

achievements in building a new state and a democratic society, reaffirms the bonds of friendship and cooperation between the United States and Israel, and extends our best wishes to the State of Israel for a peaceful, prosperous, and successful future.

Mr. Speaker, the Bible tells the story of so many miracles of importance to the Jewish community, from the parting of the Red Sea to the oil which burned for eight nights. The fact that Israel has survived and flourished for 50 years as a free and democratic nation under the most difficult of circumstances is, in its own right, a modern-day miracle that rivals all the miracles of the past. It is a tribute to the strength of the Jewish religion and the determination of the Jewish people in South Bend, Indiana and across the world. I hope that as we join in this momentous celebration, we can not only reflect on the struggles and sacrifices which marked the first 50 years of Israel's existence, but also look forward to a future of peace and happiness for Israel and the Jewish community everywhere.

I strongly believe that it is most appropriate for the Congress on behalf of the American people to reaffirm the bonds of warm friendship that link us with the Jewish people and Israel. Traditionally, Israel has been our strongest democratic ally in the volatile Middle East region, revealing the strong common links that bind us with the people of Israel and reflect our shared experiences and interests.

Mr. Speaker, once again, let me express my strong support for House Joint Resolution 102 and my congratulations to the Jewish community on this happy occasion of the 50th Anniversary of the founding of the modern State of Israel.

THE TOWN OF STUYVESANT
CELEBRATES 175 YEARS

HON. GERALD B.H. SOLOMON

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 18, 1998

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, I have always been proud of the heritage and physical beauty of the 22nd Congressional District of New York which I have the privilege of representing. It is for this reason, to savor the history and character of the picturesque towns and counties, that I return home every weekend.

We often forget, Mr. Speaker, that the real America is not Washington, but the small towns and villages where real people live and work. I would like to talk about one such town today.

The Town of Stuyvesant, New York in Columbia County will be commemorating 175 years of existence since they separated from the nearby Township of Kinderhook back in 1823. Mr. Speaker, Stuyvesant is one of the many beautiful river towns that border the majestic Hudson River in New York and as a river town over that long timeframe, it has endured many transformations. And in many ways, those changes reflect the changes in the river, from the evolving trade involving furs, fishing, mills and ice harvesting, to a bustling brick industry and at a stop along the commercial channel running from New York City to Albany, Stuyvesant has adapted to the times. Yet make no mistake, even as times have changed and industry has changed, the

people from Stuyvesant and the nearby towns in Columbia and Greene Counties are characterized by their connection to this wonderful river.

But not everyone around the country has the opportunity to celebrate and rejoice in what the people of Stuyvesant can this weekend. Even though things have changed there, like everywhere else, there is something special that remains an unmistakable part of the town's character that not enough people throughout the country can still boast of today. That something is the distinct small town charm that grips the town and the good citizens of the Township of Stuyvesant. It can be seen at the church halls and the fire department, at the veterans posts and across the streets and fields where children play and farmers work. And that camaraderie can be seen in the way the people of Stuyvesant and their local leaders are again focusing on their trusty neighbor, the Hudson, and their miles of waterfront as a vital resource and gateway to another new era for the town.

Yes, Mr. Speaker, that small town camaraderie and neighborly hospitality is one thing that thankfully hasn't changed. But I'll tell you about another thing. It's the pride and values of the citizenry. These are the things that I admire most about the towns like Stuyvesant throughout my congressional district and that I'll miss most about the people I've had the privilege of serving. And this weekend, Mr. Speaker, on May 16th and 17th, the residents of Stuyvesant will take part in day long festivities commemorating their heritage. There will be historical sites and artifacts on display, a play, parades and a spectacular fireworks display to enjoy with friends and neighbors and where they can give thanks for the town and community they share.

Mr. Speaker, I commend the good people of Stuyvesant for their commitment to their home and hard work in organizing this memorial to their heritage. I ask that you and all members of the House join me in paying tribute to them on the occasion of the town's 175th birthday and in wishing them many more years of good fortune and prosperity alongside the Hudson River in one of the most beautiful river valleys anywhere in this world.

HONORING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION OF THE
SAGINAW COUNTY COMMISSION
ON AGING

HON. DAVE CAMP

OF MICHIGAN

HON. JAMES A. BARCIA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 18, 1998

Mr. CAMP. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that my colleague, Mr. BARCIA, and I rise today to recognize the Silver Anniversary Celebration of the Saginaw County Commission on Aging. The Commission was founded on January 1, 1973, and from that point on has been an invaluable asset to the surrounding community. Saginaw County can be proud of their County Commission on Aging. Since their beginning they have passed many milestones and touched the lives of thousands of Seniors over the years.

Providing transportation and meals to Senior Citizens, preparing a monthly newsletter to keep Seniors updated on important developments within their community and sponsoring an annual Crafts and Hobby Show are the type of services the Saginaw County Commission on Aging has offered its Seniors over the past twenty-five years. Twenty-five years ago a group of community leaders had a vision to establish an organization that would serve the Seniors of their community. Today, that organization can be proud of the many lives it has touched over the years.

On Friday evening, as citizens gather to reflect on the Saginaw County Commission on Aging's long and productive history, they can be proud of how this organization has benefited the community. It is the special, caring people that comprise this organization that have allowed it to grow over the years and meet new challenges.

Mr. BARCIA. At a time when we know that effective services can best be provided by partnerships between concerned individuals on a local level working with programs offered by the federal and state governments, the Saginaw County Commission on Aging has done an outstanding job of letting the seniors of the Saginaw County community know that assistance is available for them. I want to offer my compliments and thanks to Judy Spaner, the Director of the Commission, and her excellent staff for the work that they do, continuing the heritage of accomplishment at the Commission.

Mr. Speaker, when we concentrate on providing services to people with decisions made on a local level, we need to celebrate important milestones like the 25th anniversary of the Saginaw County Commission on Aging. We urge you and all of our colleagues to join us in wishing the Commission and the people that benefit from its programs a very happy anniversary, and many more to come.

TRIBUTE TO DR. HUGO MORALES

HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 18, 1998

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Dr. Hugo H. Morales, an outstanding individual who has devoted his life to his family and to serving the community. Dr. Morales celebrated his 65th birthday in the company of his family and friends this past Saturday, May 16, 1998.

Born on May 14, 1933, Dr. Morales received a Medical Doctor (MD) degree from the University of Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic in 1956. He also attended New York Policlinic Medical School and Hospital Post-Graduate course in Medicine from September 1961 to June 1963.

Dr. Morales founded the Bronx Mental Health Center in 1965. It consists of 35 employees who provide innovative, comprehensive ambulatory mental health care services to low-income minority patients from the Bronx and other boroughs.

Dr. Morales' effective management helps to assure that quality mental health care is provided. He evaluates and comments upon the efficiency of various means of rendering therapeutic services.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud the commitment and the efforts of Dr. Morales and his staff in the assistance they provide to the low- and moderate-income families in our community.

The business and professional organizations to which he has belonged, like the honors and awards he has been given are almost beyond counting.

It is a privilege for me to represent the 16th district of New York, where the Bronx Mental Health Center is located. I have witnessed first-hand the exemplary work they are doing for our community and I am deeply impressed.

Dr. Morales is married to Gladys and they have two children, Nilda who is married to Richard and Hugo who is married to Serani. They have three grandchildren, Natasha, Conrad and Clifford.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me and the family of Dr. Hugo Morales in wishing him a Happy 65th Birthday.

CONGRATULATING THE COLUMBIA
UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF SOCIAL
WORK

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 18, 1998

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, on the occasion of the Centennial of the oldest social work training program in the nation, I hereby offer congratulations to the Columbia University School of Social Work which I am proud to say is located in my Congressional District.

Evolving from a summer program organized by the Charity Organization Society in New York, the School of Social Work has a long and distinguished history of pioneering re-

search, informed advocacy, and exceptional professional training.

It is a remarkable accomplishment that social workers have played key roles in every major social reform movement, from settlement houses to labor reform, to the New Deal, to civil rights, and voter registration. Many of the things we take for granted today—Social Security, child labor laws, the minimum wage, the 40-hour work week, Medicare—came about because social workers saw injustice, acted, and inspired others.

Throughout the century, Columbia's faculty, students, and alumni have worked tirelessly to address both the causes and symptoms of our most pressing social problems. National movements, such as the White House Conference on Children and the National Urban League, have emerged from projects undertaken by the School's faculty and administrators in cooperation with professional and community organizations.

The entire nation has benefited from the work of people like Eveline Burns (Social Security); Mitchell I. Ginsberg (Head Start); Richard Cloward (welfare rights and voter registration); Alfred Khan and Sheila B. Kameron (crossnational studies of social services); and David Fanshel (children in foster care).

As your School, and indeed the social work profession, move into their second centuries, they will be challenged to respond to social change, new social problems, family change, and evolving societal commitments. Now more than ever, we will need well-trained and dedicated social workers to work with troubled children and families, organize communities for change, conduct cutting-edge research, administer social programs, and alleviate society's most intractable problems.

It is with appreciation and admiration, that I extend my best wishes to the Columbia Uni-

versity School of Social Work on its Centennial, and look forward to its future activity and achievement.

HONORING MAJOR JAMES
WILLIAM REED

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 18, 1998

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Major James William Reed who was a pilot in the Air Force and shot down on July 24, 1970. Until April of 1998, Major Reed was considered an MIA.

Major Reed's family never gave up and worked very hard to find out exactly what happened to him. In 1991, the Air Force did a survey of the crash site and decided to do a complete excavation of the site. The findings concluded that Major Reed did die in the crash.

Major James William Reed was an accomplished pilot and flew over 350 missions before his death. He was also a very kind and unselfish man that he displayed in many ways. Since Major Reed was single, he would volunteer to fly missions so that other men with families would not have to risk their life.

Major James William Reed will be buried with full military honors that he is so deserving. The memorial service will be held on May 24, 1998 where Major Reed's family will finally be able to put him to rest. Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring Major James William Reed who gave so much to his family, friends and country.