

In addition to the Parish, Saints Cyril and Methodius School serves our community and provides the children of Lemont an opportunity for an outstanding Catholic education. The school has been honored with the prestigious 2019 U.S. Department of Education National Blue Ribbon School Award. In 1982, the Department of Education established the National Blue Ribbon Schools Program to recognize a select group of public and private schools with high or significantly improved achievement. I am proud that Saints Cyril and Methodius School has been honored as one of these exceptional schools.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Saints Cyril and Methodius Parish on its 135th anniversary and congratulating the Parish on its many accomplishments. May Saints Cyril and Methodius continue their great work in the community, while inspiring others through their dedicated service and faith.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF THE OPENING OF THE IHA HEALTH CENTER

**HON. DEBBIE DINGELL**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 8, 2019*

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the opening of the IHA community health center. The new facility will transform patients' access to health care and improve the lives, health, and well-being of many within the Ypsilanti community. This endeavor is worthy of commendation.

Eastern Michigan University (EMU) is the cornerstone of Ypsilanti. Founded in 1849, EMU is renowned for its distinguished programs that not only provide students a stellar higher education, but also have a significant community impact. Over the span of 170 years, EMU has demonstrated a clear commitment to this mission, striving to find new ways to serve the EMU community and beyond.

The launch of the new health center exemplifies EMU's continued dedication to strengthening the Ypsilanti community and represents the culmination of years of work between EMU and other community health care providers. Thanks to the collaboration of EMU, Saint Joseph Mercy Health System, and IHA, the new health facility will provide high-quality and innovative health care services to members of the Ypsilanti community, as well as EMU students, faculty, and staff. The state-of-the-art facility will offer comprehensive health care and 7-day-a-week urgent care services, among a host of other critical services and tools that will improve patients' health care experiences. The IHA community health center will be an important resource to many, strengthening health care offerings for both residents and students alike.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring and celebrating the opening of the new IHA health center on the EMU campus. It is critical that health care providers adapt to meet the changing medical needs of communities nationwide, and I am grateful for Eastern Michigan University's, Saint Joseph Mercy Health System's, and IHA's continued commitment to this cause. Their advocacy and efforts help provide quality, accessible, and affordable health care to patients community-

wide, truly making a meaningful impact in their lives.

#### HONORING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF MERCED IRRIGATION DISTRICT

**HON. JIM COSTA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 8, 2019*

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Merced Irrigation District (MID) on the occasion of their 100th anniversary. Since its founding, MID has provided water and power to many Merced, California residents and farmers in the greater Merced region.

MID began in 1919 when the community voted to establish its own public irrigation district. In 1922, MID purchased the Crocker Huffman Land and Water Company irrigation system and subsequently chose the Exchequer Mining Company on the Merced River as the ideal location to construct their first dam. Once constructed, Exchequer Dam allowed for storage of 281,000 acre-feet of water.

MID was looking to expand in the 1950s and began planning for more water storage. In 1964 the Federal Power Commission granted a license for MID to expand irrigation and power facilities on the Merced River. During this time, Pacific Gas and Electric Company entered into a contract with MID to sell all electricity produced by the project, which allowed them to finance it with no additional fees on taxpayers or growers. When completed, the New Exchequer Dam increased Lake McClure's storage to 1,024,600 acre-feet. By 1967, MID completed New Exchequer and McSwain Dams, enabling them to produce tens of thousands of megawatt hours of electricity while increasing their water storage.

In 1970, improvements to areas behind the dams at Lakes McClure and McSwain were completed, allowing them to become popular public recreational facilities. During the same time period, MID undertook initiatives to improve its fisheries and in the 1980s, renovated the Lake Yosemite Dam and launched the Double-Barreled LeGrande Replacement Project.

Today, Merced Irrigation District provides water to 2,200 local farmers, produces clean renewable energy, replenishes groundwater and helps protect the quality of groundwater, and provides multiple recreation facilities to the public. Due to the investments and decisions made early on, MID continues to be a regional leader in water and energy.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the Merced Irrigation District during their centennial year celebration. It is both fitting and appropriate that we honor and recognize the significant impact they've had on the development of Merced and its outlying communities.

#### HONORING UNITED HEBREW OF NEW ROCHELLE 100TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 8, 2019*

Mr. ENGEL. Madam Speaker, it is an honor to recognize an institution in my district, United Hebrew of New Rochelle, as it celebrates its remarkable 100th anniversary this year.

Founded in 1919 as The United Home for Aged Hebrews, the home quickly grew over its first decade to include 51 elderly men and women in need in a large two-story frame house surrounded by three park-like acres on Pelham Road in New Rochelle. In 1934, a three-story, red-brick addition to the original building was made possible by a generous contribution from Adolph Arber. The United Home was at that time the largest institution of its kind in Westchester County with 155 residents.

In 1954, ground was broken for a \$1.5 million building to replace the original house and 1934 wing. The new development, the Saul and Ada Gutner Pavilion, opened 3 years later and this new 102-bed facility was hailed as "an entirely new concept in living for the elderly in need and the first major departure from the institutional atmosphere of the traditional old age home." The building incorporated the newest architectural concepts with modern social thought. In 1976, the Lola and Saul Kramer Pavilion, a \$5.25 million skilled-nursing facility, was built with the assistance of a mortgage loan from the New York State Medical Care Facilities Finance Agency. The four-story building brought the United Home to a 270-bed capacity.

From there, United Home continued to grow. In 1983 it launched a Long-Term Home Health Care Program. In 1996, AZOR Licensed Home Health Care was launched, extending our award-winning services into the community to serve those who chose to stay in their own home. In 2003, the Beverly and Alfred J. Green Pavilion—Willow Towers Assisted Living—opened its doors. And in 2009, in its 90th year, United Hebrew Geriatric Center was renamed United Hebrew. The new name and logo honored their founders while reflecting the essence of United Hebrew's comprehensive services: united for its residents, caregivers, and their families.

Madam Speaker, this is the 100-year legacy of United Hebrew: a dedication to caring for those in need. As we mark this special occasion, I want to congratulate and thank the leadership and team at United Hebrew for serving our community with great distinction for a century.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. A. DONALD MCEACHIN**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 8, 2019*

Mr. MCEACHIN. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained on October 31, 2019 during roll call no. 603, On Ordering the Previous Question, H. Res. 660, Directing certain committees to continue their ongoing investigations as part of the existing House of Representatives inquiry into whether sufficient