

Treebeards has grown to four locations in both downtown Houston and Dallas and in 1999 was named "Best Downtown Restaurant" by the readers of the Houston Press. The rebuilding of the Treebeards' Market Square location marked one of the many restoration endeavors taken on by the pair. In 1999, they reconstructed the Scholibo building, rebuilt the canopy and restored the facade of the 1861 Baker-Myer Building.

Dan and Jamie have both served as Chair of the Downtown Historic District Board. In an effort to rejuvenate downtown Houston, they have provided direction to neighboring businesses on issues ranging from building design to parking management. Jamie currently serves as a member of the Design Review/Grants Committee, which awards facade rehabilitation matching grants to property owners and tenants. Additionally, he chaired the committee on Parking Management, as a result of their work, the City of Houston has adopted a Valet Ordinance. In collaboration with Diverse Works, Dan and Jamie designed Market Square Park, which features historic photographs and fragments of long demolished buildings.

In addition to serving as Chair of the Downtown Historic District Board and managing an establishment, Dan and Jamie have been actively involved in humanitarian efforts. Their exceptional leadership in the community has earned the respect of many in both the business and civic communities. They have contributed to the improvement of our community by providing countless meals for charity events, volunteering for Diverse Works Galas, and feeding the hungry through the End Hunger Network.

No one has done more to improve Houston's Historic Market Square District than Dan and Jamie. Through their exemplary model of community activism, they were named "Downtowners" of the Year 1999," awarded two "Gold Brick Awards" from the Greater Houston Preservation Alliance and received the highest honor for historic preservation from the American Planning Association, Houston Affiliation.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor that I congratulate my friends, Dan Tidwell and Jamie Mize, on the occasion of their being recognized for their significant commitment to the Arts.

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CENTENARIAN JEANETTE GIUNCO

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 13, 2002

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Central New Jersey centenarian, Ms. Jeanette Giunco, a resident of Freehold, NJ celebrating her one-hundredth birthday on Sunday, February 17, 2002.

Born to Elizabeth Seckler and Joseph Schmidt in Mulhouse, in the Province of Alsace-Lorraine, Germany, Ms. Giunco was one of eight children. Throughout the late 1800s and early 1900s, Alsace-Lorraine was a disputed region between France and Germany. As a result of the Versailles Peace Treaty in 1918, the region returned to France. It is interesting to note that during World War II, her brother August repaired General Eisenhower's automobile and shook his hand during the European Conflict.

Ms. Giunco came to the United States in 1926 where she lived in New York City and took her first—and according to her, her best—job, as a companion speaking French to a businessman's family as she was fluent in German, French, Alsatian and English. Another job as a companion and housekeeper moved her to Belmar, New Jersey in 1927 to work for the Strauss family.

During that same year, Jeanette married a local Belmar merchant, Mr. Albert P. Giunco. Albert's family had operated various businesses in Belmar since the 1870s and by 1927, Albert and his brothers ran a series of food markets, liquor stores and butcher shops in the Monmouth County shore area. Jeanette and Albert had two children, John and Richard. Currently, Ms. Giunco is the proud grandmother of eight and great-grandmother of nine.

Ms. Giunco was involved with many civic organizations such as the Belmar Women's Club and Fitkin Hospital—now known as the Jersey Shore Medical Center. Fitkin Hospital recognized her for over 2,000 hours of volunteer service.

Ms. Giunco has traveled extensively, visiting Europe as well as travels throughout the United States, Canada and South America.

As a proud citizen of the United States, Ms. Giunco has exercised her rights throughout the years, particularly carrying out her right to vote. She reflects that the World Wars and

particularly the attack on Pearl Harbor were significant events and has found particular fascination with the fact that when she was born, airplanes and rockets were but a dream and yet less than 70 years later there was a man walking on the moon. Ms. Giunco regrets the recent terrorist attacks against the United States and has prayed for peace throughout the world.

Mr. Speaker, again, I rise to celebrate and honor this Central New Jersey centenarian and I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Ms. Jeanette Giunco and celebrating her one hundredth birthday on Sunday, February 17, 2002.

TRIBUTE TO JOHNNIE THOMPSON

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 13, 2002

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Johnnie Thompson of South Carolina, a decorated combat veteran of the Korean War who, after retiring from the Army, served for twenty-two years as an elected official on the City Council of Walterboro, South Carolina.

Over the years he has maintained a commitment to veterans of the armed forces. In 1989, he co-chaired a committee that established a Colleton County Veterans Monument to honor all of Colleton County's fallen veterans from World War I, World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War.

In 1993 he was instrumental in bringing back the renowned Tuskegee Airmen who trained for combat in Walterboro, South Carolina, and the Governor awarded the Order of the Palmetto to each of the Tuskegee Airmen who attended. These events brought worldwide attention to Walterboro and to the State of South Carolina. Under Mr. Thompson's leadership a World War II Memorial Park was dedicated and the Tuskegee Airmen Monument was unveiled at the Walterboro Airport in 1997.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me today in honoring Johnnie Thompson for the outstanding service he has provided the U.S. Army, the state of South Carolina, and his beloved Walterboro Community. I sincerely thank Mr. Thompson for his contributions and wish him the best in all of his future endeavors.