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"In our own day the poor are no longer fed, clothed and sheltered at a personal sacrifice, but at the expense of the taxpayers. And because the poor are no longer fed, clothed and sheltered, the pagans say about the Christians 'See how they pass the buck.'"—Feeding the Poor at a Sacrifice, by Peter Maurin (1877–1949)

Peter Maurin was a Catholic philosopher in the tradition of Christian personalism. He, along with Dorothy Day, founded the Catholic Worker movement, which today is represented by over 200 houses of hospitality that offer food, clothing and shelter to the poor. Not willing to wait for the government or church to organize official relief efforts, Maurin believed that it was the personal responsibility of Christians to commit themselves to serving those in need by way of personal sacrifice through the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. Maurin pointed to St. Francis of Assisi as the inspiration for Christian personalism. Today, another Francis is inspiring many with his message that the Church is a field hospital for the wounded, and that Christians must leave the confines of the church building and, "go outside and look for people where they live, where they suffer, and where they hope."

Christine Maentz saw a need last December. She was concerned that the poor who often gather under the bridge at Broadway and Magnolia would have nothing to eat on Christmas. She convinced her husband, Scott, to make dozens of peanut butter and jelly sandwiches with her and take them downtown. They passed them out to the homeless under the bridge while a rainstorm poured down around them. Christine and Scott have been back every month since, now bringing bunches of friends with them along with items of clothing and hygiene packs, in what they call their Bridge Ministry. It's an example of Christian personalism. The Maentz' didn't ask permission from their pastor or the City Council. The money spent in the effort was their own. They saw the need, took personal responsibility and made a personal sacrifice to meet it. Will it solve all the problems of the homeless? No. Will it feed every hungry person in the city? No. But, it's a drop.

A journalist once asked Mother Teresa, "Mother, all that you do here amounts to nothing more than a drop in the bucket. Why do you bother?" Mother replied, "It's a drop." The question to ask, I think, isn't, "Why bother?" The question to ask is, "Where are all the other drops? Why isn't that bucket full yet? Where's your drop? Where's mine?"

Christine and Scott Maentz, and the others who now join them, offer their drops. They would like to eventually expand the Bridge Ministry to every Saturday. But, that will require more people willing to offer their drops. There are other needs in the city waiting to be filled, waiting for others to offer their drops. The bucket is very large. But, each drop is one more drop toward filling that bucket. Perhaps another rainstorm can be started. It all begins with one person taking personal responsibility and making a personal sacrifice. So, what's your Saturday look like?

HONORING CRAIG RAPPOPORT

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 30, 2016

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a member of our community, Craig Rappoport, who is also being recognized by the Northeast Jewish Center at their Annual Gala Dinner Dance.

Craig was born in the Bronx in 1966 to Herman and Shirley Rappoport. The family quickly moved to Yonkers and he has lived at his house on Minerva Drive since he was a year old. Craig attended Westchester Day School and attended high school at Mesivta Ohr Torah. He majored in both accounting and economics at Queens College and graduated Magna Cum laude with an award for highest grade point average in economics. He worked for the CPA firm Miller Ellin & Co. located in Manhattan until 1995.

Craig and his family joined Midchester Jewish Center when Craig was a youngster, and they quickly became active members. Craig later joined and was very active in the newly formed Yonkers Orthodox Minyan in 1989.

In 2005, Craig came to Northeast Jewish Center and continued his active involvement. He first served as finance committee chair and then Vice President, in addition to a 2 year stint as housing committee chair. Craig then became Treasurer of the Men's Club and then Treasurer of the Synagogue. He is still instrumental in the synagogue's finances today and helps run the office. He maintains the synagogue's mailing list of members and nonmembers and updates the yahrzeit lists, and he helps chair the Book of Remembrance and New Years' Greetings fundraisers.

Craig is also very active in other aspects of the synagogue's operations. He helps prepare for the high holidays by selling seats, helping to set up for the services, ushering at the services, and he even buys the wine and grape juice for the weekly kiddush and davens pesukei d'zimrah on Shabbat mornings.

It is no surprise why Craig has been selected as one of two honorees this year by the Center, as he has made so many tremendous contributions to its community. It is an honor to present Craig Rappoport with a CONGRESSIONAL RECORD and I wish to congratulate him on receiving this wonderful recognition. He is certainly most deserving of this great honor.

HONORING THE CAREER OF SERGEANT JIM PACHECO

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 30, 2016

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the career and achievements of Sergeant Jim Pacheco in honor of his retirement from the Merced County Sheriff's Department. Jim Pacheco's wide ranging engagements in law enforcement have provided the Merced Sheriff's Department with a well-rounded law enforcement officer that will be deeply missed by those who had the pleasure to serve by his side.

Sergeant Pacheco has served for the Merced Sheriff's Department for nearly 30

years. He was first hired as a reserve deputy sheriff in 1987, and was sworn in as a deputy sheriff only two years later in 1989. He then served for 14 years until he was promoted to the rank of Sergeant in 2003. During the progression of his career, Sergeant Pacheco had a wide sampling of the many duties performed by the Merced Sheriff's Department. From the Sheriff's Dive Team, to numerous narcotics task forces, and as a SWAT negotiator, Jim Pacheco has served in many capacities to ensure public safety.

In 1999, Sergeant Pacheco was recognized with the Officer of the Year award. His colleagues overwhelmingly recall his willingness to rise above the call of duty to serve his community well beyond the normal scope of expectations. Jim Pacheco's heroism has been resoundingly felt and heard by the people of Merced County, and we hope that his retirement can bring him the solace and relaxation that he has so rightly earned.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing Sergeant Jim Pacheco's career in the Merced Sheriff's Department over the course of the last 30 years. The retirement of distinguished officers like Sergeant Pacheco leave a tangibly positive mark on law enforcement agencies that can be seen and felt by communities in both the immediate, and future. We honor Jim Pacheco's commitment to the County of Merced, and hope that future law enforcement agents can take reference from such a fine officer's career.

H. CON. RES. 165

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 30, 2016

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, the House of Representatives passed unanimously H. Con. Res. 165, a resolution reaffirming the longstanding United States policy in support of a bilaterally-negotiated settlement of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and our continued opposition to United Nations Security Council resolutions imposing a solution to the conflict.

To be clear, though only the parties themselves can agree to end the conflict, the United States has engaged in efforts to create better conditions for peace, beyond bilateral negotiations. The United Nations Security Council has also played a useful role in acknowledging harmful actions, rhetoric or policies of both parties to the conflict. The December 2000 parameters under President Bill Clinton, the 2002 Road Map under President George W. Bush and the United Nations Security Council non-binding resolutions 242 and 338 all provided suggestions for bridging differences between the parties, without imposing a solution to the conflict.

There is a nuanced role for the international community to play in fostering the context for peace and enabling the parties to directly negotiate a two-state solution. We should not lose sight of this critical objective.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all