

Mr. Speaker, on October 29, 2018, the Massachusetts Port Authority will officially dedicate and open the William J. “Hank” “Skippy” Miller Park in the South Boston Seaport. How fitting a tribute to locate this park along the docks and waterfront in honor of a man who worked and fought to make a difference in the daily lives of so many working families. This park will ensure that Skippy Miller’s legacy will last for years and serve as an inspiration to those longshoremen and their families who continue to work to make a difference in their lives and our City.

Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct honor today to join with the family, friends and contemporaries of William J. “Hank” “Skippy” Miller to honor his remarkable service to his family, his faith, the labor movement, and the United States of America.

IN MEMORY OF JANE LOUISE
“THE MAYOR” GLOVER

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 26, 2018

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Jane Louise Glover who passed away far too soon. She was only 71 years old.

Jane, a Nebraska native, made a name for herself in New London, CT. After graduating from Peru State College, she obtained her master’s degree in library science from the University of Rhode Island before beginning her career in service of the city of New London. Jane got her start as a librarian and media specialist in New London public schools and libraries. Jane eventually went on to become president/government relations coordinator for the Connecticut Education Association.

Jane, who served five terms on the city council and three on the school board, including one as president, was elected New London’s mayor three times by her fellow councilors.

In 2007, after a sixteen-year stint in elected public service, Jane attempted to retire and pass the torch of leadership off to the next generation. However, that retirement turned out to be a mere hiatus. In 2011, when New London elected Daryl Justin Finizio as its first permanent mayor in 90 years, Jane was brought back to the helm, this time as the new mayor’s chief administration officer. Mayor Finizio needed someone to show him the ropes, and who better than the woman who had already done the job three times? Jane’s expertise and historical knowledge of city politics was unrivaled.

Always proud of New London’s diversity, Jane was also a great advocate of the arts and culture. She served on the board of the Garde Arts Center and was a co-founder of the Kente Cultural Center where she served as executive director. The center worked to fill a gap in the lack of cultural activities for people of color—specifically children in the geographical area. Jane was also president of the missionary department at Trinity Missionary Baptist Church, assisting those in need of food and shelter.

I had the honor of getting to know Jane when she and I served as delegates to the

1988 Democratic National Convention, and we’ve remained friends ever since. Having seen, up close, Jane’s passionate belief in public service and helping others, she had a unique ability to take a pragmatic approach when advocating for people and the community. She truly understood that the goal of public service was to get results.

Jane was a remarkable woman who wore many hats during her time on this Earth. New London would not be the inclusive community it is today without her energy, dedication, acumen, and passion. Colleagues, please join me in extending our condolences to Jane’s friends and family as well as the whole New London community, who have lost a beloved trail-blazer and public servant.

HONORING THE WEST SHORE FIRE
DEPARTMENT ON THE CELEBRATION
OF ITS CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 26, 2018

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to rise today to extend my heartfelt congratulations to Chief Stephen Scafariello and the members of the West Shore Fire Department, past and present, as they mark the 100th Anniversary of the West Shore Fire Department. This is a remarkable milestone for this community institution.

Before the incorporation of what is now the City of West Haven, a group of twenty neighbors gathered together because they shared the desire to protect their families and neighborhoods from the dangers of fire. Incorporated in February of 1918, the West Shore Fire Department was built by and for the neighborhood and continues to be independent of the City today. In its earliest days, volunteers manned the Department and they relied on a borrowed hand-drawn hose wagon. Today, the West Shore Fire Department has thirty-two active paid firefighters as well as ten active volunteer firefighters. It is through their dedicated efforts that the Department continues to serve and protect the West Shore community.

The men and women who serve as firefighters face risks that few of us can truly comprehend. Each day, they must be ready to perform under intense pressure—literally in life or death situations. They are an inspiration to us all and yet when asked why you will always hear the same reply: “It’s my job.” For a century the men and women of the West Shore Fire Department have stood at the ready, providing peace of mind to their neighbors. I cannot thank them enough for their good work and outstanding dedication.

Today, as they mark their centennial anniversary, I am proud to stand and extend my congratulations to all of those who have contributed to the success of the West Shore Fire District. In Italian there is a phrase, “Cent’Anni” which means “to another hundred!” Please accept my deepest thanks and appreciation for your service this past hundred years and my very best wishes for many more years of success to come.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOSH GOTTHEIMER

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 26, 2018

Mr. GOTTHEIMER. Mr. Speaker, unfortunately, I was absent from floor votes on September 13, 2018, due to a loss in my immediate family. I was unable to cast my vote on roll call No. 397 through No. 399.

Had I been present to vote on roll call No. 397, I would have voted ‘YEA’.

Had I been present to vote on roll call No. 398, I would have voted ‘YEA’.

Had I been present to vote on roll call No. 399, I would have voted ‘YEA’.

HONORING LOU LEONARD

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 26, 2018

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a member of the community who this year is being recognized by the Northeast Jewish Center at their annual event, Lou Leonard.

Lou was born on May 8, 1955 at Jewish Memorial Hospital in Manhattan. A “Mother’s Day” present for his Mom, he was taken home to East Tremont, in the Bronx. His family moved to the newly-completed Sprain Lake Knolls housing development in northeast Yonkers, NY in the fall of 1957. There, they discovered and joined a new synagogue that was formed to take advantage of the influx of Jewish people into Yonkers in the post-WW2 era. Known as Northeast Jewish Center (NEJC), it was at its inception a storefront shul—as Lou remembers it—and his sister began Hebrew School classes at the synagogue located at the Hartman Home for Hebrew Orphans where the new hotel is presently located.

Lou’s earliest memories include his father taking him to the Friday night Shabbos services at the storefront shul and the “Sunday School” in the rear of the sanctuary, when he was five years old. Lou also remembers his Dad taking him to Rosh Hashanah services and the short walk down the block to a building under construction that would eventually become the synagogue’s new home. Lou spent seven years at this Hebrew School that he attended on Sunday and for two additional afternoons each week—after his Public School No. 32 classes were over for the day.

Lou’s public schooling included Walt Whitman Junior High School and Theodore Roosevelt High School (Yonkers). Trained in science and mathematics, and having an interest in the electronics of the day, he went on to study engineering at Columbia University. Though he left school prematurely, Lou would later return, fortified with a new religious sense of direction and a greater respect for education. He became the Electrical Engineer he was meant to be and has been in the electronics business for over 40 years. He’s had both fun and aggravation, but throughout his journey, he’ll always tell you he’s grateful to Hashem for the consideration, the blessings, and the learning. That’s why you will see him here at NEJC and other synagogues.