

Gloria Wallick is responsible for the current strength and upward trend of Child Care in Nassau County. She leaves behind a strong legacy and is a good example of the difference that one person can make. I applaud Gloria for her dedication to our community, and thank her on behalf of the parents and children of Nassau County who have benefited from her hard work and commitment.

TRIBUTE TO RUSH LIMBAUGH

HON. JAMES A. TRAFICANT, JR.

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 17, 2001

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, I want to pay tribute to a growing legend in American talk radio. Conservative talk show host, Rush Limbaugh, who many know simply as Rush, has brought America back from ultra-liberalism to a more moderate, mainstream approach to politics and the American way of life.

Rush recently received the largest contract ever for a radio personality. He is deserving of the contract and also deserves to be commended for what he has done for this country. Rush was a voice of reason and had a tremendous influence on the passage of my reforms of the Internal Revenue Service. Those reforms have had a significant impact on the lives of Americans everywhere, saving their properties and their homes, providing for their day in court in a civil tax case, and shifting the burden of proof in a civil tax case from the taxpayer to the IRS. The law reduced property seizures from 10,037 to 151 in one year and dramatically reduced wage attachment and property liens. That law, which saves the homes of over 10,000 Americans every year, may not have become a reality without the help of one man's voice, heard by millions.

Though there are many who disagree with the positions he takes on tough issues, Rush provokes thought and debate on the issues that will shape the future of our great nation. He has a tremendous responsibility with the number of Americans who seek out his opinions, and he deserves credit for taking that responsibility very seriously.

Rush Limbaugh is making a difference, and I thank him for his contributions to the spirit of American political debate.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF INA MARIE LEE

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

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Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate the life of a Toledoan and American of note. Ina Marie Lee. Miss Lee passed away at 108 years of age.

Miss Lee was a nurse and a veteran of World War I. She was considered the oldest living veteran in Northwest Ohio, and was one of the oldest in our nation. She served as a nurse during the war, stationed with the Army in Mobile, Alabama and Fort Snelling, Minnesota. Upon her discharge at the War's end, she worked as a private nurse for several of Toledo's prominent families. She did not retire

from nursing until the age of 85, after a 55 year career.

Ina Marie Lee was born in the tiny town of Jerry City in Wood County, Ohio. The daughter of a poultry farmer, Ina dreamed of being a nurse. After overcoming tuberculosis as a child, she realized that goal and was one of the first graduates of the former Toledo Hospital School of Nursing. Graduates of the school still meet, and Ina was a revered and popular member. She was "a wonderful role model for other nurses," according to her longtime friend and nurse Mary Lou Leonard.

Believed to be a descendant of General Robert E. Lee. Ina joined the Army on June 10, 1918. As a distinguished veteran, she was a member of the American Legion Argonne Post 545. She was also a member of the Toledo Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, the Toledo Hospital Alumni Association, the Idlewood Rebekah Lodge No. 565 in Jerry City, and the Westgate Chapel in Toledo. She was several times the Grand Marshall in Toledo parades and was featured on NBC's Today Show on two occasions. It was my personal honor to join Ina at a recent nurses reunion in Toledo where we unveiled a statue to honor nurses and their contributions to our community.

These few words on the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD cannot do justice to this most remarkable of women and her life well-lived. Perhaps the words of her friend. Ms. Leonard, say it best. Ina Marie Lee "was a fun-loving, happy, caring person. She loved live life, she loved people, and she loved helping people." No greater tribute can there be than to have been recognized and appreciated as a friend, confidante, and dedicated nurse. We extend to her sister, Genetta Grau, and her niece and nephews our heartfelt condolence. At the same time, we celebrate a truly incredible life and honor her memory by trying to live in its example.

IN HONOR OF THE CLEVELAND HEARING AND SPEECH CENTER

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 17, 2001

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the great work of the Cleveland Hearing and Speech Center in spreading awareness of hearing loss issues and in providing services to those who are affected by hearing loss.

Founded by President Garfield's daughter-in-law, Helen Newell Garfield, in 1921 the CHSC is the oldest hearing and speech center in the United States and the only nonprofit organization in Northeast Ohio dedicated solely to meeting the hearing, speech, and deafness needs of the community.

To observe its 80th year anniversary this year CHSC will partner with 14 Cleveland attractions for the first annual Communication Celebration. American Sign Language interpreters will be placed at each of the following attractions: The Children's Museum of Cleveland, Cleveland Botanical Garden, The Cleveland Center for Contemporary Art, Cleveland Metroparks Nature Centers, Cleveland Metroparks Zoo, The Cleveland Museum of Art, The Cleveland Museum of Natural History, Great Lakes Science Center, The Health Mu-

seum of Cleveland, Lake View Cemetery, The Nature Center at Shaker Lakes, Rock & Roll Hall of Fame & Museum, Steamship William G. Mather Museum, and Western Reserve Historical Society. The event will serve as the culmination of National Deaf Awareness Week.

This is an issue that affects many people. More than 28 million Americans have a hearing loss and approximately 2 million of them are profoundly deaf. One of every 22 infants has hearing problems and one of every 1000 infants is born deaf. But, unfortunately, only an estimated 20 percent of people who could benefit from hearing aids have them. Nonetheless communications skills are the number one predictor of academic success for children and the number one predictor of success at the workplace for adults.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in applauding the efforts of this great organization in spreading awareness and for the hard work it has contributed to this cause.

RECOGNIZING MIRA ROSENFELD SENNETT

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 17, 2001

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise in recognition of Mira Rosenfeld Sennett, a noted educator in the Jewish community of Nassau County, and a resident of Atlantic Beach, Long Island.

Since she began her career three decades ago at the Brandeis Day School, Mira has been teaching and supervising special education in the New York school system while simultaneously pursuing her love of Jewish education. Over the past 30 years, she has taught at the Hebrew High School and the State University at Stony Brook and directed the Five Towns School of Special Education for the Special Child, Temple Beth El Religious School and the Hebrew School at the Jewish Center of Atlantic Beach.

Mira is known for her love of community and Jewish learning, and she has shared these qualities with countless others. For years, Mira has organized adult education classes and book reviews for members of our community. Not only has she participated in community events, but she has brought unique ideas to life by teaching others about Judaism while sharing her own experiences. She has led youth groups to Israel and Europe. She is a former executive board member of Hadassah, UJA, and USY and served as president of the Five Towns Jewish Council and Vice President of Jewish Women International for the greater New York region.

On the occasion of Israel's 50th anniversary, Mira was recognized by the Conference of Jewish Organizations of Nassau County as one of 50 residents who make a difference. Additionally, she received the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching from SUNY.

Mira emigrated from Israel in 1958. She received her undergraduate degree in Supervision and Administration from C.W. Post and a postgraduate degree in Special Education and an MS in History and Jewish Education from Columbia University and the Jewish Theological Seminary.