TRIBUTE TO ART EDGERTON

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 2, 1995

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an honor bestowed on a well-known Northwest Ohioan and friend, Mr. Art Edgerton. Along with four others, Art will be inducted this year into the National Association of Black Journalists Region VI Hall of Fame.

Art began his broadcast career in 1958, and since then has worked regularly in local media. He currently serves as the director of public and corporate relations with a large Northwest Ohio radio station. Committed to promoting African-Americans and disabled people in journalism, Art is the current president of the Northwest Ohio Black Media Association. In this capacity, he has been outspoken in articulating the need for fairness in the field of journalism for both African Americans and people with disabilities.

Among Art's many gifts is an exceptional musical talent. He studied at The Julliard School and the Philadelphia Conservatory of Music, and is a gifted pianist, organist, and percussionist. His talents are recognized far beyond Northwest Ohio, were he enjoys a loyal and enthusiastic following.

Art Edgerton has been a quiet, commanding presence in Northwest Ohio for decades. His counsel is appreciated by many. He brings a unique perspective and uncompromising dedication to everything he does. Long recognized for his work, Art's previous citations include: Handicapped American of the Year 1967, Ohio Governors Super Hall of Fame 1970, Winner of the Baldwin Talent Search 1981, Distinguished Service Award from the Toledo Ophthalmologists and Optometrists 1990, and State Media Award from the State of Ohio Optometric Association 1990. The Northwest Ohio Black Media Association has established a scholarship in his honor.

We in Northwest Ohio are very proud that Art Edgerton has been named to the National Association of Black Journalists Region VI Hall of Fame, for we believe that none deserves the accolade more than Art. As we congratulate him on this achievement we also offer a heartfelt thank you for his efforts, always conducted with courage, grace, and integrity. We are proud of him and for him.

TRIBUTE TO RABBI ISAIAH ZELDIN

HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

HON. ANTHONY C. BEILENSON

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BERMAN. Mr. Speaker, we are honored to pay tribute to Rabbi Isaiah Zeldin, a good friend and one of the most respected and influential leaders in the Jewish community of Los Angeles, on the occasion of his 50th year in the rabbinate and his 75th birthday. In 1964 Rabbi Zeldin founded Stephen S. Wise Temple, which has since become the largest Jewish congregation in the West and the second-largest in the world. This alone justifies his exalted status.

But Rabbi Zeldin is not one to rest on his laurels. Through its programs, lectures and full-time day and high school, Stephen S. Wise Temple has made an immeasurable contribution to Jewish life in southern California. Hardly a day goes by when there is not a stimulating event of some kind taking place at the temple. Rabbi Zeldin would not have it any other way.

In 1953, New York's loss became California's gain; Rabbi Zeldin left his native New York City, where he was assistant dean of Hebrew Union College, and headed west; 1 year later he became founding dean of the Los Angeles branch Hebrew Union College. From 1958–63 Rabbi Zeldin was spiritual leader of Temple Emanuel in Beverly Hills.

Despite his rabbinical duties, Rabbi Zeldin somehow finds the time to get actively involved with other cases and organizations. For example, he is past president of the American Zionist Council and the San Fernando Valley Synagogue Council and sits on the board of the UCLA Medical Ethics Committee. In addition, Rabbi Zeldin writes frequently for newspapers and magazines.

Mr. Speaker, we ask our colleagues to join us today in saluting Rabbi Isaiah Zeldin, a man whose friendship, guidance, and intellect has touched the lives of so many. We wish him well on his birthday.

20TH ANNIVERSARY OF VIETNAM WAR

HON. WILLIAM J. MARTINI

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 2, 1995

Mr. MARTINI. Mr. Speaker, April 30, 1995, marked the 20th anniversary of the end of United States involvement in Vietnam and one of the darkest chapters in American history. The Vietnam war created deep divisions in the American public. Even today, the war remains a controversial issue.

Controversies aside, 58,200 brave Americans gave their lives in the fight for democracy. Vietnam veterans should be proud of their service to our country.

For many years Vietnam veterans did not receive the gratitude that they rightfully deserve. Regardless of the war's politics, these soldiers stood firm and fought for freedom, something the people of Vietnam have never experienced.

As a Member of Congress, I am privileged to serve with two heroes of the Vietnam war. Congressman RANDY ''DUKE'' CUNNINGHAM, who is the only naval ace of the war and Congressman SAM JOHNSON, who was held in captivity for 6 years and 10 months. Our Nation owes both these individuals a tremendous debt of gratitude.

Vietnam veterans should walk with their heads high and know that their Nation is proud of them. In recent weeks former Secretary of Defense Robert McNamara has questioned the United States involvement in Vietnam. Mr. McNamara's comments should not diminish the fortitude and valor displayed by the men and women who served in Vietnam.

The lessons of the Vietnam war did not fall on deaf ears. In Operation Desert Storm we allowed generals, not politicians in Washington to run the war. The result was one of the most successful military operations in history.

As America moves forward into the 21st century, we must never forget the tragedy of the Vietnam war. We must never forget the service of 58,200 soldiers that did not return. And we must never forget the brave men and women who answered their country's call.

Vietnam veterans understand words like duty, honor, and country. As members of the finest fighting force in the world, these individuals have proved themselves in the service of our Nation. At the 20th anniversary of the war's end, I commend our Vietnam veterans. In closing, God bless you and welcome home.

HONORING THE OBSERVANCE OF LAW DAY

HON. SAM GEJDENSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 2, 1995

Mr. GEJDENSON. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, May 1, members of the legal profession from throughout eastern Connecticut will join their colleagues in national observance of Law Day. Law Day is a special day for Americans to celebrate our liberties and to rededicate ourselves to the ideals of equality and justice under law. This year's Law Day theme is ''E Pluribus Unum'', which serves as a reminder that the United States of America has forged one nation which guarantees equal protection and due process of law to its citizens, who represent all the different cultures, ethnic, racial, and religious groups of the world. This year's theme celebrates the law as the strongest bond in our richly diverse society.

Among the Law Day observances in eastern Connecticut on Monday, May 1, was the award ceremony for winners of the Law Day grade school poster contest and the Law Day high school essay contest. I applaud all the young people who took part in these creative competitions, and I especially want to congratulate the essay contest winner, Christina Alevras, and the poster winners, Mrs. Easter's Kindergarten Class, for their thoughtful efforts and their worthy achievements, in which they and their families should take great pride. I commend the legal community for its efforts to reach out to youth in thoughtful and positive ways that promote respect for law and democracy.

HOBART ROWEN

HON. HENRY B. GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 2, 1995

Mr. GONZALEZ. Mr. Speaker, I take this time to note the passing of Hobart Rowen, who died on April 13, at the age of 76.

Hobart Rowen, as much as anybody, invented the craft of business journalism and economic reporting. He was, as Secretary of the Treasury Rubin noted, pre-eminent in his field. Hobart Rowen was more than a pioneer. He was a master in the field he helped create,