

year career with AT&T, and time with several law firms in Birmingham, including his current firm of Wallace, Jordan, Ratliffe and Brandt. He still practices law at the age of 89!

Betty Jane was an elementary school teacher in the early years of their marriage. Wanting to spend more time as a homemaker, she stopped teaching to raise the couple's two children, Jane Marlea and Atley Langley Kitchings.

Both Atley and Betty Jane are individuals who have touched thousands of lives over the years and have been an inspiration to all those who have known them and that continues even today. So today, December 16, 2014, I would like to wish Atley and Betty Jane a sincere congratulations on 70 years of marriage. On Sunday afternoon, December 21, they plan to celebrate this momentous occasion with their family and friends in Birmingham, Alabama.

May God grant them many more years together.

CONGRATULATING VOICE OF  
AMERICA, UKRAINE SERVICE ON  
THE OCCASION OF THEIR 65TH  
ANNIVERSARY

**HON. MARCY KAPTUR**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 16, 2014*

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Voice of America, Ukraine Service on the occasion of their 65th anniversary. For 65 years, from the dark days of Stalin's rule to Putin's current aggression against their country, VOA's Ukrainian Service has been a crucial source of news and information for the people of Ukraine. Throughout the Euromaidan revolution and Russia's campaign of aggression against Ukraine, VOA's Ukrainian Service has served an essential role as a unique and comprehensive source of news, information and discussion about the year-long crisis and the U.S. response.

Nearly every moment of television airtime has been devoted to U.S. official and expert commentary and analysis regarding the

Ukrainian people's drive to overthrow authoritarian rule and integrate with the West, Russian President Vladimir Putin's determination to stop them by any means, and American and European efforts in support of Ukraine. This surge in Ukraine-related content was accompanied by an expansion of broadcasts, and both initiatives, combined, resulted in remarkable ratings, with the Service reaching more than 18 percent of the adult audience in Ukraine in a given week and maintaining VOA Ukrainian's position as the most popular Western international broadcaster in Ukraine.

VOA began broadcasting in Ukrainian on December 12, 1949. Throughout the Cold War, it was a beacon of freedom for the citizens of Soviet Ukraine, who were living under repressive rule. With the collapse of the U.S.S.R., VOA Ukrainian took advantage of new opportunities offered by Ukraine's declaration of independence. After decades of jamming, VOA was able to sign contracts with the government broadcast channel and local FM stations for transmission of VOA radio programs on Ukrainian airwaves. In 1993, the agency launched VOA's first television program, a weekly Ukrainian-language TV magazine, *Window on America*.

Every week, VOA's Ukrainian Service reaches millions of people in Ukraine, a strategically located country of 45 million with a persistent Soviet legacy but with strong European aspirations. Ukrainian news organizations have a very limited reporting presence in the United States, thus VOA provides viewers in Ukraine with a unique, thoughtful and revealing window on America life, and remains the leading international broadcaster in the country. Through its daily reporting on U.S. politics, foreign policy, social issues, business, culture and the arts, VOA provides comprehensive, accurate and authoritative information that Ukrainians can employ in strengthening their nascent democracy, market economy and independent statehood.

This past year, perhaps more than any other, the service of VOA Ukraine has been a crucial lifeline between the people of the United States and Ukraine. It is with great pride that I warmly congratulate VOA Ukraine and their highly capable staff, notably chief Adrian Karmazyn, on this extraordinary mile-

stone and wish them another 65 years of success in the public service.

IN HONOR OF LEONARD R.  
SENDELSKY

**HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 16, 2014*

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in commemoration of the life of Mr. Leonard R. Sendelsky. Mr. Sendelsky, a longtime resident of the Colonia section of Woodbridge, New Jersey, passed away on December 6, 2014 after a life filled with numerous professional and personal accomplishments.

Mr. Sendelsky was a fixture of the building industry. His commitment to high quality and standards set him apart as a leader and advocate in the industry. He earned several honors and accolades, including the New Jersey Builders Golden Hammer Award and the New Jersey Builders Association inaugural Lifetime Achievement Award.

Not only was Mr. Sendelsky a prominent representative of the building industry, he was also an active member of the community and the Hungarian Reformed Church of Carteret. His work with the Thomas Edison Council of the Boy Scouts of America, the Raritan Bay YMCA and the Middlesex County College Foundation exemplify his commitment to service and support of the community.

Born and raised in Perth Amboy, New Jersey, Mr. Sendelsky lived in Colonia for over 50 years with his wife Judy. He and Judy were married for 60 years and together had two sons, Leonard Drew and Guy Sean. Mr. Sendelsky is remembered by his loving family, including his wife and sons, daughter-in-law Susan, granddaughter Christine Marie, sisters Joan Maher and Jean Muni, as well as many other relatives and friends.

Mr. Speaker, I sincerely hope that my colleagues will join me in honoring Leonard Sendelsky for his dedication to his family and community and his immeasurable contributions to the building industry.