

MR. MARSHALL S. JACOBSON, ESQ.
AND MRS. APRIL JACOBSON

HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 19, 2012

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Mr. Marshall S. Jacobson, Esq. and Mrs. April Jacobson, who are being honored by Temple B'nai B'rith for their service to the temple and the community.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacobson have served as exemplary community leaders. Mr. Jacobson has been affiliated with the Wilkes-Barre law firm of Rosenn, Jenkins, and Greenwald since 1968 and became a partner in 1973. They have three sons and four grandchildren.

Mr. Jacobson earned his bachelor's degree in 1959 from the Pennsylvania State University and his law degree from the Dickinson School of Law in 1962. Mr. and Mrs. Jacobson first met while they were employed by the Internal Revenue Service in Washington, DC. They married in 1966 and relocated to the Wilkes-Barre area in 1968.

Mr. Jacobson has had a distinguished career serving individual, corporate, charitable, and non-profit clients for over 40 years. He is dedicated to his community and has served as a member, officer, and director of numerous organizations including Temple B'nai B'rith, Temple Apartments, United Cerebral Palsy, Salvation Army, St. Vincent de Paul Kitchen, and Kiwanis Club of Mountain Top.

Furthermore, Mr. and Mrs. Jacobson are both deeply admired for their strong faith and continual devotion to family. Together, they have served our community loyally.

Mr. Speaker, today, Mr. Marshall S. Jacobson, Esq. and Mrs. April Jacobson stand as leaders in Northeastern Pennsylvania. I commend them for their years of admirable service to our community and country, and I wish them continued success in the future.

CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF SOLOMON SCHECHTER DAY SCHOOL OF METROPOLITAN CHICAGO

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

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Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Solomon Schechter Day School of Metropolitan Chicago, on the occasion of the school's 50th anniversary.

For five decades, Solomon Schechter Day School has served Jewish children and families in the Chicago area, integrating Judaic studies with general education. Founded in 1962, the school was founded with the vision of helping students understand their Jewish and American lives as an integrated whole. Solomon Schechter Day School continues to provide an extended community where students and families are encouraged to explore their Jewish identity in a positive environment.

From the first 27 students who enrolled in 1962, more than 2,500 graduates of Solomon Schechter have gone on to play leading roles throughout the Chicago area and across the world. The school currently serves 550 chil-

dren from 30 communities in the Chicago area. Today, Solomon Schechter Day School of Metropolitan Chicago is a pre-kindergarten through eighth grade Jewish day school, with an Early Childhood Center located in Skokie, and a K-8 school in Northbrook. Students at Solomon Schechter Day School attend over 40 synagogues, and come from families with roots in the United States, Israel, Chile, Argentina, Russia, Ethiopia, and more.

As a member of Congress, it has been my privilege to welcome Solomon Schechter students to Washington for many years. I have been consistently impressed by the maturity, knowledge, and inquisitive spirit of the students I have met. They are students who want to make a difference in their community, their country and the world. Solomon Schechter Day School gives them the education, support, and resources to do so.

For fifty years, Solomon Schechter Day School has empowered students to think critically, while also teaching them to live Jewish values and honor timeless traditions. It is my great privilege to join the Solomon Schechter Day School community in celebrating the fifty years of serving Jewish students and families in the Chicago area, and I look forward to many exciting years to come.

HONORING MRS. BERNITA "BERT" DIXON

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a woman with an angelic voice, Bernita "Bert" Dixon.

Bernita Dixon is a lifelong resident of Copiah County, Mississippi. She was born on October 14, 1952 in Georgetown, Mississippi to the late Rev. Earl Carver Dixon and Lena Mae Cathchings Dixon. She graduated from Holtzclaw Memorial High School in Crystal Springs, Mississippi. Bernita attended Utica Junior College in Utica, Mississippi where she majored in Pre-Nursing.

She began singing at the early age of five. She would often sing at church, in the cotton field and any other place people would listen. She quickly became known for her strong voice. However, her stardom came with a price. She started to get tired of everyone wanting her to sing, so she blurted out; "I'm tired of always having to sing". Shortly thereafter Bernita was diagnosed with laryngitis and couldn't talk. She then prayed "Lord, please give me back my voice, I will sing for you for the rest of my life". Her voice returned more powerful and deeper than before. Later her brother decided to form a singing group with her and the rest of their siblings, "The Dixon Singers". The Dixon Singers have performed with several nationally known artists. Also, the Dixon Singers were the first group to ever record a double volume live album in the state of Mississippi.

Bernita is married to Gene Robinson. She is the mother of three, Derrick, Kenmantel and the late Ronrico. Bernita has worked as the Office Manager at Dixon Body & Auto Sales, Inc. in Hazlehurst, Mississippi since 1993. She is a member of New Hope M. B. Church in Georgetown, Mississippi.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mrs. Bernita "Bert" Dixon for her dedication and desire to share her voice with us.

HONORING JOHN GREENWOOD

HON. JANICE HAHN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. HAHN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of John Greenwood who died on October 11, 2012 at the age of 67. Born on January 9, 1945, John earned a bachelor's degree in Mathematics and Political Science from the University of California, Riverside, and a master's degree in Political Science from the University of Michigan. John had a 45-year career as an educator and civic leader in the South Bay and Harbor Area. John was first elected to the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) Board of Education in 1979, where he served for eight years as both a member and its president advocating for quality education.

Long active in community affairs, John served as Chair of the City of Los Angeles Citizens' Oversight Commission for Proposition Q managing a \$650 million Fire and Police renovation program and was the founding President and a board member of the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council. Several years ago, while on the Los Angeles City Council, I had the pleasure to appoint John to head up a task force charged with studying the Ponte Vista housing development. He was the founder and later served as President of the Gang Alternatives Program that strives to enhance the lives of the young people in our community. John served on the boards of numerous community organizations including the San Pedro Boys and Girls Club, the San Pedro Rotary Club, and as Vice President of the Board of Directors of Angels Gate Cultural Center.

At the time of his death, John was President of Coro Southern California. His involvement in Coro spanned more than 40 years. Through the years, John received many awards. He was particularly pleased to be honored as Community Builder by Habitat for Humanity and to receive the Founders Award from the Southern California Leadership Network.

John is survived by his wife, Caren and daughter, Liz, and his brother Roger (Peggy) Greenwood, sister Marilyn (Savin) Ungaro, sister Kathy (Tom) Jefferies, mother-in-law Martha Matthews, sister-in-law Darlene Allenthorp. I consider myself incredibly lucky to have known John and to have considered him a close friend.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE LONG BRANCH FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY CHAMPIONS

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the five individuals being honored by the Long Branch Free Public Library on the