

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING JOSEPH B. WARSHAW,
M.D., FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE
TO THE COMMUNITY

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 25, 2000

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to rise today to pay tribute to an exceptional member of the New Haven, CT, community and a good friend, Joe Warshaw, as he leaves the Yale School of Medicine to become the Dean of the School of Medicine at the University of Vermont.

Joe, who currently serves as professor and chairman of Pediatrics and Deputy Dean for Clinical Affairs at the Yale University School of Medicine, has been an outstanding figure at Yale Medical School for over 30 years. His deep commitment and dedication has always been focused on some of our Nation's most vulnerable citizens—our children.

Joe is broadly published in his pediatric subspecialty, developmental biology and neonatal and perinatal medicine, and Joe is well-known for his dedication to improving children's health. Throughout his career, he has been an active member on a number of boards and medical organizations, including the American Pediatric Society, the American Society for Clinical Investigations, and Eastern Society for Pediatric Research. Joe has served on the Advisory Council of the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development of the National Institute of Health, numerous external review panels, and the editorial boards of Pediatrics and Pediatric Research. Just this year, Joe was honored for his work in neonatology and developmental adaptation by the Cerebral Palsy Foundation with the 2000 Weinstein-Goldenson Medical Science Award.

Joe's profound humanitarianism extends beyond his medical abilities and has touched hundreds of lives. Some of my most cherished memories of Joe are of his selflessness during the Christmas season. Each holiday season my husband, Stan, and I have the privilege of touring Yale-New Haven Hospital with Joe, who dons his Santa Claus suit, visiting each hospital room and spreading Christmas cheer. The most precious of these moments are when he arrives at the neonatal care unit—bringing the promise of hope and holiday miracles to these very special infants and their families. Words cannot begin to express the inspiration Joe has been to our community.

Joe's career has taken him across this great Nation—New Haven and the Yale School of Medicine has been fortunate to have been home to his talent for so many years. Joe has been a strong leader in New Haven's healthcare community, always ensuring that those least able to make their voices heard.

It is with great pride that I stand today to join family, friends, and colleagues in extending my sincere thanks and appreciation for his

many contributions to our community. My best wishes to Joe and his wife Cynthia as they depart for Vermont. He will certainly be missed, by the Yale Medical community and the city of New Haven alike.

JEWISH HERITAGE MUSEUM ACT

HON. DON YOUNG

OF ALASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 25, 2000

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to introduce legislation for the establishment of a new national museum in Washington, DC, celebrating the contributions of the Jewish people to the United States and to the world generally. The museum will be called the National Museum of Jewish Heritage. It will profile the role played by Jews in the aesthetic, cultural, and intellectual history of Western Civilization.

The new museum will offer to Jews and non-Jews alike a source of knowledge and information on a people whose contribution to a world we all share has been remarkable, and remarkably disproportionate to their numbers. The museum will offer to all an accessible doorway into the many facets of the Jewish legacy.

Currently there is no museum in Washington, DC, and few, if any, elsewhere in the world, dedicated to presenting the full range of contributions made by Jews over the ages, and the relationship of those contributions to the civilization of which we all partake on a day to day basis.

There is, of course, the U.S. Holocaust Museum in Washington, DC. It is however, devoted only to a most traumatic and anguished period of the Jewish experience. The new museum would offer a balance to that uniquely dark narrative. I believe that it would indeed be unfortunate for the rich Jewish history to be defined by that tragic chapter alone. The new museum will see that that does not occur. It will do so by profiling the many happy chapters of that history. It is a history to revere, and to learn from, and this new museum will allow this to happen in the Nation's Capital.

The new museum will accomplish its important goals by creating galleries that sweep from the archaeological artifacts of antiquity to contemporary painting and sculpture, to music, literature, cinema, sports, science, military, education and, in general, to the world of creative ideas. The museum would mount the kinds of exhibits that reflect the diverse involvement and attainments of Jews across history and geography—from Einstein and Salk to Freud and Marx.

The proposed legislation makes it clear that this will be a private initiative. No appropriated funds are being nor will be authorized. The role of the Government is highly limited. The President will appoint members of the Board

of Directors. Honorary members will be appointed by congressional leaders. Other national museums may lend works or art and other objects to the new museum. The National Park Service will assist the museum in finding a site in the Nation's Capitol, which could be provided by the U.S. Government. The legislation will, however, offer the recognition and appreciation of the Government of the United States.

I am proud of the contributions made by the Jewish people to the civilization we all enjoy. I am all the more proud to sponsor this legislation.

TRIBUTE TO POLLY FISHER

HON. MARION BERRY

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 25, 2000

Mr. BERRY. Mr. Speaker, today I pay tribute to a great Arkansan, and I am proud to recognize Polly Fisher in the Congress for her invaluable contributions and service to our Nation.

Polly Fisher distinguished herself through her devotion to her family, friends, and community. She was born in Fishersville, TN, on May 19, 1920, the daughter of Dr. John Samuel and Alverta Dunn Miller. Shortly thereafter, she moved to Arkansas, and graduated from Parkin High School before attending Arkansas Tech University in Russellville.

One of the happiest days of her life surely must have been March 5, 1945, when she married Harrell Cecil Fisher. Many more happy days followed, thanks to the births of her daughter, 5 sons, 10 grandchildren, and 4 great-grandchildren. One of those sons, Roger Fisher, worked for the people of the First Congressional District of Arkansas as a field representative, and he was a tremendous asset to our office, to the people of our State, and to our Nation.

Polly Fisher is probably best-known for her work with developmentally disabled and delayed children through Miss Polly's Day Care Center in Wynne, AR. Her generosity and hard work touched many families in Cross County and surrounding areas, and her legacy will inspire those who continue to provide these important services at the facility that bears her name.

Sadly, Polly Fisher passed away last month. Her congregation at the Wynne Baptist Church, where she was church secretary for 20 years, will miss her greatly, as will her family and friends.

I am among this group, and on behalf of the Congress I extend my deepest sympathies to her family, even as I encourage them to join me in celebrating her extraordinary life.

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