vice mayor until he passed away earlier this month of leukemia. Yet, despite his illness, Irving stayed very active, working up to 2 days before his death.

Indeed, Irving loved city government and spent years trying to develop his community. And develop it he did. A retired building contractor, Irving spent years advocating on behalf of economic development projects that would revitalize the community. When the Tamarac Commerce Park project came to fruition this year, Irv's hard work, expertise in construction, planning, and community development were recognized, and, more importantly, appreciated.

Not only was Irv a builder of community centers, but he was also a builder of community. Each year, Irv could be found walking for the March-of-Dimes and participation in Tamarac Elementary School events. Irv gave back to his community and for this we are grateful. He was also a loyal friend to me for many, many years. Irv, you will be missed.

THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH RED BANK, NJ

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 7, 1995

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, this week marks a very special occasion for all of the people of the Calvary Baptist Church in Red Bank, NJ. For the week beginning on November 6, and culminating next Sunday, November 12, the church will mark its 100th anniversary. On Saturday, November 11, an anniversary banquet at Lane Hall at Fort Monmouth will be held to commemorate this joyous occasion.

Mr. Speaker, throughout its long and illustrious history, Calvary Baptist Church has been an important institution—not only for its members, but for the entire community. The church has played a central role in both the spiritual and secular lives of its members. While many changes have confronted the church, the Red Bank community, and indeed, our entire society over the past century, the church has stood as an anchor of stability, strength, hope, and sustenance for its members.

Mr. Speaker, on this occasion, it gives me great pride to offer my congratulations to Rev. Dr. Dwight Crist Northington, pastor, John C. Dixon, Jr., and Donald Cameron, cochairpersons of the board of trustees, Ann Byron, church clerk and publicity cochairperson, and Peggy Allgood, publicity cochairperson, and all of the members of Calvary Baptist Church as they celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Calvary Baptist Church.

WINNING THE COLD WAR

HON. GERALD B.H. SOLOMON

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 7, 1995

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, the revisionist drumbeat has been deafening lately, this time in an attempt to belittle the accomplishment of President Ronald Reagan in winning the cold war through his policy of peace through strength.

We are being told that the Soviet Union fed us tainted information, causing us to overspend wildly on defense. The best response to this disinformation campaign came in today's Washington Times editorial, which points out that it is dubious, at best, that the former Soviet Union would want us to overspend on the defense buildup which contributed to winning the cold war.

Mr. Speaker, I suspect that this entire campaign is inspired by those who want to unilaterally disarm this country and transfer Pentagon funds to their favorite social programs. Beyond that, I will be glad to let the times editorial speak for itself, and proudly place it in today's RECORD.

[From the Washington Times, Nov. 7, 1995]

FIGHTING THE COLD WAR (WITH SOME SUCCESS)

''[T]he tainted reports tended to overstate Soviet military and economic strength, perhaps to deter America from confrontation, perhaps to encourage excessive defense spending.''—New York Times editorial, Nov. 2, 1995.

''Just as Ronald Reagan undertook (with some success) to challenge the Soviets to a bankrupting economic and technological competition, did the Kremlin then try to make Americans waste their assets and energies too?'')—Washington Post editorial, Nov. 3, 1995.

Well, now we know. The revitalization of national defense during the Reagan presidency, which led directly to victory in the Cold War and contributed to the collapse of the Soviet Union's Evil Empire, not only was a waste of money. But it was a commie plot, too.

The New York Times vigorously opposed both the Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI) and President Reagan's indomitable determination to rebuild U.S. national defenses in order to avoid negotiating strategic and conventional arms reductions from a position of weakness. History has confirmed the wisdom of Mr. Reagan's policies. But with the perfect vision of hindsight, the Times wants to nitpick about a fighter program here or a radar system, there, even as defense spending is plunging toward 2.9 percent of gross domestic product (GDP) by 2000.

Considering that the Soviets were keenly aware (even if the CIA wasn't) of their growing economic weakness relative to the economically reinvigorated United States, their double agents might understandably have sought to deter confrontation by providing tainted information. After all, not only was the Soviet economy on the verge of collapsing under the unsustainable weight of peacetime military spending approaching 25 percent of GDP. But the entire world witnessed the indisputable inferiority of Soviet conventional arms (fighter aircraft, surface-to-air missiles and tanks) during the 1982 Middle East war as the U.S.-equipped Israeli air force destroyed the Soviet-supplied Syrian forces.

What's harder to make sense of is the notion that the gremlins of the Kremlin were providing tainted information ''to encourage excessive defense spending'' or to ''try to make Americans waste their assets and energies''? The Times argues that these Soviet-supplied tainted assessments, which the CIA forwarded to U.S. policymakers, ''may have contributed to billions in misdirected [defense] spending.''

But which weapons systems, exactly, was the Kremlin seeking to promote? Why on earth would Moscow want us to develop a new generation of stealth aircraft, from the strategic B–2 bomber to the Air Force's F–22 fighter or the Navy's carrier-deployed (since canceled) A–12 bomber? Stealth cruise missiles? Indeed, as the F–117A stealth fighter-bomber demonstrated over Baghdad in 1991, stealth technology essentially rendered worthless the massive surface-to-air-missile defense systems that the Soviets had invested hundreds of billions of dollars to deploy. Yet the Times complained about this year's outlay for the F–22, and The Post reported about possibly unnecessary expenditures for aircraft radar systems. The Soviets tricked us into buying weapons that would exploit their vulnerabilities? Very clever.

Despite the incessant catcalling of his opponents—including Bill Clinton's Oxford roommate and deputy secretary of state, Strobe Talbott—Mr. Reagan relentlessly pursued his ''peace through strength'' policy, eventually proving all the naysayers wrong. Take another look, for example, at Mr. Talbott's then widely acclaimed 1984 book, ''Deadly Gambits,'' which attacked Mr. Reagan's strategy on intermediate nuclear forces. In 1987, no less a personage than Mikhail Gorbachev completely vindicated Mr. Reagan's policies by agreeing to eliminate the SS–20 missiles—the so-called ''zero option'' that Mr. Talbott derided.

Forced to acknowledge that Mr. Reagan met the Soviet challenge—note the begrudging parentheses ''(with some success)''—The Post and other revisionists still insist on portraying his brilliant defense buildup strategy as extreme, overblown and partly unnecessary. Here's some unsolicited advice for them: Ronald Reagan won the Cold War. Deal with it. Get over it. Get on with life.

IN SUPPORT OF SELLING A CONGRESSIONAL HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING

HON. BOB FRANKS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 7, 1995

Mr. FRANKS of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, in January, the House Republican Conference passed a resolution calling for:

> The sale of a congressional building to the private sector as a clear statement to the American people of our commitment to shrink the size of the Federal Government.

In order to meet that commitment, a task force of interested Members was created in order to develop a proposal that would allow the Republican Conference to meet its commitment to ''sell a congressional building.''

As a member of that task force, I am here to voice my support of the plan to sell 501 1st Street, SE, in order to fulfill the House Republican Conference resolution. According to the Architect of the Capitol, it is my understanding that this property could bring an estimated sale price of over $2 million. I can't think of a better way to show the American people Congress' intention to shrink the size of the Federal Government than by divesting itself of this property.

Upon the sale of 501 1st Street, the task force proposes the relocation of the Architect of the Capitol engineering and related support activities to the Ford House Office Building and the transfer of the House Child Care Center also to the Ford House Office Building.

Considering that Congress abolished three standing committees, a quarter of all committee staff, and eliminated all the legislative