

In Hebrew, Torah literally means teachings or learning. By their involvement the Nankins have taught us the meaning of devotion and generosity.

Mr. Speaker it is with immense pride and gratitude that I commend Armin and Hollie Nankin for their service to the community, and it is with great happiness and best wishes for continued success that I congratulate the Wisconsin Institute for Torah Study on its 19th anniversary.

HONORING BERNARD CEDARBAUM

HON. NITA M. LOWEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 19, 1999

Mrs. LOWEY. Mr. Speaker, the Scarsdale Bowl Award, Scarsdale's highest civic honor, has been given annually since 1943 to honor "one who has given unselfishly of time, energy, and effort to serve the civic welfare of the community." Today, I would like to recognize a resident of my district who, through nearly three decades of tireless community service, perfectly embodies the spirit of this award.

Since moving to Scarsdale 28 years ago, Bernard Cedarbaum has chaired or served on no fewer than ten of Scarsdale's boards, councils and committees. He is one of a very small group of residents to have served on both the board of education (1979–85) and the village board of trustees (1993–98). A natural leader and common sense decision-maker, Mr. Cedarbaum has presided over the Town Club, Scarsdale Foundation, Environmental Advisory Council and Greenacres Association. Those who have served with Mr. Cedarbaum admire his intelligence, sense of fairness, reasonable approach to problem-solving, and his quick sense of humor.

Mr. Cedarbaum's commitment to a successful professional career has always been balanced with an unyielding dedication to volunteerism. Remarkably, Mr. Cedarbaum dedicated countless hours to the town of Scarsdale while he worked as a partner at the law firm of Carter, Ledyard & Milburn, presided over the New York State Bar Association's Corporation and Business Law Section, and participated on various committees of the New York City Association of the Bar.

The Scarsdale Bowl Award marks Mr. Cedarbaum's fulfillment of his goal, to make a valuable contribution to the community in which he lives. I join with the residents of Scarsdale in applauding Mr. Cedarbaum's commitment to our community and I am proud to officially recognize this remarkable civic leader for his many years of service.

HONORING GUAM SUPREME COURT
JUSTICE JANET HEALY WEEKS

HON. ROBERT A. UNDERWOOD

OF GUAM

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Mr. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, "Justice" is often represented by a blindfolded lady

bearing scales on one hand and a sword and book on the other. The blindfold symbolizes equality for all under the law; the scales—balance; the sword—strength; and the book—intellect.

In my opinion, Guam Supreme Court Justice Janet Healy Weeks is the absolute personification of this mythical figure. After having been personally acquainted with this dynamic lady for so many years, I have to give her my deepest respect and admiration. As Micronesia's first woman lawyer and first woman judge, Justice Weeks' niche in the annals of the Guam judicial system had long been secured.

A native of Quincy, Massachusetts, Justice Weeks received a degree in Chemistry from Emmanuel College in Boston in 1955. She holds an L.L.D. from Boston College Law School and an honorary L.L.D. from the University of Guam. Upon her graduation from law school in 1958, she was selected for the Attorney General's Honor Graduate Program. She served under that capacity with the Department of Justice in Washington, D.C., until 1961. Having been admitted to practice law in the District Court of Guam, the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts, the U.S. Court of Military Appeals, the U.S. Courts of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, and the Supreme Court of the United States, Justice Weeks became an associate in the law firm of Trapp and Gayle in 1971. In 1973, she was made a partner in the law firm of Trapp, Gayle, Tekler, Weeks & Friedman.

Appointed to the Superior Court of Guam in 1975, she went on to serve as a Superior Court Judge until 1996 when she was appointed to the newly created Supreme Court of Guam. She also sat in the Supreme Court of the Federated States of Micronesia from 1982 through 1988. From 1977 to 1993 and again from 1996 until April of this year, Justice Weeks was designated a judge at the U.S. District Court of Guam. In 1993, she was appointed Associate Justice in the Supreme Court of the Republic of Palau, a position she holds to this day.

Justice Weeks holds memberships with the American Bar Association, the Federal Bar Association, the Guam Bar Association, the American Trial Lawyers Association, the American Judges Association and the National Association of Women Judges. In addition, she has also been involved with the Guam Law Revision Commission, the National Conference of Trial Judges, the Territorial Law Library and the Territorial Crime Commission, Task Force on Courts, Prosecution and Defense. In 1973, she was a member of the Catholic School Board of Guam.

As a jurist, Justice Weeks is beyond reproach. While on the bench, she always endeavored to dispense equal justice to all. Favoritism and preferential treatment has no place in her courtroom. This fact is the source of my undying respect for her.

Justice Weeks' devotion to the island of Guam, its people, and the judicial system is her utmost legacy. While on Guam, Justice Weeks lived through some personal misfortunes enough to overcome and embitter the best among us. For over a quarter of a century, she has chosen to stay on Guam and weather every storm that came her way. Through it all she maintained her grace and

dignity—another reason why I have looked up to her all these years.

Last April, Justice Weeks has decided to step down and retire from the bench. Although a welcome boon to family and friends, her retirement has surely left a great void within the island's judiciary. The decades of service she dedicated to the people of Guam has truly earned her a place in our hearts. Her husband, retired Navy Commander George H. Weeks, and their children, Susan and George, certainly have every right to celebrate and be proud of this esteemed lady, dedicated jurist, and fellow public servant. On behalf of the people of Guam, I say, "Si Yu'os Ma'ase" to a distinguished community leader for having been such an exemplary role model and for her invaluable services to the island of Guam.

HONORING JOHN PETER CALVELLI

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 19, 1999

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, just over forty years ago a young man came to our country who, like so many before him, was seeking a better life. And like so many before him, he not only found that better life but made our country better for his coming here. John Peter Calvelli is one of those individuals.

John was born in Vico, Aprigliano in the province of Cosenza, Italy. On January 24th, 1958 he married his wife Rose and they were blessed with two children, Louis and John. Upon his arrival in the United States in August of 1958, John began working for G.A.L., an elevator company currently located in the Bronx and in 1971 joined the New York City Transit Authority as a car inspector, where he received many commendations for his job performance. During his spare time he devoted many hours to the betterment of our local community through his active involvement in many worthwhile charitable organizations. He is an active member and Past President of the San Fili Fraternity Club, an organization dedicated to promoting the Italian heritage organization as well as providing needed funds to students to help defray the increasing cost of higher education. His active participation as a lay leader for the Salesian Cooperators has served as a source of religious, spiritual and financial support for the students and faculty of Salesian High School. This spirit of community concern is manifested in his children: Louis serves as the Vice President for Development of Salesian High School and John serves as my Administrative Assistant.

On the evening of Friday, May 14, 1999 members and friends of the NYC Transit Authority will be hosting a dinner to celebrate a new chapter in John's life: his retirement. I am confident that he will spend the coming years to continue his work on behalf of our community and spend time with his new grandchild, John Domenico. I salute him and thank him for his work on behalf of the entire community and look forward to sharing many special events in the coming years with him and the entire Calvelli family.