

mark two other important milestones this Sunday: he and his congregants will celebrate the 25th anniversary of his pastorship of the Congregational United Church of Christ, on the same day as his 75th birthday.

A truly gifted and dedicated professional, Reverend Lehman has built a proud legacy of service to the spiritual needs of his congregants. This Sunday, September 28, 1997, the Congregational United Church of Christ community will join in praising his outstanding life of service with a special festival service. Friends, family, and colleagues will come from across Long Island, 13 States, Australia, and England to honor the lifetime of service to the church.

Throughout his 50-year career, Reverend Lehman has dedicated his time, energy, and talents to his alternate calling: educating ministers, rabbis, priests, and seminarians in the skills of pastoral care to the sick. Upon graduating from Oberlin Graduate School of Theology, Reverend Lehman was assigned to his first church in Elyria, OH. It was there that he began his training in clinical pastoral education, completing a 2-year residency at University Hospital in Ann Arbor.

For the next 40 years, Reverend Lehman was employed by the New York State Department of Mental Hygiene, teaching clinical pastoral education to clergy and seminarians at two psychiatric hospitals, the first in Gowanda, NY. Then in 1967, Reverend Lehman arrived at Central Islip Psychiatric Center, on Long Island. During his teaching career, Reverend Lehman trained more than 600 clergy and seminarians for careers in pastoral care.

Though retired from Central Islip Psychiatric Center, Reverend Lehman still serves as pastor of the Congregational United Church of Christ. Reverend Lehman married his first wife, Priscilla, while living in Gowanda, and they had two children, Nancy and Thomas. Priscilla Lehman succumbed to cancer in 1989, and he eventually married again, to longtime family friend, Marilyn Birkmann Blume.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in honoring Rev. Richard J. Lehman for his remarkable lifetime of service to God and man. Through the Grace of God, our Long Island community has been truly blessed with the ministry of this gifted and spiritual man.

SUPPORT OF THE INTERFAITH ASSEMBLY ON HOMELESSNESS AND HOUSING ON OCCASION OF ITS 10TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 29, 1997

Mr. NADLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the Interfaith Assembly on Homelessness and Housing on occasion of its 10th anniversary.

For 10 years now the Interfaith Assembly on Homelessness and Housing has served the homeless of New York City with sensitivity and understanding. This coalition has reached out to those in our society who are without shelter and offered a helping hand. Whether helping individuals rebuild their lives through the Speakers' Bureau and Project Success Pro-

gram or tirelessly advocating for public policy that maintains decent and affordable housing for all New Yorkers, the Interfaith Assembly on Homelessness and Housing has provided the city of New York with a valuable service that we all ought to recognize and acknowledge.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to commend the Interfaith Assembly on Homelessness and Housing for its dedication to the homeless, its fight for affordable housing, and its ability to effect change in a city that desperately needs it. Through testimonials that have touched the hearts of many and raised the consciousness of many more, this broad and diverse coalition, which includes a wide range of religious organizations throughout the city, ought to be proud of the work they have done to spread compassion and serve others.

As we all know, there is a lot more that we must do to end homelessness in New York and across America. I look forward to working closely with members of this coalition in the battles ahead, and sincerely hope that our efforts will one day be unnecessary as our society comes to recognize that decent affordable housing is a right we all deserve.

TRIBUTE TO THE ANTIOCH BABE RUTH ALL STAR TEAM

HON. ELLEN O. TAUSCHER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 29, 1997

Mrs. TAUSCHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the championship victory of the Antioch All Star Team on Saturday, August 17, 1997, at the 16-18 Babe Ruth World Series. The city of Antioch, which is in my district, recently celebrated their homecoming with a parade through the city and a civic celebration at city hall. The accomplishments of these fine young men are a great honor to the city of Antioch.

The 16-18 Babe Ruth World Series was held in Jamestown, NY, where the players from Antioch competed against other such teams from around the Nation. Throughout the 1-week tournament, the team exhibited a true show of perseverance and a dedication to excellence. They managed to come from behind in several of their games, proving to the other teams that they would not give up. These athletes were not only dedicated to winning the game, but also dedicated to each other. The players from Antioch practiced long and hard to earn the right to play for the national championship, and through their hard work on the field and their commitment to teamwork, they rose from underdogs at the beginning of the series to the champions on the final day.

It is wonderful to see such positive support from the community for this talented and dedicated group of East Bay teens. They show us that when we bestow our faith in our children, they can truly achieve excellence.

The Antioch Babe Ruth All Star Team is deserving of the honor as the best 16-18 Babe Ruth League team in the country. These ball-players are an excellent example of the kinds of things that young people in our communities can achieve. I hope you will join me in congratulating them for their achievement and their ambition.

HONORING CAPTAIN NIKOLAOS FRANGOS

HON. RON KLINK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 29, 1997

Mr. KLINK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 1997 Hellenic Chamber of Commerce "Man of the Year Award" recipient, Capt. Nikolaos Frangos. Born in the town of Kardamyla on the island of Chios, Nikolaos's family was no stranger to the maritime merchants trade. Today, he is the owner of one of the largest dry bulk shipping fleets in the world. His shipping enterprise has grown to over 3,000 crew members and shore-based employees.

Captain Frangos has provided a great service to people throughout the world. During the gulf war he assisted the United States by shipping much needed supplies to our troops based in the Middle East. He is a gentleman worthy of the distinction of the Hellenic American man of the year. His accomplishments outside the shipping industry include his membership to the governing board of the Orphanage of Vouliagmeni and his membership to the Leadership-100 of the Archdiocese of America.

It is with great pride and honor that I urge my colleagues to rise and honor the life and contribution of Capt. Nikolaos Frangos and his wonderful family including his wife Stella and his children Angeliki, John, and Maria. His devotion to his family, his country, and the world are truly admirable.

BEST WISHES TOMMY AMAKER

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 29, 1997

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, September 30, a reception will be held for Harold Tommy Amaker in New Jersey. Tommy Amaker is Seton Hall University's (SHU) first African-American men's basketball head coach. He is also the youngest coach in the Big East Conference, one of the top basketball conferences.

Mr. Speaker, I am a proud alumnus of Seton Hall University and my level of pride keeps going up when things like this happen. I was an SHU student when the great Seton Hall team in 1953 won the National Invitational Tournament (NIT). It was the premiere collegiate championship tournament. The Seton Hall team was led by Walter Dukes and Richie Regan. Richie Regan continues to serve the University as the Pirate Blue chairman. The Pirate Blue is an athletic fund raising group at Seton Hall.

I want to applaud Monsignor Robert Sheeran, president of SHU, who used personal leadership to recruit SHU's first African-American basketball coach. I would also like to commend Philip Thigpen, former national middle distance champ in the 50's, for his leadership in assembling a group of African-American alumni of SHU and its School of Law to host this reception.

Tommy Amaker and his challenge to return SHU to championship status have brought excitement. On March 20 he was named the