

HONORING OHEF SHOLOM
TEMPLE'S 175TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ELAINE G. LURIA

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 14, 2019

Mrs. LURIA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize Ohef Sholom Temple's 175th anniversary. Ohef Sholom Temple is a strong light in the Norfolk community. The fact that Ohef Sholom has provided a spiritual home across many generations throughout its 175-year history clearly shows the Temple's importance to the community. Ohef Sholom Temple stays true to its mission and works for the betterment and welfare of Norfolk.

Since Ohef Sholom was established in 1844 and is the largest and oldest Reform Jewish congregation in Hampton Roads, it has been a welcoming and open community to all people. The words written above the sanctuary doors ring true: "My house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples."

I am proud to honor and recognize Ohef Sholom for this important milestone. I know Norfolk and Hampton Roads are better because of Ohef Sholom Temple's leadership, congregation, and good work.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. NEAL P. DUNN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DUNN. Madam Speaker, I regret that due to the funeral services for Seaman First Class Earl Paul Baum. I was forced to travel back to my district and miss the vote on amendments and final passage of H.R. 1.

Had I been present, I would have voted nay on Roll Call No. 115; nay on Roll Call No. 116; yea on Roll Call No. 117; and nay on Roll Call No. 118.

CONCERNS REGARDING H. RES. 183

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to express my concern regarding H. Res. 183, Condemning anti-Semitism as hateful expressions of intolerance that are contradictory to the values and aspirations that define the people of the United States and condemning anti-Muslim discrimination and bigotry against minorities as hateful expressions of intolerance that are contrary to the values and aspirations of the United States. This resolution fails to condemn a specific act perpetrated by one of my colleagues, therefore rendering this resolution pointless. By broadly condemning every act of hatred, we condemn nothing. My colleagues consumed hours on the floor of the House of Representatives to debate a commonsense sentiment instead of passing meaningful policy to better the lives of Americans and condemning the specific statement of antisemitism made by a Member of the House of Representatives.

HONORING MIKE POULSON

HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. RODGERS of Washington. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mike Poulson's career and service to Washington's Fifth Congressional District as Senior Policy Advisor focusing on Agriculture and Natural Resources.

Mike's experience with farming extends back to his family settling in the Columbia Basin of Washington State after his father went through the very detailed process of eligibility to purchase land in the Connell area. After graduating from Connell High School, Mike enlisted in the Army National Guard because, in his words, "he just assumed that everybody pulled a stint in the military." In 1965, Mike bought some farmland of his own in a unit close to his family unit and started to build his own home. In the mid 1980s, Mike was elected Vice President of the Washington State Farm Bureau, a position he took on even while farming full time.

Mike ventured outside of farming in the 1990s when he began consulting on public policy and environmental issues. Mike had a way of being able to communicate complex, and often controversial, environmental issues to the public. I had the fortune of meeting him during my time in the Washington State House and came to have a deep respect for his understanding of these issues which affected many in my district. A few short months after I was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives, Mike leased out his farmland and joined my staff—becoming the longest serving member on my team until his retirement on February 28, 2019.

Mike has many significant accomplishments in his career including: developing solutions for Columbia Basin water shortages; speaking out against the harmful impacts of the Waters of the United States regulation; combatting the recent falling numbers of our wheat and coordinating an effort to find long-term solutions with the Washington Grain Commission and Washington State University; and bringing the A to Z project to fruition on the Colville National Forest—which is a national model for restoring the health of our forests. In the words of Derek Sandison, Director for the Washington State Department of Agriculture "Mike has the ability to sort through rhetoric around complex issues to get to the core facts and quickly get to the right side of the issues."

I am grateful for his friendship, advice, and most importantly, service to Eastern Washington over the past 15 years. I wish Mike well in his retirement.

HONORING THE CITY OF NORFOLK
LIFEGUARDS FOR THEIR EXCEL-
LENT EMERGENCY RESPONSE

HON. ELAINE G. LURIA

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 14, 2019

Mrs. LURIA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize Lifeguard Lieutenants Courtney Hutchens and Madeline Solano and Lifeguards Beatty Barnes and Robert Warren

for their excellent emergency response during an emergency on September 1, 2018, in Ocean View, Norfolk, Virginia.

Each lifeguard recognized the situation and responded promptly with the proper treatment the injured swimmer needed. They met the proper protocol and fulfilled the action plans required for an emergency.

Because of their exceptional and rapid response, these lifeguards received the 2018 Dr. Frank Pia Lifesaving Award from the Virginia Lifeguard Association Annual Aquatic Management Symposium. This is a great honor.

I am sincerely thankful that Virginia has lifeguards like them to watch over and guard our Commonwealth. I am confident our beaches are a safer place because of their presence.

REMEMBERING JOHN KILZER

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 14, 2019

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember my friend John Kilzer, a man who embodied the very essence of Memphis as a Memphis State basketball player, talented musician and songwriter and Methodist minister specializing in recovery from addiction. John died Tuesday night at 62. Born in Jackson, Tennessee, he spent most of his life in Memphis. An All-American high school basketball player, he came to the then-Memphis State Tigers roster as a good outside shooter and a scrapper. A chance encounter with legendary Stax guitar player Mabon "Teenie" Hodges in a Memphis State dorm room led to his serious study of guitar playing and a song-writing career. He went on to become an English Literature professor at his alma mater and also received a master's degree in divinity from the Memphis Theological Seminary in 2006 and a Ph.D. from Middlesex University in Britain in 2010. John's evident lyrical skill with poetic storytelling resulted in two early albums produced by David Geffen—the roots-rock 1988 "Memory in the Making" and the 1991 "Busman's Holiday"—and appearances on MTV. His "Seven" was produced by Grammy Award winner Matt Ross-Spang. More recently, his 2014 "Hide Away" marked the return of an artist at the height of his powers, an album graced with such all-star talent as Kirk Whalum on saxophone; Hold Steady's Sid Selvidge, Alvin Youngblood Hart and Stax's Bobby Manuel on guitar; North Mississippi All Stars Luther Dickinson on mandolin, Rick Steff on keyboards and Greg Murrow on drums. When I learned of his death this morning, I played John's "Until We're All Free," which Whalum co-wrote and plays on, and I want to hear "Sleeping in the Rain" again tonight. Some of John's songs were recorded by such artists as Roseanne Cash ("Green, Yellow and Red"), Maria Muldaur, Dobie Gray and Trace Atkins. His most recent album, "Scars," came out in January, and he was scheduled to play the Beale Street Music Festival in May. John will be remembered in Memphis for his weekly Friday night recovery ministry at St. John's United Methodist Church that he called "The Way," begun in 2010. John was beset by the demon of alcohol and knew the inside of jails but did a lot of good for a lot of people with his exceptional talents. As one admirer