

Joe's career took off in 1948 when he became an apprentice insurance agent with Fred Otterstedt. It was the small steps in the beginning of his career that taught him the fundamentals that would make him the leader he is today. By 1955, Joe has become the owner and CEO of the Otterstedt Insurance Agency in Englewood Cliffs.

As a leader in the business community, Joseph Parisi is the Director of the IFA Insurance Company and a past member or president of many other councils and associations. He is a past member of the Producer Council of the Maryland Casualty Insurance Group, the Jonathan Trumbull Association of the Hartford Insurance Company, the New Jersey Independent Insurance Agents Legislative Committee, the Council of Circle Agents of the Continental Insurance Companies and the Crum and Forster Insurance Company's Agency Council. Mr. Parisi is also the past President of the Hudson County Insurance Agents Association.

Joseph Parisi has continually touched the lives of the people around him. Former New Jersey Governor Jim Florio appointed him as a commissioner of the New Jersey Quincentennial Columbus Day Celebration. Joe is a past trustee of the Bergen County 200 Club. He is also the Second Vice President of the Bergen County League of Municipalities. In addition, Joe is a past president of the Bergen County Democratic Mayor's Association and served as chair of the Bergen County Democratic Organization for five years. He is also a member of the Lions Club, VFW, UNICO, Knights of Columbus and UNITI.

Known for a questioning mind and an ability to get things done, Joseph Parisi was elected Mayor of the Borough of Englewood Cliffs in 1976. For the four years prior, Joe served as a member of the Englewood Cliffs Borough Council. In addition to these roles, Joe also served as Police Commissioner while on the Council. As a former mayor in New Jersey, Mr. Speaker, I can say that I can think of no elected official who works harder or cares more about his constituents. Perhaps the greatest tribute to Joe Parisi is the unwavering faith of voters of Englewood Cliffs. They have demonstrated this by electing him time and again.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me, our colleagues, Joe's family, friends and the State of New Jersey in recognizing the outstanding and invaluable service to the community of Joseph Parisi, Sr.

TRIBUTE TO ROBERT A. HOOVER

**HON. HELEN CHENOWETH-HAGE**

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 8, 2000*

Mrs. CHENOWETH-HAGE. Mr. Speaker, last month the security of the United States Congress' legislative web site, Thomas, was breached by individuals commonly known as computer "hackers." Although little harm was done, the cyberattack illustrates the vulnerability of our nation's computer systems.

The simple fact is, computer viruses have attacked business and government information systems, as well as personal home computers. To complicate matters even further, innocent individuals continue to be exploited

when their web-based credit card and account information are used for illegal purposes.

To combat cyberattacks, the Republican-led Congress is working diligently to explore ways to enhance computer security. Additionally, the Clinton administration has created a panel to review American cyberspace security.

In fact, one of the experts selected to serve on the panel as an advisor to President Clinton is Dr. Bob Hoover, President of the University of Idaho. Mr. Speaker, it is a true honor to congratulate Bob today on such a well-deserved accomplishment. I must say, Bob is well qualified for this position, and I know he will represent the State of Idaho, and the nation very, very well.

When Bob became the 15th president of the University of Idaho in July 1996, he brought with him 25 years of experience as teacher, researcher and administrator in higher education. His nearly four years of experience at the University of Idaho have seen a period of unparalleled accomplishment.

Perhaps his greatest successes, however, have been in the areas of collaboration with various colleges and universities and with the private sector. In northern Idaho, for instance, Bob has been instrumental in the formation of the North Idaho Center for Higher Education, a partnership between the University of Idaho, North Idaho College, Lewis Clark State College, and Idaho State University. Additionally, he is working with the College of Southern Idaho, Idaho State University and Boise State University to expand and strengthen higher education. Even further, in southwestern Idaho he has worked with the University of Idaho Foundation to purchase land in Boise for the construction of a major facility that will allow the university to expand its efforts with Boise State University and Idaho State University.

In addition to these efforts, Bob has developed and implemented the University of Idaho Strategic Plan to help guide the school in meeting new goals in teaching, research and outreach. Also, he has been instrumental in the creation of the Inland Northwest Research Alliance, which is now a partner with Bechtel B&W Idaho in the management of the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory.

Without a doubt, Bob's efforts to develop research strength at the University of Idaho has elevated the institution to one of the leading centers of teaching and research, especially in the critical area of computer network security. In fact, in recognition of University of Idaho's expertise in this field, the National Security Agency has designated it as one of the seven national centers of excellence in information security.

Just as important, though, I'm pleased to call Bob a friend, and I look forward to working with him in the future to enhance the quality of life in Idaho. Mr. Speaker, I know my colleagues will join me in honoring Dr. Bob Hoover for his long-standing commitment to the State of Idaho and the Nation.

TRIBUTE TO JACK P. KOSZDIN

**HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN**

OF CALIFORNIA

**HON. BRAD SHERMAN**

OF CALIFORNIA

**HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 8, 2000*

Mr. BERMAN. Mr. Speaker, my colleagues, Mr. SHERMAN and Mr. WAXMAN, and I rise today to pay tribute to Jack P. Koszdin, who will be honored on March 26, 2000, by the Democratic Party of the San Fernando Valley (DPSFV). Because of his public service and outstanding achievements he will be recognized on the occasion of DPSFV's annual Greenberg Memorial Award Luncheon.

Jack Koszdin has been a stalwart member of the Democratic Party for over thirty years. As chairman of the DPSFV Leadership Council he has proven himself to be a savvy strategist and a potent rainmaker. Because of his love of politics and representational democracy, he has worked tirelessly on behalf of numerous local, state, and federal candidates and made a real difference in many of their contests.

Like us, Jack has been a long-time active supporter of labor. As a currently practicing attorney he fights daily in the trenches for workers and other litigants on a case by case basis. Since 1995, he has been a senior partner with Koszdin, Fields & Sherry, in Van Nuys. Prior to this he was a sole practitioner for eighteen years. One of us, HOWARD BERMAN, had the privilege of practicing law with him for nearly six years. Jack is one of the most skilled and knowledgeable practitioners in the field of workers' compensation in the entire country. He is a great teacher with a huge heart and wonderful sense of humor.

He began his prodigious law career in 1956 as a senior partner with Levy, Koszdin and Woods after he graduated from the UCLA school of law. He distinguished himself in law school by being elected class president in 1954. He now counts teaching at UCLA and serving as a Law Professor at the University of West Los Angeles among his many accomplishments.

Jack has held numerous prestigious judicial positions including Judge Pro Tem for the Workers' Compensation Appeals Board, Municipal Judge Pro Tem for the San Fernando Valley and Vice Chairman of the Building Rehabilitation Appeals Board. He now participates in the State Insurance Commissioner Study of Workers' Compensation and medical benefits. In addition, Jack has been co-host of the Union Voice Radio Program and has been a legal advisor to the Valley Labor Political Education Counsel. Furthermore, he has amassed an impressive community service record which includes active membership on both the Red Cross and Cerebral Palsy Association's Board of Directors. He has assumed leadership roles in organizations such as the Men's Guild, San Fernando Valley Child Guidance Clinic where he served as President.

It is our distinct pleasure to ask our colleagues to join with us in saluting Jack Koszdin for his outstanding achievements, and to congratulate him for receiving the prestigious honors granted him by DPSFV.