

With 2000 years of History behind us,
Our current effort to worship, an added plus.
We can recall times and places
Where we have endured persecution and
trouble.
We can still pray, worship, and commune
with God—all together in the great
outdoors,
While maintaining social distancing and
Greeting each other with hands folded in
prayer, fingers pointing to heaven, a
simple bow of the head—the Namaste
greeting—
Acknowledging, “I recognize the Spirit of
God within you.”
Our Faith still alive and flourishing, car-
rying us through difficult times.
Our effort shows our resiliency and resource-
fulness—
To be together, yet apart, as we cope with
our current distress.
We are up to the challenge—Praising God in
new and creative ways.

Our prayers and sympathy for the tragic
loss to the Wuhan Virus of Nursing Student
Joshua Bush of the University of South Caro-
lina-Aiken. Our community is blessed with the
determined leadership of University Chancellor
Sandra Jordan.

HONORING THE LIFE OF KRISTIN
JACOBS

HON. DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 23, 2020

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Madam
Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I, along
with Representative DEUTCH, rise to honor the
life of our dear friend, Florida State Represent-
ative Kristin Jacobs.

We were heartbroken to learn of her pass-
ing and join Floridians in mourning this tre-
mendous loss to Broward County and the
state of Florida.

Representative Jacobs began her career in
public service on the Broward County Com-
mission, eventually serving as Mayor in 2012.
She served in the Florida House of Represent-
atives from 2014 until her passing on April 11,
2020.

She was a groundbreaking environmental
leader and fierce protector of Florida's lakes,
streams, and oceans. She spearheaded the
development of the Southeast Florida Re-
gional Climate Compact, created the Broward
Water and Climate Academy, and during her
term as Mayor, was selected to serve on
President Obama's Task Force on Climate
Preparedness and Resilience. Representative
Jacobs fought her illness just as she fought
for our community—with determination, resili-
ence, and grace. She was smart and tough and
stood up for her beliefs, always backing them
with facts and data.

Even while she underwent chemotherapy
treatment for cancer, she remained an active
member of the Florida State Legislature, serv-
ing her constituents from her hospital bed.

Kristin was the most genuine, decent, car-
ing, and effervescent person. She was a loyal,
real, and true friend, and we will miss her
deeply.

Our hearts are with her three children, three
grandchildren, and all her extended family.
May her memory be a blessing.

SAVAUGHN CROOKS

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 23, 2020

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise
today to recognize and applaud Savaughn
Crooks for receiving the Adams County May-
ors and Commissioners Youth Award.

Savaughn Crooks is a 10th grader at
Kearney Middle School and received this
award because her determination and hard
work have allowed her to overcome adversi-
ties.

The dedication demonstrated by Savaughn
Crooks is exemplary of the type of achieve-
ment that can be attained with hard work and
perseverance. It is essential students at all
levels strive to make the most of their edu-
cation and develop a work ethic which will
guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to
Savaughn Crooks for winning the Adams
County Mayors and Commissioners Youth
Award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the
same dedication and character in all of her fu-
ture accomplishments.

TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE OF RABBI
ALAN MAYOR SOKOBIN

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 23, 2020

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, I rise today
to honor the life of Alan Mayor Sokobin, Rabbi
Emeritus of The Temple—Congregation
Shomer Emunim in Sylvania, Ohio. Rabbi
Sokobin suddenly passed from this life on Fri-
day April 3, 2020.

Rabbi Sokobin was a giant in our commu-
nity. Learned, faith-filled, a family man, loving,
a leader, compassionate, a World War II vet-
eran, funny, high-spirited, reverent, a commu-
nity leader and so much more. As we mourn
Rabbi Sokobin's passing, in the midst of Pass-
over, as the Jewish people commemorate the
exodus from Egypt to the promised land, they
recognize the importance of welcoming the
stranger, to opening one's home and the
Passover dinner table to the other. Rabbi
Sokobin spent his life welcoming the stranger
and his imprint on our community is writ large,
his contributions invaluable.

Alan Mayor Sokobin was born on March 8,
1926 in Newark, New Jersey, to parents Pau-
line and Max. At the age of fifteen he slipped
away from his family to join the Navy, hono-
rably serving in Europe and Japan. After the
war he graduated from Syracuse University,
and then pursued rabbinic studies at Hebrew
Union College in Cincinnati, Ohio. He went on
to receive his Doctor of Theology degree from
Burton College. Marrying the love of his life on
May 19, 1957, together he and Mickey raised
two children and eventually presided over a
family including five grandchildren.

Rabbi Sokobin came to our community in
1972 to join the congregation as co-rabbi with
Leon Feuer. He soon established himself as
an intellectual and ecumenical community
leader, pairing with Toledo's mayor to improve
Toledo Municipal Court, chairing the Labor-

Management-Citizens Committee, and working
with Promedica Health System. Rabbi
Sokobin's greatest gift to the faith community
was the partnerships he formed with Toledo's
faith leaders in the Catholic, Muslim, and other
religious traditions.

After officially retiring in 1992, Rabbi
Sokobin decided to go to Law School and
graduated in 1996. He was named out-
standing student of his class by a vote of fac-
ulty members. Rabbi Sokobin remained a con-
stant figure not only in his congregation, but
our community as the years passed into this
decade. His wise counsel was sought and
carefully considered regarding issues of the
day. His thoughtful countenance and astute
observations were treasured. Yet, it was al-
ways the most charming sight to see Rabbi
Sokobin pull a balloon ever present in his
pocket and fashion an animal as children—
and adults—watched in wonder.

The young Anne Frank noted “Our lives are
fashioned by our choices. First we make our
choices. Then our choices make us.” Rabbi
Alan Mayor Sokobin chose to live his life serv-
ing God with his whole heart,” a choice that
made many all the richer. He spent his days
putting the pieces of the world back together,
he worked to fix the disconnected, to repair
the world—he truly embodied tikkun olam.
Today we mourn at his passing, but we cele-
brate his life and the progress he made to fix
our broken world. We offer our heartfelt con-
dolences to his family as they mourn this great
man.

ENRIQUE HERNANDEZ

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 23, 2020

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise
today to recognize and applaud Enrique Her-
nandez for receiving the Adams County May-
ors and Commissioners Youth Award.

Enrique Hernandez is a 10th grader at
Mapleton Expeditionary School of the Arts and
received this award because his determination
and hard work have allowed him to overcome
adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Enrique
Hernandez is exemplary of the type of
achievement that can be attained with hard
work and perseverance. It is essential stu-
dents at all levels strive to make the most of
their education and develop a work ethic
which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to
Enrique Hernandez for winning the Adams
County Mayors and Commissioners Youth
Award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the
same dedication and character in all of his fu-
ture accomplishments.

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MASSACRE

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 23, 2020

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam
Speaker, this month, the people of Poland