

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

JUDY ALTENBERG

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 10, 2019

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Judy Altenberg for receiving the 2019 Golda Meir Award from JEWISHColorado.

This award honors local Jewish women who have exemplified extraordinary leadership, community involvement and support of the Federation, as well as has an outstanding ability to inspire others. Judy exemplifies the qualities deserving of this recognition. She has been active in the community for several decades through her volunteerism and nonprofit work. She has tirelessly volunteered on several boards, including as past chair, lifetime board member and trustee of the Board of National Women's Philanthropy of the Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA). She is the past chair of the Jewish Women's Philanthropy Center of JEWISHColorado, where she has chaired several fundraising divisions, and alumna of the United Jewish Communities' National Young Leadership Cabinet. She is a 2010 graduate of the Wexner Heritage Program, an intensive two-year program of Jewish leadership and learning. Most recently, in 2019, Judy joined the Rose Community Foundation as Director of Gift Planning and Advisor Relations. She has been involved with the Foundation since 2007 as a trustee and member of the Education Committee and chair of the Jewish Life Committee.

In addition to her work within the Jewish community, Judy has been involved locally and at the state level and helped at her children's K-12 schools, including as past Chair of the Cherry Creek Schools Foundation.

Judy's dedication to her community is outstanding. I extend my deepest congratulations to Judy Altenberg for her contribution to our community and our state.

CELEBRATING MOTHER CLIFFORD
MASON'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. RASHIDA TLAI

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. TLAI. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Mother Clifford Mason, a long-time resident of Detroit, Michigan, as she celebrates her one hundredth birthday on December 13, 2019.

Born in Macon, Georgia, Clifford Mason was raised as an only child by her grandparents. She was educated in Georgia public schools before marrying Millard Mason in 1944. They moved to Michigan in 1946 and established their home, where she eventually became a dedicated member on the Usher Board and Mothers' Board of Unity Baptist Church in Detroit.

Mother Mason was employed at a clothing factory and as a short order cook for a restaurant. She enjoyed cooking and baking—cabbage and pound cakes are her specialties. She has remained an active member of a local social club for over 50 years and continues to enjoy their yearly celebrations and birthday parties, dressing up, eating good food, and playing cards. Still active in the community, Mother Mason spends her time at Patton Recreation Center in Southwest Detroit, where she once worked and volunteered. She received accolades from former Detroit Mayor Coleman A. Young for her volunteerism. The matriarch of her family, Mother Mason treasures her time spent with family. She is the proud parent to her grown son Gregory Mason and loves her many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Her compassion and kindness towards others have had a lasting impact on those around her. Her strong family values are reflected in the life she leads.

Please join me in celebrating the one hundredth birthday of Mother Clifford Mason.

HONORING FATHER ALEXANDER
KARLOUTSOS

HON. LEE M. ZELDIN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ZELDIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Father Alexander Karloutsos, the leader of Dormition of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church of the Hamptons in Southampton, New York.

Father Alex, as he's known to so many in our community, has served his church for over 40 years, guiding Long Islanders in a life centered in faith. However, his work goes beyond the members of his faith community, and his work has affected so many aspects of our community and our nation.

In fact, Father Alex has met with and advised every U.S. President since President Ronald Reagan on religious freedom and many other issues and is well-known and respected by many members of Congress and policy-makers on both sides of the aisle.

While his reputation precedes him on the national level, he has never turned his back on the community he loves. Just last year, he led his church in donating \$100,000 to the Southampton Town Police Department to help fight the heroin and opioid abuse epidemic that has taken its toll on our community.

For his extraordinary service to our community and nation, he was recently appointed as the Vicar General of the Holy Archdiocese of America at the discretion of the Archbishop himself. I congratulate Father Alex on his well-deserved appointment and look forward to continuing to work together to better the community we love.

RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT
OF COVESTRO LLC'S CHAIRMAN
AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER,
JERRY MACCLEARY

HON. GUY RESCHENTHALER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. RESCHENTHALER. Madam Speaker, it is a great honor to congratulate my constituent, Jerry MacCleary, upon his retirement after a distinguished forty-year career with Covestro LLC. Mr. MacCleary truly embodies the values that make southwestern Pennsylvania a great place to live and work, and I am proud to represent him in Congress.

In 1979, Mr. MacCleary began his career as an accountant with the company. Mr. MacCleary's talent and work ethic were immediately recognized, and he quickly rose through the ranks, taking on positions in sales, marketing, general management, and strategic leadership. In 2004, Mr. MacCleary was named head of the company's North American polyurethanes business. He retained this significant responsibility even after becoming president in 2012. In 2015, Mr. MacCleary led the North American material science organization through its separation from Bayer and establishment as an independent company, called Covestro. In 2018, he was named Chairman and CEO.

Mr. MacCleary's dedication to the chemical industry does not stop with his work at Covestro. He serves on the Board of Directors for the National Association of Manufacturers, on the Executive Committee for the Society of Chemical Manufacturers, and as Chairman of the American Chemistry Council's Board of Directors.

Mr. MacCleary is well known in the industry for his commitment to advancing sustainability efforts. He serves as Chair for the Board Sustainability Committee under the American Chemistry Council, as well as the Sustainability Committee for the Allegheny Conference on Community Development. He also co-chairs "CEOs for Sustainability"—a local program sharing sustainable business practices with companies of all sizes.

Born and raised in Pittsburgh, Mr. MacCleary is actively engaged in the southwestern Pennsylvania community. He serves on the Board of Directors for the Allegheny Conference on Community Development, the United Way of Southwestern Pennsylvania, and the Imani Christian Academy. He is also a member of the Board of Trustees for the Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh and co-chairs The Advanced Leadership Initiative, which aims to promote corporate diversity and build a continuous pipeline of African American leaders in Pittsburgh.

Madam Speaker, throughout his career, Jerry MacCleary has demonstrated a remarkable commitment to Covestro, the chemical industry, sustainability efforts, and the southwestern Pennsylvania community as a whole.

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