

right to any compensation for this difference in value.

In summary, as a result of this exchange the Admiralty Island Monument land ownership pattern will be consolidated, the city of Sitka will receive valuable lands in fee ownership on which parts of its water system are located, and the corporation will be free of a problematic reversionary interest in its property. As a bonus, the Federal Government realizes a net benefit in the value of the exchange. This is a sound deal in the best interests of all parties.

It is my hope that this legislation can pass this body and the Congress in the near future.

HONORING THE DETROIT RED  
WINGS STANLEY CUP VICTORY

**HON. DAVE CAMP**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 17, 1997*

Mr. CAMP. Mr. Speaker, the Detroit Red Wings were rewarded for their excellence last Saturday night by sweeping the Philadelphia Flyers and bringing home the Stanley Cup for the first time in 42 years. Several images from the Red Wings triumphant run for the Cup will forever be imbedded in the hearts and memories of Wings fans everywhere. The steel-jawed determination of head coach Scotty Bowman, who became the first coach to win the Stanley Cup with three different teams; the spectacular performance of playoff-MVP goaltender Mike Vernon, who turned away shot after opposing shot; or the gritty play of Brendan Shanahan, Darren MacCarty, the "Grind Line"; and of course the international flair of the team, led by the likes of Sergei Fedorov and Igor Larionov.

However no player demonstrated the unwavering intensity and unselfishness of the team more than the captain Steve Yzerman. After years of personal triumphs, Yzerman's leadership finally brought home the Stanley Cup to the great State of Michigan. His perseverance and unwavering dedication gave one of the classiest players in pro sports the recognition he has so long deserved.

The Red Wings are an example of a team working together in the pursuit of excellence. Their play and accomplishments should be applauded, along with the integrity and commitment to overcome the many obstacles that stood before them. The State of Michigan is proud to salute the 1997 Stanley Cup Champions, the Detroit Red Wings.

HONORING AARON EDD JACKSON  
HENRY, "DOC"

**HON. MIKE PARKER**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 17, 1997*

Mr. PARKER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a very special man and a great American who has recently passed away. Aaron Edd Jackson Henry, better known to friends and family as "Doc," was born July 2, 1922, and died May 19, 1997.

During his life, Doc Henry served as 1 of the 200 U.S. soldiers during World War II to

live in a multiracial experiment leading to the 1945 congressional bill outlawing segregated military housing, he organized the Coahoma County Branch of the NAACP in 1953, he was president emeritus of the Mississippi State Conference NAACP, and he owned and operated the Fourth Street Drug Store which is famous locally for being a center of civil rights activity.

Doc Henry also served on numerous other boards and organizations, such as the National Caucus and Center for Black Aged, the Federal Council on Aging, the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, the Southern Regional Council, the Mississippi Council on Human Relations, Mississippi Action for Progress, Inc., and the Civic Communications Corp. He was involved in such civic organizations as the American Legion, the Elks, the Masonic Order, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. Yet through all of this community involvement, he still made personal time for his wife, Noelle Celestine Henry, and his daughter, Rebecca Elizabeth Henry.

Doc Henry's quest for equality took him across the Nation and around the world. He was instrumental in enacting laws that impacted the core of human rights in our Nation. For these accomplishments, he has been recognized with honorary doctorates from Mississippi Baptist Seminary, Tougaloo College, Rust College, Mary Homes College, Prentiss Institute, Queens College, and Boston University. He also received accolades such as the Distinguished Mississippians Award, the Clarksdale Hall of Fame Award, the NAACP's Living Legacy Award, the Jammie Whitten Award, and the prestigious Hubert H. Humphrey Award.

Though the voice of a great humanitarian has ceased to resound to believers of civil rights everywhere, Doc Henry will live forever in our hearts and memories.

TRIBUTE TO ST. JOHN THE  
BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

**HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 17, 1997*

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to congratulate St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Hammond, IN, on the joyous occasion of its centennial celebration this Sunday, June 22, 1997. The day's festivities will begin with a Mass of Thanksgiving at 3:00 p.m., officiated by the Most Reverend Dale J. Melczek. Following the mass, a gala reception will begin at 4:30 p.m. in the parish's Panel Room Banquet Hall. The reception will include dinner, several guest speakers, and live performances by the Lubo Pala Slovak Folk Band, the Vychodna Slovak Folk Dance Ensemble, soprano, Dorothy Hoover, the St. John adult choir, and the Stanley Paul Orchestra.

The founding of St. John the Baptist Church is one of struggle and triumph. In the spring of 1897, after successfully petitioning Bishop Joseph Radermacher for a Czechoslovakian priest to serve those in the community of Slovak heritage, a welcoming committee met Father Benedict Rajcany in Hammond on April 17, Holy Saturday. His first mass was offered

on Easter Sunday 1897 at Sacred Heart Church in Whiting, IN, since no Slovak church existed at the time. Soon after, the Slovak Catholic Union Branch 130 transformed its meeting hall into a church, which was dedicated on July 4, 1897. The church was dedicated to St. John the Baptist because the new pastor stated he felt like "one crying in the wilderness" in his new assignment in the United States.

By the time World War I began in 1914, the church had been enlarged to accommodate 650 parishioners. By 1921, the first regular assistant, Father Michael Kosko, was appointed to the church. During his ministry, Father Rajcany continued to place emphasis on the English language and on the Americanization of his parishioners. Some objected, but their reluctance was soon overcome. At approximately the same time, priests from St. Joseph College in Rensselaer, IN, journeyed to assist the parish on weekends.

By 1925, it became apparent that a new and larger church would be needed. That same year, the future pastor of St. John, Reverend John Kostik, C.P.P.S., arrived as a permanent assistant. Later, at the suggestion of Father Rajcany, Father Kostik was appointed pastor of St. John by Bishop John F. Noll. Also during that year, the parish was placed under the supervision of the Society of the Precious Blood, and it continues to be served by priests of the society to this day.

Groundwork for the new church, the work of Chicago architect Herman Gaul, began in May, 1930. Knowing the economic seriousness of the times and the dangers of bankruptcy, Father Kostik placed the success of the \$300,000 venture in the hands of St. Therese, the Little Flower of Jesus. Amazingly, during this period of financial disaster, the parish lost only \$340, and the entire debt was retired by 1942. The new Romanesque style church, with its 190-foot steeple, stands as a tribute to God from those founders of Slovak heritage.

In the late 1940's, much-needed additions to the parish were begun. Plans conceived by then-pastor Father John F. Lafko, C.P.P.S., were carried out by his successor, Father Gabriel Brenkus, C.P.P.S. In 1948, construction on the first phase of the new school, consisting of classrooms, a convent, and the Panel Room Banquet Hall, began. After its completion in 1951, the second phase of construction, consisting of an auditorium, gymnasium, and additional classrooms, began in 1955. The final addition to the St. John the Baptist complex was a new rectory, which was completed in 1967.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in congratulating the parish family of St. John the Baptist, under the guidance of Father John Kalicky, C.P.P.S., and former pastor-in-residence Father Edward Homco, C.P.P.S., as they prepare to celebrate their centennial in 1997. Their slogan, "We Remember, We Celebrate, We Believe," reverberates throughout the community in a celebration of faith—faith in God, faith in country, and faith in people. In this spirit, St. John has enhanced the quality of life within the Hammond community through its religious, educational, and cultural contributions for the past 100 years.