

other governments who successfully pressured the Iranian government to hand down jail terms instead of death sentences. Since the Islamic revolution in 1979, seventeen Jews have been executed, and if not for the forceful action of the White House, the Department of State, and other governments, that number would surely now be twenty-seven. While I want to express appreciation for these actions, I urge our Administration and other governments to maintain continued pressure to urge the Iranian government to overturn this decision of the Revolutionary Court and free these wrongly imprisoned victims.

IN HONOR OF DAVE GRESKY

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 11, 2000

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in tribute to Dave Gresky, co-captain of the baseball team at St. Ignatius High School in Ohio. Dave has been selected by the Cleveland Plain Dealer as a member of their All-Star baseball team for the Spring 2000 season. In addition to this considerable honor, Dave Gresky was chosen as the MVP of the All-Star team as well.

As a co-captain of the St. Ignatius Wildcats, Dave Gresky led the team to a 25-6 record, and to their first appearance in a state championship baseball game. Gresky batted .452 during the regular season as a senior right fielder, and he set single season records in three categories for St. Ignatius with 50 hits, 10 home runs, and 51 runs batted in. His notable contributions to the team earned him a baseball scholarship to Northwestern University. In addition, Gresky was selected by the Florida Marlins in the 22nd round of the amateur draft in June.

Dave Gresky's athletic accomplishments do not end on the baseball diamond, however. He also led the St. Ignatius Wildcats football team to a record eighth Division I state title when he scored the clinching touchdown in the championship game.

Recognition by the Cleveland Plain Dealer of Dave's accomplishments is an amazing honor because it acknowledges the hours of sacrifice and patience needed to cultivate stamina and perseverance, as well as excellence in teamwork and cooperation. More importantly, I am inspired by his motivation, poise, and good sportsmanship on and off the playing field. Clearly, he is the quintessential model of grace under pressure. He is truly remarkable. I know that Dave has much to offer. I look forward to offering more congratulations to this promising athlete in the future.

My fellow colleagues, please join me in honoring Dave Gresky, an impressive right fielder and dedicated young athlete, for his outstanding achievements in sports.

MEMORIAL TRIBUTE OF THE
HONORABLE JOE A. GONSALVES

HON. GRACE F. NAPOLITANO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 11, 2000

Mrs. NAPOLITANO. Mr. Speaker, it is with deep sadness that I announce the passing of

my very dear friend and colleague, the Honorable Joe A. Gonsalves, former Member of the California State Assembly representing the 66th Assembly District which includes several of the cities and communities in my 34th Congressional District. Mr. Gonsalves died Friday, July 7, 2000 at his Gold River, California home.

Joe A. Gonsalves was a true exemplification of the fulfillment of the American ideal and the California dream. The son of Joaquim and Elvira Gonsalves, Portuguese Immigrants from the island of Terceira in the Azores, Joe was born on October 13, 1919 in Holtville, California. From the humblest beginnings in the farming region of the Imperial Valley, the Gonsalves family moved first to Whittier, then settled in Artesia, where they began the first of several dairy farms. In time, each Gonsalves son would own and operate his own dairy farm and through dint of hard work and steady growth, would become the basis of the families prosperity. Joe attended local schools and graduated from Excelsior High School in Norwalk, California. The Gonsalves family were among the founders of Holy Family Catholic Parish and Our Lady of Fatima Catholic School in Artesia.

When the new City of Dairy Valley, later to become the City of Cerritos, was incorporated in 1958, Joe Gonsalves was elected to the first City Council and served two terms as Mayor. When a new legislative district was formed in Southeast Los Angeles County following the 1961 reapportionment, Joe A. Gonsalves won election to the California State Assembly in the 1962 General Election, becoming the first legislator ever elected from Portuguese descent. When all but a small handful of state legislators were part-time Joe Gonsalves sold his dairy interests and became a Full-Time Legislator and moved his family north to the state Capitol in Sacramento. There he began to build a remarkable record of achievement during California's golden era of growth and progress.

Serving with political titans including legendary Speaker Jesse M. Unruh and Governor Edmund G. "Pat" Brown, Joe Gonsalves authored landmark legislation including the law that created a more equitable configuration of the state's important dairy industry benefiting the independent farmers. His diligence, skill and personality were rewarded with his appointment as Chairman of the powerful Assembly Rules Committee, Joint Committee on Rules, and later the Revenue and Taxation Committee. His leadership on the State Allocation Board and the Assembly Education Committee produced substantial increases in funding for local school districts.

Following his distinguished service of twelve years in state office, Joe began the third chapter of his professional career by establishing his own company to provide professional legislative representation. He soon became one of the Capitol's most highly respected and influential lobbyists. Later, he was joined by his son Anthony D. Gonsalves in the firm that would be called Joe A. Gonsalves & Son. The Gonsalves lobbying firm represented a blue chip roster of interests including the Port of Long Beach, the Del Mar Thoroughbred Club, the Oak Tree Racing Association, the California Dairymen's Association, the Portuguese government, and over forty incorporated California cities. The firm expanded to include a third generation of Gonsalves advocates when

Joe's grandson Jason Gonsalves joined the company.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud and honored by the wonderful friendship I enjoyed with this unique and outstanding gentleman. He was a wise and trusted advisor to me during my service as a City Councilwoman, Mayor and Member of the California Assembly. Joe Gonsalves was a real friend to countless people from all walks of life. He was a true role model for everyone who aspires to the highest levels of honesty, decency, loyalty and integrity in a profession that has seen all too little of these qualities.

Above all Mr. Speaker, Joe A. Gonsalves never forgot from whence he came. He was a great man with a common touch. He will be sorely missed by all who knew him and cherished his friendship. Preceded in death by his first wife Virginia, Joe Gonsalves is survived by his wife Jerry Farris Gonsalves and by his nine sons and their spouses, Robert, James & Ruth, Joe & Mary, Jack & Debt, Frank & Theresa, Anthony & Evelyn, David & Josephine, Tim & Stephanie, John Kennedy & Julie Gonsalves. He is also survived by two step children Jerry Farris & his wife Shirley and Terry Farris, his sister Mabel Gonsalves, three brothers Jack, Bennie and Frank Gonsalves, 28 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

On behalf of my husband Frank, my family, my Chief of Staff Chuck Fuentes, (whose own father Bob Fuentes served as Joe's Administrative Assistant during most of his legislative career) and the citizens of the 34th Congressional District and the Southeast Los Angeles communities, I extend our heartfelt condolences to the entire Gonsalves family. Joe A. Gonsalves was a proud and patriotic American and a great Californian!

IN HONOR OF MICHELLE SIKES

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 11, 2000

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in tribute to Michelle Sikes, a member of the track and field team at Lakewood High School in Ohio. Michelle has been selected by the Cleveland Plain Dealer to be a part of their All-Star Girls Track Team as the distance runner for the Spring 2000 season.

Michelle has demonstrated exceptional athletic ability and tremendous commitment to her sporting activities. This past Spring season, Michelle has become an integral part of Lakewood High School's track and field team. As a first time runner, she won the 3,200 meter race at the state meet with a time of 10 minutes, 45.11 seconds, making it the best time in the event in her area. In addition, she was the area's highest finisher in the 1,600 meters. Her time was 4 minutes, 53.95 seconds. These impressive times mirror Michelle's commitment to responsibility. Her strong faith and belief in her abilities has enabled her to become one of the finest athletes in northern Ohio.

Recognition by the Cleveland Plain Dealer of Michelle's accomplishments is an amazing honor because it acknowledges the hours of sacrifice and patience needed to cultivate stamina and perseverance, as well as excellence in teamwork and cooperation. More importantly, I am inspired by her motivation,