

Dave's distinguished career has been a great source of pride. His dedication and determination to improve the lives of the hard working families of Stratford will be his lasting legacy. The members of Local 1010 and the community of Stratford have all benefitted from his unwavering commitment. For this, we join with his wife, Susan, their children, David, Margaret, Laura, Paige and Ryan, and his grandson John in offering him our lasting gratitude and congratulations on his retirement.

SUDBURY, ASSABET, AND CONCORD WILD AND SCENIC RIVERS ACT

**HON. EDWARD J. MARKEY**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 12, 1998*

Mr. MARKEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 1110, the Sudbury, Assabet, and Concord Wild and Scenic Rivers Act. Wild and scenic areas are found not only in the vast expanses of the American West but also in pockets in the midst of the cities and towns of the East. As the areas around Boston, including my own district, become increasingly crowded and urban, it is important to preserve natural areas where the beauty and tranquility of nature can become a part of the everyday lives of local communities.

Through the Sudbury, Assabet, and Concord rivers has flowed a remarkable current of history and beauty. A century ago Ralph Waldo Emerson commemorated events that took place above the Concord River a century before that with his unforgettable words, "by the rude bridge that arched the flood, their flag to April's breeze unfurled, here once the embattled farmers stood, and fired the shot heard around the world." Over 100 years ago, Nathaniel Hawthorne wrote of the beauty of the Assabet: "Rowing our boat against the current, between wide meadows, we turn aside into the Assabeth. A more lovely stream than this, for a mile above its junction with the concord, has never flowed on Earth,—nowhere, indeed, except to lave the interior of a poet's imagination."

Today we have even greater need of scenic rivers to excite the "poet's imagination" in each of us. This bill, by giving Wild and Scenic River status to the Assabet, Sudbury, and Concord rivers, will help ensure that they continue to inspire local communities and the nation in this and future generations. I am glad to join the entire delegations of Massachusetts and New Hampshire in its support.

TRIBUTE TO JACK LEVINE

**HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 12, 1998*

Mr. BERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to my close friend, Jack Levine, who is receiving the 1998 TZEDEK (Justice) Award from the Labor Zionist Alliance. Before I ever ran for office, I practiced law with Jack Levine. I was overwhelmed by his brilliant legal mind, love of ideas and compassion for the less fortunate. After all these years, he remains a pro-

found influence on my own beliefs and system of values. I know I'm a better person for having absorbed his wise teachings.

The twin themes that dominate Jack's life are Zionism and the rights of working men and women. Jack's father, an Orthodox rabbi from Lithuania, instilled in his young son the importance of a Jewish homeland. The Rabbi was very persuasive: at the age of 10, Jack made a pitch for the Jewish National Fund at his father's synagogue in Brooklyn.

Ten years later, as a student at City College of New York and a member of Avukah, the student Zionist organization, Jack had what can only be described as a political awakening. He found in Labor Zionism—a literal synthesis of Zionism and Socialism—the perfect balance for his own emerging political philosophy. It was not much later that Jack became actively involved with the American labor movement and the Jewish Labor Committee, associations that continue to this day.

After serving with the Merchant Marines in World War II, Jack worked on the assembly line at Ford and as a Longshoreman in San Pedro. In 1951, he entered law school at UCLA, eventually graduating third in his class. Upon graduation Jack joined Abe Levy's law firm, where he ultimately specialized in labor law. I joined him there in the mid-1960s.

It's probably superfluous to note that Jack did more than practice law. In fact, Jack spent much of his "free" time working tirelessly for causes in which he believed. In 1959, he successfully defended the world-famous Watts Towers from demolition by the City of Los Angeles. Sixteen years later, he served as attorney for the chairman of the Agricultural Relations Commission in Sacramento, administering the law that I sponsored in the California Assembly.

Today Jack has immersed himself into the study of modern Hebrew literature at the University of Jerusalem. His hunger for knowledge is boundless.

I ask my colleagues to join me in saluting Jack Levine, whose sense of decency and intellectual curiosity are a model for us all. I know his wife, Ann, children, Elinor Levine and Deborah Zimmer, son-in-law Tim Zimmer, and grandchildren, Jeremy and Daniel, are all very proud of his achievements.

MIGUEL AND CARMEN COSSIOS ARE SUCH A SUCCESS STORY

**HON. JACK KINGSTON**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 12, 1998*

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, patriotism—love of country—is a quality that seems to be particularly characteristic of Americans. What is even more remarkable is that those born abroad who choose to make America their adopted country often come to share the same patriotic spirit that Americans display in their daily lives. Immigrants who come to our shores seeking a better life often find that their new lives are a struggle, but a struggle that pays off more than they could ever have dreamed.

There are so many places around the world where hard work does not result in real opportunity and success. But American success stories are all around us—especially from those

who came from overseas and started from nothing but a desire to make a better life for themselves.

Miguel and Carmen Cossios are such a success story. Dr. Cossios and his wife fled their native Cuba in 1968 after witnessing firsthand how thoroughly socialism crushes the human spirit and corrupts the soul. These two brave freedom-lovers fled Fidel Castro's communist tyranny and decided to start all over again. Penniless but determined to achieve their dreams in a country that encourages everyone to pursue his dreams to the fullest, the Cossios built a new life for themselves in Baker County, Florida. Their life stories are an inspiration to all Americans, present and future. Miguel and Carmen are great Americans.

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THE SHEER DETERMINATION TO START ALL OVER—RETIREMENT OF COSSIOS BUT PART OF A REMARKABLE REFUGEE SAGA

(By Jim McGauley)

Imagine yourself a young man of 42 with an intense love of your native country, a proud heritage steeped in the military, a medical degree and a lovely family including four young sons who all bear the same first name out of deference to their distinguished ancestors.

Now imagine yourself with nothing.

No job, no country, no home, no possessions, no money—none of the things that in 1995 link us to survival. Nothing except a proud determination to begin again and transplant the traditions of your forefathers to another shore where the freedom to do it all over again is to you "like oxygen."

It's the stuff that has made real patriots of people like Cuban born Miguel Cossio and his wife Carmen, who retire this week from Northeast Florida State Hospital in Macclenny after a combined 48 years of service, he as a psychiatrist and she a pharmacist. Patriots in love with two countries, their native land where they hope someday freedom returns, and their adopted land that rewarded them for grit and determination.

The Cossios were feted last Thursday to a reception and retirement ceremony at the hospital where Miguel has filled a number of roles on the medical staff since he first reported there in 1971, including clinical director. During a brief ceremony they accepted plaques from the state and co-workers, and Dr. Cossio told the group he would like to be remembered as a "Cuban Baker County redneck."

Though Dr. Cossio has some reservations about the conversion of NEFSH from an accredited "medical model" to the present UTR system, he credits the institution as central to the family's re-emergence in its adopted country.

"Everyone here has been so gracious to us. We think of the hospital and Macclenny as our home town. I am very glad to say our headquarters will continue to be in Baker County." The Cossios recently bought a house in Macclenny, unique in itself because most of the medical staff lives outside Baker County since the closing of on-campus housing several years ago.

The road to last Thursday and this week, which marks the Cossios' actual retirement date, began shortly after Miguel and Carmen landed in Miami as penniless refugees in December, 1968. Cuba had been Fidel Castro's a full decade by then, and the repressive regime was ridding itself of a meddling intelligentsia, family by family.

It was Dr. Gustavo Arias, then clinical director at NEFSH, who first summoned Miguel Cossio down here from Binghamton,