

RETIREMENT OF RABBI JACK
ROSOFF

• Mr. LAUTENBERG. Mr. President, I rise today to congratulate an esteemed New Jerseyan, Rabbi Jack M. Rosoff, on the occasion of his retirement after 34 years of service at Congregations B'nai Israel in Rumson, New Jersey.

I really got to know Rabbi Rosoff when he organized a community-wide response to acts of vandalism committed against B'nai Israel and the neighboring Catholic church in Rumson. I spoke at the rally that Rabbi Rosoff put together condemning the desecration, and was very moved by his dedication to fighting bigotry.

Rabbi Rosoff's accomplishments during his tenure at B'nai Israel, for which he has just been elevated to Rabbi Emeritus status, are almost too numerous to mention. He has multiplied the membership of his congregation by hundreds and provided Sunday school opportunities for over 300 students. He developed the Israel Scholarship Program there, enabling all students in their junior year to spend six weeks in Israel.

Beyond those achievements, Jack has been a counselor and friend to the members of his synagogue. He has rejoiced with them in times of happiness and has been a comfort in times of grief.

Rabbi Rosoff has served on the boards of various organizations in Monmouth County, including Riverview Hospital, the Mental Health Association, the Day Care Center, the Clergy Advisory Council of the local Planned Parenthood, as well as being the founding member of the Greater Red Bank Interfaith Council.

Rabbi Rosoff should be honored by all of us not only for his 34 years of service to B'nai Israel, but for his community-wide leadership and civic involvement. I am pleased to congratulate him again on his retirement, and wish him well in this next chapter of his life. •

ISRAEL'S 50TH BIRTHDAY

• Mr. BOND. Mr. President, on Thursday, April 30, 1998, the St. Louis Jewish Community will be celebrating Israel's 50th Birthday. My home State of Missouri is especially excited for the event since President Harry S. Truman played a large role in the formation of the State of Israel.

The 50th anniversary is very significant because it marks the reestablishment of Jewish Sovereignty in the ancient Jewish homeland, the reasserting of Jewish peoplehood after the devastation of the Holocaust, the fulfillment of the Zionist vision, the blossoming of Jewish creativity and community. The Jewish Federation of St. Louis is the central planning and fundraising agency of the St. Louis Jewish Community. This outstanding organization has coordinated the St. Louis Israel 50th anniversary celebration congregation.

I congratulate the State of Israel and the Jewish community for 50 years of

democracy. Additionally, I commend the Jewish Federation of St. Louis for its leadership during this exciting time. I wish them continued success in future years of Statehood. •

NATIONAL PRAYER BREAKFAST
1998 TRANSCRIPT

Mr. AKAKA. Mr. President, I had the privilege of chairing the 46th Annual National Prayer Breakfast held here in Washington, D.C., on February 5, 1998. This annual gathering in our Nation's Capital is hosted by Members of the United States Senate and House of Representatives weekly prayer breakfast groups.

Once again, we were honored by the attendance and participation of the President and the First Lady, as well as the Vice President and Mrs. Gore. Our colleague, Senator CONNIE MACK, inspired and encouraged us with his remarks, and we were challenged by the prayer offered by Dr. Billy Graham.

This year we welcomed over 3,600 individuals from all walks of life, and from all 50 states and U.S. territories and many countries around the world. So that all may benefit from this special gathering, I request that the text of the program and a transcript of the 1998 proceedings be printed in the RECORD.

I understand that the Government Printing Office estimates that it will cost approximately \$1,426 to print this transcript in the RECORD.

The material follows:

NATIONAL PRAYER BREAKFAST

Chairman: The Honorable Daniel K. Akaka
Pre-Breakfast Prayer

Mr. Robert L. Parker, Businessman, Oklahoma

Opening Prayer

General Hugh Shelton, Chairman of the
Joint Chiefs of Staff

BREAKFAST

Welcome

The Honorable Daniel K. Akaka, U.S. Senate, Hawaii

Remarks—Senate and House Breakfast Groups

The Honorable Bobby Scott, U.S. House of Representatives, Virginia

Old Testament Reading

The Honorable Don Gevirtz, Former Ambassador to Fiji

Duet

Randy and Gae Hongo

New Testament Reading

Dr. Dorothy I. Height, National Council of Negro Women

Prayer for National Leaders

The Vice President of the United States

Message

The Honorable Connie Mack, U.S. Senate, Florida

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

Closing Song

The Honorable Daniel K. Akaka, Randy and Gae Hongo (all join in)

Closing Prayer

Dr. Billy Graham

[Audience, please remain in place until the President, Mrs. Clinton and other Heads of State have departed]

ROBERT PARKER. May we ask you now to join us in prayer? Please join us in prayer, if you will.

Lord, as we gather together for the beginning of this new day, we pause now to listen to you. Thank you for being with us now, and thank you for being in this room. Your presence gives us hope and encouragement. Whenever we gather in your name, there is excitement. Help us capture that excitement today, to the betterment of the lives of us all.

We all need your help. We all need your guidance. Give us the wisdom to be more like you in all that we do. And we especially thank you for sharing your servant, Billy Graham, with us. He represents you well, helps all of us be better followers. Thank you for listening. Thank you for showing the way. And thank you for the many blessings you have bestowed upon us. In your name we pray, Amen.

ANNOUNCER. Ladies and gentlemen, the President of the United States, the Vice President of the United States, the First Lady of the United States, and Mrs. Gore. (Applause.)

Senator AKAKA. Will you all be seated, please. Good morning, ladies and gentlemen. My name is Dan Akaka. I'm the convener of the United States Senate Breakfast Group and chairman of the National Prayer Breakfast. I want to say welcome to all of you here this morning.

On behalf of the United States Senate and House of Representatives, I welcome you to the 46th annual National Prayer Breakfast. We're happy to have you here on this special day. Robert Parker presented the pre-breakfast prayer this morning, and we are happy to have you here. At this time, General Hugh Shelton, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, will offer the opening prayer. General?

Gen. HUGH SHELTON. Let us pray.

O Lord, our strength and our redeemer, we come together today to pray for strength and guidance in a difficult and challenging world. Though we have come far, we have so far to go to realize your plan here on Earth. Lord, we ask your help and guidance for all those who have been chosen to lead our people all over the world. And grant that we may follow with humble and willing hearts to do the work that must be done to preserve the blessings of peace and to share the gifts that you have given us. May those chosen to lead, lead with wisdom and compassion, not in pursuit of wealth and power, but guided by your righteous word and walking in your upright ways.

Today we pray for your blessings on all our men and women in uniform, at home and abroad. Keep them safe as they keep the peace. And keep them strong to carry the burdens that must be borne in a troubled world. And Father, though we are of many faiths, we have but one prayer, and that is to share your peace with people everywhere. May you stretch your loving hands over friend and foe alike and bring us together in the spirit of truth so that in our time we may know your peace.

Now we pray that you would bless this food to the nourishment of our bodies and our help to thy service. These things we ask in your name. Amen.

Senator AKAKA. Thank you very much, General Shelton. You honor us very much with your presence here at this prayer breakfast.

Please enjoy your breakfast. Our program will resume in a few minutes. [Breakfast.]

Senator AKAKA. Good morning, ladies and gentlemen. It is a wonderful privilege for me to welcome all of you this morning to the National Prayer Breakfast. I particularly want to greet our international guests who represent over 160 nations. And everyone attending the prayer breakfast for the first time, I say again, welcome. (Applause.)