wendell was always there to help. She was also a longtime member of the American Legion Post 738 in Fairview Park, where she led numerous meetings and prepared countless dinners for a variety of Legion events. In local politics, she worked diligently, volunteering many hours on behalf of candidates whom she supported.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and remembrance of Lenore C. "Lori" Wendell, who lived her life with unwavering love for family and friends and great joy for life. I offer my condolences to all who loved her including her brother, John and her dear friend, Cliff. Mrs. Wendell touched the lives of many throughout our community, and she will be remembered always.

HONORING RAUL H. CASTRO,
FORMER GOVERNOR OF ARIZONA

HON. ED PASTOR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PASTOR of Arizona. Madam Speaker, while many have written of the inspirational story surrounding Raul Hector Castro, Arizona's first Hispanic Governor, it seems only fitting that in today's highly charged atmosphere of anti-immigrant sentiment, we take the occasion of Governor Castro's 94th birthday on June 12th to examine his life as one who has surely proven the American dream is achievable. In fact, he has not only shown that dream is achievable, he has also underscored the fact that those pursuing the dream contribute mightily to the strength of our nation.

Born in Mexico, the second youngest of 12 children raised in Arizona by an immigrant copper miner and a mother who was a well-trusted midwife, it would have been easy for

him to get lost in the shuffle of such a large family that had to scratch a living from the ground to survive, but early on, he recognized the value of setting goals and not giving up until they are met. Based on that determination, he parlayed his natural athleticism and keen mind in high school into a scholarship to Arizona State Teacher's College.

While no stranger to racism and discrimination when he graduated from college and become a naturalized citizen in 1939, he still had not anticipated the rejection he would experience when applying for teaching positions because school districts were unwilling to hire an Hispanic teacher. Discouraged, but not defeated, he traveled America for several years until he landed a civil service job as a foreign-service clerk for the U.S. State Department in Sonora, Mexico. Many would have been satisfied with a secure position in the federal government, but he was determined to further his station in life, becoming a Spanish instructor at the University of Arizona so that he might attend the institution's law school. Passing the Arizona State Bar in 1949, he established an enviable career over the next five decades that took him from Pima County Attorney through the appointment by two United States Presidents to three ambassadorships, in addition to becoming Arizona's first Hispanic governor. Throughout this process, he never lost sight of the importance of an education and his mother's mantra that he could accomplish whatever he set his mind to. As a result, when he did accomplish more than many ever hoped for, he didn't forget the four miles he and his Hispanic friends had to walk to school while the buses filled with Anglo children passed them by, and he worked tirelessly to rectify these kinds of incomprehensible bigotry.

For example, as a judge he presided over a full-schedule of cases, but was particularly disturbed by the vulnerable at-risk youngsters in the juvenile court system who were being shoved under the rug by society. This inspired him to take time every Monday to check attendance records at the local high schools. In the evenings, he would visit with families of students exhibiting high rates of absenteeism in an effort to get their support in encouraging the students to stay in school and make the most of that experience. This concern for improving society continued throughout his career. Sometimes limited to simply seeing Hispanic children given equal access to the YMCA, to concentrating on improving human rights abroad while serving as an ambassador, he never lost sight of using his opportunities to make a difference.

Throughout our history it has been proven that immigrants are far more than just an inexpensive work force. They are in fact a valuable asset to this country and Raul H. Castro is an outstanding example of one such person. Therefore, in light of today's divisive view of immigration, his story should be noted as a symbol of how the United States has benefited from those who value this country so much, and that after moving here to build a better life for their families, they remain dedicated to making sure that they improve our nation for future generations.

CONGRATULATING THE BENJAMIN
FAMILY ON EIGHTY-FIVE YEARS
OF ENTREPRENEURSHIP

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 15, 2010

Ms. DELAURO. Madam Speaker, I rise to commemorate the 85th anniversary of Carroll Cut-Rate Furniture, a local family-owned-and-operated business that has graced the Greater New Haven community for generations.

Begun as Carroll Cut-Rate Cosmetics by Samuel Benjamin in 1925, this small business has passed down through the Benjamin family and thrived through boom times and depression, peacetime and war, and even, in 1951, through a notable shift from discount cosmetics to the furniture trade.

Over the course of these 85 years, Samuel, his sons Jerry and Don, and his grandsons Cary and Bruce have always kept an eye to innovation, quality, and above all customer service. With ten full-time employees, the Benjamins have also worked to promote jobs in our state and across the country by stocking their store with Connecticut mattresses and American-made furniture.

The story of Carroll Cut-Rate Furniture is not only a triumph of small enterprise and business savvy. It shows that through hard work, perseverance, and ingenuity, the American dream still comes true. I salute the Benjamin family on this 85-year milestone, and I look forward to seeing them continue as a staple of our Connecticut community.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE GAL-
VESTON HISTORICAL FOUNDATION

HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 15, 2010

Mr. PAUL. Madam Speaker, on June 26, 2010, the Galveston Historical Foundation will celebrate its acquisition of the historic 1861 U.S. Custom House. I was pleased to help make this possible by sponsoring legislation, H.R. 2121, which directed the General Services Administration (GSA) to sell the Custom House to the Galveston Historical Foundation. H.R. 2121 passed the House by voice vote on September 9, 2009. It is therefore a great pleasure to extend my congratulations to the Galveston Historical Foundation for acquiring the U.S. Custom House.

The U.S. Custom House is the oldest non-military federal building in Galveston. The two-story structure was built in 1861 and has served many important historical functions, including housing the ceremony that officially ended the Civil War in Galveston. In 1917, construction began on a federal courtroom located on the second floor of the U.S. Custom House. In 1970, the house was listed on the National Register of Historic Places, and in 1974 it was commemorated as a Historic Custom House by the U.S. Customs Service.

In 1998, the Galveston Historical Foundation entered into a public-private partnership with the Federal Government that allowed the Galveston Historical Foundation to lease the