

Mr. Speaker, please join all of us in wishing Mrs. Winona Blohm a very Happy 100th Birthday. Best wishes for much happiness and health in the years to come.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF BROWNSVILLE

HON. FILEMON VELA

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 26, 2018

Mr. VELA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 80th Anniversary of the Housing Authority of the City of Brownsville (HACB), which has provided quality affordable housing for thousands of families and individuals in Brownsville.

HACB, created under the U.S. Housing Act of 1937, is dedicated to providing safe and affordable housing for those with low to moderate income. In 1939, with funding from the federal government, HACB constructed its first public housing development, a 150 unit family dwelling named Buena Vista. Since then, HACB has created thousands of units in our community, providing those most in need with access to quality affordable housing.

Through partnerships with non-profit organizations, including the Brownsville Housing Management Corporation, the Brownsville Housing Finance Corporation, and the Brownsville Housing Opportunity Corporation, HACB has successfully utilized federal and state resources to expand access to housing. This collaboration allowed HACB to begin construction this year on its 21st property.

In 1975, HACB's Housing Choice Voucher Program, commonly known as Section 8, was established to provide federal housing and assistance so that families could use their federal benefits to live in neighborhoods across the city. Today, HACB provides assistance for 2,582 families in Brownsville.

HACB is a driving force, providing high-quality affordable housing and creating the conditions necessary to empower our communities. Together, housing is a critical service that promotes health, safety, employment, upward mobility, and educational opportunities for South Texas families.

Mr. Speaker, I want to thank you for the opportunity to honor and celebrate the 80th Anniversary of the Housing Authority of the City of Brownsville. I proudly commend HACB's Board of Commissioners, Administration and Staff for their leadership and hard work helping our community and making a lasting positive impact in the lives of South Texans.

HONORING ARIS ANAGNOS

HON. JUDY CHU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. JUDY CHU of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Aris Anagnos, who passed away on July 23, 2018 at the age of 94. We will remember him for his tireless dedication to justice and humanitarianism.

Mr. Anagnos was born in Athens, Greece in 1923. As a young man during World War II,

he escaped Nazi occupation to serve in North Africa with the Greek Army, fighting alongside Allied Forces. Following the war, he made his way to Los Angeles, where he earned a degree in business administration from UCLA and went on to a successful career in real estate. Throughout his life, he remained dedicated to peace, justice, and civil rights both in his community and around the globe.

He served on the Board of Directors of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Southern California, including a term as President, and founded the Humanitarian Law Project/International Education Development Fund. He spearheaded philanthropic projects like the Saint Sophia Cathedral Foundation's Senior Citizen Home and served as a longtime board member and patron of People Assisting the Homeless (PATH), a nonprofit organization helping homeless individuals and families in California to find stable, permanent housing.

In response to the 1967 through 1974 military dictatorship in his home country, Mr. Anagnos and his late wife Carolyn organized the Committee for Democratic Freedoms in Greece, and went on to co-found the American Hellenic Council, a non-partisan political advocacy organization promoting democracy, human rights, peace, and stability in Southern Europe and the Eastern Mediterranean. Mr. Anagnos later established the Peace Center in Los Angeles, home to several peace and human rights organizations. His tireless efforts to make a lasting positive impact have touched the lives of countless individuals at home and abroad.

Mr. Anagnos leaves behind a remarkable legacy of philanthropy, activism, humanitarianism, and community service, and it is my honor to commemorate his life.

HONORING JACK RODACK

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 (NEJC) at their annual event, Mr. Jack Rodack.

Jack was born in the Tremont section of the Bronx to Aaron and Getrude. He grew up in Kingsbridge and attended public school at De Witt Clinton High School. After graduation from high school, he attended the Bronx campus of Hunter College with dreams of becoming either a history teacher or a pharmacist. However, Jack dropped out following his first year, and after serving in the military, he took a stab at clerical work with a finance company. This position inspired him to complete his formal education and so in 1976, he left a full-time job and enrolled in the Bronx campus of Fordham University's Business College. He graduated Cum Laude in 1979 with a double major in accounting and finance.

After graduation, Jack spent the first three years of his professional career in public accounting and then moved onto a commercial finance field examiner position with several major New York money center banks, launching a 31 year career from 1982 until his retirement in 2013.

Upon retiring, Jack cared for his elderly mother, who passed away in 2014. Addition-

ally, he now spends most of his time reading, managing his stock and bond portfolio, watching TV news programs and movies as well as enjoying his favorite pastimes of both coin and stamp collecting.

Jack's best times or what he would call his sunshine days are those spent at NEJC, whether it be for attending services or various holiday events, which he joined as a member in 2015. He hopes to continue to participate in the daily life of the wonderful, warm, most friendly and supportive NEJC synagogue for years to come.

NEJC has made a terrific choice honoring Jack as a Guest of Honor at this year's event. Congratulations to him on receiving this wonderful, well-deserved recognition.

HONORING LYN CALIENDO ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 26, 2018

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to rise today to join the many family, friends, and colleagues who have gathered to extend heartfelt congratulations to my dear friend, Lyn Caliendo, as she marks her retirement from Vinal Technical High School in Middletown, Connecticut. Lyn has spent her professional life as an educator and administrator having a profound impact on the thousands of students with whom she has worked.

I have often spoke of our nation's need for talented, creative educators who stand ready to help our children learn and grow. For so many years, Lyn has been just that kind of teacher. She has helped to shape the lives of countless young people, ensuring that they have a strong academic foundation on which to build their future success. Her hard work and imaginative spirit have earned her the respect and admiration of students and colleagues alike. I have no doubt that her presence will be missed in the halls of Vinal Tech.

Lyn's work as an educator extends beyond school walls as well. For many years, she has been deeply involved in helping to promote and expand the work of Discovery to Cure—an effort to provide women with new methods for the prevention, early detection and treatment of gynecologic cancers. The largest annual awareness and fundraising event hosted by Discovery to Cure is the Bev Levy Walk. Named after a dear friend who lost her battle with breast cancer, Lyn has helped to organize the event since its inception, spending untold hours ensuring the event's great success each year.

Though she will no longer be teaching at Vinal, Lyn does not know how not to work. In her retirement, she will teach part-time at Gateway Community College and holds an additional part-time position with Connecticut Open—continuing to indulge in two of her greatest passions, education and tennis. I have no doubt she will continue her efforts with Discovery to Cure and perhaps expand her volunteer efforts with other causes close to her heart. Lyn is a force of nature and I know she will continue her good work on behalf of others for many years to come.

It would be remiss if I did not extend a personal note of thanks to Lyn for her many