

American history. I commend the members of the planning committee and all those involved for their hard work to help preserve the memory of this historic expedition.

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TRIBUTE TO JOHN F. NOWAK

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Mr. MEEHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an outstanding author, John F. Nowak from the city of Lowell.

Mr. Nowak is the author of "Jasiu," an autobiography honoring his education and experiences as a child and later his adult years. I know the city of Lowell, as I was born and

raised there. It is a proud immigrant city, with a rich history. It was very prominent in the 19th century and was renowned for its robust mill industry. Today, for many families, it remains a symbol for people to work hard and achieve one's goals.

I make this point, Mr. Speaker, for I feel that just as there are many families of this region who have made historic contributions to our country, Mr. Nowak has made his own contribution. Mr. Nowak served as a member of the Armed Forces and was a Federal employee to our Government. I believe that by writing and publishing "Jasiu," Mr. Nowak has achieved a lifetime goal. A goal that few of us ever achieve.

In his book, Mr. Nowak tells a number of interesting stories about his experiences as a young Polish-American boy growing up in the 1930's, his adult years in the Air Force while

stationed in North Africa and his volunteer efforts working to preserve the environment. His light-hearted philosophy makes "Jasiu" a work that is spirited and entertaining, despite the trials and tribulations he encounters.

Mr. Nowak graduated from Lowell High School and after returning to civilian life, he earned an associates degree in business administration from Merrimack College. He then went on to receive two subsequent bachelor degrees—one in liberal arts from Merrimack College and the other in sociology from River College.

I commend Mr. Nowak's drive and ambition, as well as his love of learning. His sense of human understanding gives his book a genuine quality and paints a portrait of a man who has lived and accomplished much. I extend my congratulations to John Nowak on the publication of his book.