

Reverend Lynch is a wonderful example of being a man for others. Through his dedication and work Reverend Lynch has changed hundreds of lives for the better. His example is truly something to be recognized and praised.

My fellow colleagues, please join me in honoring this man for twenty-five years of dedicated service.

THE SPIRIT OF STONEWALL

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 7, 1999

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate the thirtieth anniversary of the modern gay rights movement. On Friday, June 27, 1969, the New York City Police Department raided and attempted to close the Stonewall Inn for the perceived crime of operating a dance bar that catered to homosexuals. Recall, that in 1969 New York it was illegal for men to dance with men, although, oddly, it was legal for women to dance with women.

In New York City and almost everywhere, police raids on gay bars were routine. Usually, the patrons scurried, fearful of the repercussions of being caught in a gay bar. On this night, brave young men and women stood up to the police. They were no longer willing to accept daily harassment and the abridgement of their civil rights.

The Police operated in their customary fashion, hurling a string of homophobic comments, as they evicted the bar patrons one by one. As patrons and onlookers gathered outside, the crowd grew. A parking meter was uprooted and used to barricade the door. Thirteen gay people were arrested that first night.

This was the beginning of a number of nights of demonstrations that drew national attention. Moreover, it demonstrated to the gay community that there was an alternative to continued oppression. It also showed the community at large that gays were no longer willing to be silent in the face of injustice. After that night the movement to protect the rights of gays, lesbians, bisexuals and the transgendered gained strength and respectability.

In the last thirty years, much has changed. Gay bars can be found in almost every town—from Anchorage, Alaska to Wheeling, West Virginia. More important, bookstores, hotlines and support groups have appeared in smaller communities to ease the isolation previously felt by many gays. The legacy of Stonewall can be seen in the lives of hundreds of thousands of men and women who are able to live their lives honestly and out of the closet. The Stonewall Revolution inspired men and women to "come out" and showed young gays and lesbians that they are not alone. Today, an openly gay person is no longer automatically disqualified from holding public office or other positions of trust. Now, numerous communities have embraced the post-Stonewall reality by passing laws specifically protecting against discrimination based on real or perceived sexual preference.

I am proud to represent thousands of gay and lesbians, in Manhattan and Queens and I am proud of my close relationships with an

support of the Stonewall Veterans Association, a group of those actually present on that fateful night.

As we celebrate the anniversary of the modern gay rights movement, we recognize the expansion of freedom has not been uniform and much remains to be done. So we celebrate the important, but incomplete, steps toward equality for those previously banished to the closet. Much more remains to be done to eliminate irrational prejudice against those who are different. And we must recommit ourselves to the fight against all types of bigotry whether based on race, religion, national origin, sex or perceived sexual preference.

IN HONOR OF BETTY BAUMAN

HON. PETER DEUTSCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 7, 1999

Mr. DEUTSCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Betty Bauman, soon to be named Woman of the Year by the American Sportfishing Association (ASA). Ms. Bauman's extraordinary vision and enthusiasm has made her an exemplary contributor to the sportfishing community, and I congratulate her on this well deserved award.

Betty Bauman has become a fishing guru to thousands of women through her "Ladies, Let's Go Fishing!" weekend saltwater fishing seminars in Florida. Ms. Bauman's "no-yelling school of fishing" features a non-intimidating environment, hands-on training, a real fishing expedition, and a fish filleting and cooking class. Held in conjunction with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Marine Fisheries, the program is in its third year and now attracts more than 600 women annually.

Betty Bauman's success in attracting women to her fishing weekends demonstrates her intense dedication to increasing the overall participation in sportfishing, a fundamental goal of the ASA. Furthermore, her life-long enthusiasm for the sport is reflected in her notoriety within the fishing community. Through her efforts she has successfully cultivated a love of sportfishing within new participants, introducing a broader cross-section of society to the complete fishing experience.

Mr. Speaker, through her unique vision and entrepreneurial spirit, Betty Bauman has contributed a great deal to the sportfishing community, making her especially deserving of this award. I wish to convey a heartfelt congratulations to Betty and her family for this honor, as well as many thanks to her for working to enrich the lives of the entire South Florida community.

IN HONOR OF MR. AND MRS. ABRAHAM ZUCKERMAN ON THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THEIR ARRIVAL TO THE UNITED STATES

HON. ROBERT MENEDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 7, 1999

Mr. MENEDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Abraham Zuckerman and his

wife, Mina, as they prepare to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of their emigration to the United States.

Fifty years ago, Mr. and Mrs. Zuckerman left behind the degradation of the Nazi regime and the loneliness and disdain of the displacement camps and headed to America to start a new life—one without bitterness and without hatred.

The Zuckerman's relocated to New Jersey and raised their family, which has now grown to three children, eight grandchildren, and one great-granddaughter. The Zuckerman's flourished in their new homeland but they have continued to bear witness to the horrors they endured during the Holocaust.

Mr. Zuckerman's commitment to bearing witness to the honest and truthful portrayal of the Holocaust has spanned a lifetime. He has made it his quest to educate people about both the atrocities and the heroism of the era. Mr. Zuckerman has been dedicated to honoring the memories of the 6 million Jews who perished in the Holocaust, including countless friends and relatives, as well as honoring the memory of the man to whom he says he owes his life—Oskar Schindler.

Well before Oskar Schindler was a household name, Mr. Zuckerman had been personally responsible for the renaming of more than 20 streets in the State of New Jersey after the German industrialist and remarkable humanitarian. In fact, Mr. Zuckerman committed his tory to prose in a truly extraordinary and captivating book, "A Voice in the Chorus: Memories of a Teenage Saved by Schindler."

In addition, Mr. Zuckerman is a founding member of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, DC, a member of the Executive Committee of the Holocaust Research Center at Kean College in New Jersey, and is the President of the Jewish Education Center of Elizabeth, New Jersey.

Mr. and Mrs. Zuckerman have overcome unimaginable obstacles and they have done it with love, compassion, understanding, and, most importantly, hope. For these tremendous accomplishments, I ask that you all join me in honoring Mr. and Mrs. Zuckerman on this momentous occasion.

JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER OF MONMOUTH COUNTY HONORS RUTH HYMAN

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 7, 1999

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the contributions of Ruth Hyman to the Jewish Community Center of Monmouth County. Ruth has been involved with the Jewish Community Center's Capital Campaign since its inception.

The Community Center will be holding several events to honor Ruth's work. The Capital Campaign's building will be named after her to recognize her commitment.

Ruth's efforts to help the Jewish Community Center have made her a leader to the community. She is a member of the Board of Trustees, Board of Governors, and a Benefactor on a variety of committees. Ruth is President of Hadassah. Her insight and encouragement provide an example and inspiration to many.