

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF THE
GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2016

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Girl Scouts of the USA for 100 years of making meaningful and lasting change in their communities and around the world through the Gold Award.

Girl Scouts who pursue the Gold Award—the highest award in Girl Scouting—aspire to transform ideas into action.

Young women who earn their Gold Award are true leaders, dedicated to civic engagement and community empowerment.

Since 1916, approximately 1 million Girl Scouts have earned this prestigious award or its equivalent.

Girl Scouts builds girls of courage, confidence, and character.

They build true leaders, in fields as diverse as business, medicine, and politics.

As Juliette Gordon Low, the founder of Girl Scouts said, “Scouting rises within you and inspires you to put forth your best.”

I am pleased to join Girl Scouts as they celebrate 100 years of the Girl Scout Gold Award, and wish them continued success in inspiring girls to excel and make a difference in the world.

IN MEMORY OF GORDIE HOWE

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of Gordie Howe, who passed away on June 10, 2016, at the age of 88. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family, friends, and fans across the country.

Born on March 31, 1928, he grew up in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan before coming to Detroit, where he made his National Hockey League debut on October 16, 1946, scoring in his first game at the age of 18. Gordie Howe, or as he was known to a generation and beyond, “Mr. Hockey”, was the embodiment of the National Hockey League, and an ambassador from Detroit to the rest of the country and to the world. I speak here for Detroit, for the Red Wings, and for the entire NHL, when I say that we will miss him dearly.

Gordie Howe, a 23-time All-Star, was unmatched on the ice, and in his twenty-five seasons with the Red Wings, he led the city of Detroit to four Stanley Cups, winning numerous distinctions along the way. He was also instrumental in the conception of what would become the National Hockey League Players’ Association. But Gordie Howe was so much more than a man with a hockey stick; he was a force for good off the ice as well. Gordie, whose wife Colleen “Mrs. Hockey” Howe, suffered from Pick’s Disease, was heavily involved in the search for a cure to degenerative brain diseases, founding the Gordie and Colleen Howe Fund for Alzheimers, in partnership with the University of Toronto Baycrest.

Mr. Speaker, on June 10, we lost one of the greats. For almost half of his adult life, Gordie

Howe represented the city of Detroit with distinction and class, and his legacy will live on long after we are gone, on the banners hanging in Joe Louis Arena, at the charities he championed in retirement, and in the hearts of millions of hockey fans across the continent.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GIRL SCOUTS GOLD AWARD

HON. KYRSTEN SINEMA

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. SINEMA. Mr. Speaker, today we honor Girl Scouts of the USA and Girl Scouts-Arizona Cactus-Pine Council, as they celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Gold Award, Girl Scout’s highest honor.

Congratulations to the young women who earn the distinguished Gold Award and become exemplary leaders in communities across our country. This accomplishment reflects outstanding leadership and civic engagement. Today, women pilot rockets into space, lead international conglomerates, pioneer new innovations in medicine and technology, and occupy positions of international leadership in countries all over the world. Many of those female leaders are Girl Scout alumnae.

As a Girl Scout, I learned how to be an effective leader and how to work as part of a team. I also learned the importance of being part of a community. The Girl Scouts enables young women to discover their passions. Scouting empowers girls and young women, and teaches the importance of working collaboratively. The Gold Award inspires girls in Arizona to find greatness inside themselves and to channel ideas and passions to benefit our communities.

Thank you to Girl Scouts-Arizona Cactus-Pine Council and Girl Scout councils across the nation for giving young women courage, confidence, and character.

TRIBUTE TO DAVE AND LAYLE KREMSKE AND DOTTIE AND BOB BELLAVANCE

HON. DAVID W. JOLLY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. JOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize Dave and Layle Kremske, and Dottie and Bob Bellavance, the new inductees of the 2016 Senior Hall of Fame.

For decades, these two couples have made significant contributions to the city of Dunedin. They have donated their time and effort to Pinellas County by being active members of many charitable organizations.

The Kremskes are members of the Friends of the Library program, an organization that provides funding, enhancements, and support to the staff and programs of the Dunedin Library. Layle also served as PTA President and President of the Dunedin Youth Guild, which focuses on supporting youth-focused community projects in Dunedin. Dave has been an active member of the Stadium Advisory and Parks Recreation Advisory committees.

Dottie Bellavance is also on the board of the Friends of the Library program and is active with the Dunedin Youth Guild. She mentors students and volunteers at the Church of the Good Shepherd and serves at the Dunedin Cares Food Pantry. Bob Bellavance has served as CEO and President of the Dunedin Chamber of Commerce and has been a member of the Dunedin Rotary Club for years. He was also a member of the Dunedin Fine Arts Center. Due to his efforts, many local businesses have a stronger relationship with their local government.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to acknowledge the Kremskes and Bellavances for their work and efforts for Pinellas County. They have made their city of Dunedin a better place, and I ask that this body join me in recognizing and thanking them for their diligence and care for our community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BLAKE FARENTHOLD

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2016

Mr. FARENTHOLD. Mr. Speaker, on roll call Nos. 297 and 298, I missed votes because of a flight delay due to weather conditions. Had I been present, I would have voted Yes.

CELEBRATING THE SERVICE OF
RABBI DOUG KAHN

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2016

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise with Representatives JACKIE SPEIER, JARED HUFFMAN, MIKE THOMPSON, BARBARA LEE, ANNA ESHOO and ERIC SWALWELL to honor Rabbi Doug Kahn as he retires as Executive Director of the Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) of San Francisco, the Peninsula, Marin, Sonoma, Alameda and Contra Costa Counties.

For 34 years, Rabbi Kahn has served with distinction and led with integrity. Rabbi Kahn’s analytical mind, diplomatic skills, endless energy and compassion have earned him the admiration of people around the world. As a consensus builder and community leader, Rabbi Kahn has dedicated his life to answering the sacred call, “tikun olam,” to repair the world.

Since 1938, JCRC has been committed to improving relations between the Jewish community and the community at-large. A strong advocate for the Bay Area Jewish community, Rabbi Kahn has masterfully managed sensitive and challenging issues, built bridges with Americans of many faiths, interests, and ethnic groups.

Under his leadership, JCRC confronted anti-Semitism, the oppression of Soviet Jews, and anti-Israel activities on college campuses.

A fourth-generation San Franciscan, Doug Kahn was born in 1951 to a family that discussed current events around the dinner table. The Civil Rights Movement and protests against the Vietnam War sparked his passion for social justice.

As a UC Berkeley student in 1971, he joined the Bay Area Council for Soviet Jewry