

HONORING THE SHREWSBURY  
PUBLIC LIBRARY

**HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 16, 2003*

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join the community of Shrewsbury, Massachusetts in celebrating the 100th birthday of the original building of the Shrewsbury Public Library.

Dedicated in September 1903, through the generosity of a trust fund established by Jubal Howe, the library has served the town well from its central location on the town common. The Artemas Ward annex was added in 1922 in memory of the Revolutionary War hero, and in 1978 a town meeting voted a major addition and renovation project. For those who could not travel to the library, Anthony and Olive Borgatti donated a bookmobile in 1959 that for many years traveled to neighborhoods with an assortment of reading materials for loan. Today, the Town of Shrewsbury is again looking at ways to expand the size of the library to keep up with a growing population.

The Shrewsbury Public Library is one of the finest in the area and includes 135,000 books, 354 art prints, over 3,500 videocassettes, and subscriptions to 14 newspapers and over 160 magazines. It has the second highest library circulation in Worcester County. The library has children's story hours, conversation circles, book discussion groups, and family activities. With 100 years history in this library building, many wonderful stories have been told and enjoyed. Many lessons have been learned and many adventures have occurred by the simple turning of a page.

Mr. Speaker, I am sure that the entire U.S. House of Representatives joins me in congratulating the Shrewsbury Public Library on 100 years of dedicated service to the people of Shrewsbury. It is an honor for me to be part of this special celebration.

HONORING THE SESQUICENTEN-  
NIAL OF THE FIRST BAPTIST  
CHURCH

**HON. MARCY KAPTUR**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, we in Toledo are proud to recognize the sesquicentennial of one of our oldest congregations, First Baptist Church. Now in suburban Greater Toledo, First Baptist Church was an anchor in central Toledo for more than a century. It is still known as "the friendly church with the caring spirit" and this motto characterizes its congregation. Its membership sees the church as a home and each other as a family of believers. They care for each other, our community, and our world.

During the early days of Toledo, Ohio, a hardy band of believers with a missionary zeal joined together in fellowship and formed the First Baptist Church. Right from the start, though their mission was to carry the Gospel forth into the world, the church's members have lived God's Word by example and have strived to serve our community. As Toledo

grew and changed, so too did First Baptist Church. Today, its congregation can look back on a journey weathering hard times and good, tests and successes, drama and triumph. The journey continues, and First Baptist's members look forward to the future even as they celebrate their history.

In John 8:12, we are reminded of Christ's promise that "I am the light of the world: he that follows me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." For 150 years, the faithful of First Baptist Church in Toledo have tried to follow our Lord's Word and live a Christ-centered life. The fruits of their labor may be seen in the continuity of their church, and its viability in our community over generations. I join with the congregation of First Baptist Church and our entire community in congratulating the church on reaching its milestone 150th anniversary. May these first 150 years be the inspiration for the next. Onward!

A SPEECH BY ADMIRAL JAMES O.  
ELLIS

**HON. IKE SKELTON**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, on August 15, at the annual Military Order of World Wars and International Officers Ball, Admiral James O. Ellis, Jr., Commander of the United States Strategic Command, provided us with words that should be shared with all. I extend his remarks for fellow Members of Congress. I know that we can benefit from his words as we face international challenges.

Congressman Skelton, a true friend and colleague in shared service to our nation over nearly three decades, Major General Shirkey, Brigadier General Hirai and fellow officers, active, retired, American and allied, Jim and Pat Snyder, who created this marvelous venue, veterans and members of the Military Order of the World Wars, other distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen. It's truly a pleasure to be with you this evening. I cannot begin to tell you how much I have been looking forward to tonight, with its camaraderie and conversation and its symbolism and spirit. I suppose I am the senior Naval Officer for a thousand miles in any direction, and if my being honored with this opportunity tells you nothing else, it tells you how far we really have come in joint and combined operations.

Congressman Skelton, thank you for your far too generous introduction. Your kind words actually remind this wonderful audience of two basic facts about me. The first is that I am old and the second is that I can't hold a job!

In all seriousness, I cannot tell you how delighted I am to have a small part in this great evening. This room is filled with a military presence that, literally, spans a wealth of experience and a world of potential.

The real guests of honor this evening are, of course, the military members from the seventy-two countries, resplendent in the cloth of their nations, who join their American colleagues in a year of personal promise and professional opportunity.

But it is also a particular honor to be in the company of veterans from what is now referred to as America's greatest generation but who would only protest they were merely doing their duty.

It is also appropriate that we remember the thousands of military professionals who have passed through the doors of Bell Hall en route to prominence in the spotlight of history or, more often, to the unlit corners of the globe and the ironically brighter glow of heroism in all its forms known only to the colleagues with whom they served. In a very real sense, they, and all of you, have brought us to this place and time in history.

It is also appropriate to recognize our hosts this evening. The Military Order of World Wars has always been active in work to support men and women in uniform. Through a long and storied history of over eighty years, the Order has stood tall. Among many other achievements, the Order successfully revived the dormant Purple Heart award for service members injured in combat and successfully lobbied Congress for creation of the nation's annual Armed Forces Day observance.

I'd like to particularly thank the Greater Kansas City Chapter of this fine organization for making tonight's event an annual tradition over the past 14 years. Jim and Pat Snyder have worked very hard to make this night a success, and I particularly want to thank them.

They are in good company, as part Kansas City chapter alumni include former Presidents and Army veterans Harry Truman and Dwight Eisenhower.

The world has changed a great deal since these two gathered in this group. Foes have become friends, prosperity and democracy have spread underneath an international security umbrella and alliances and coalitions that no one would have dreamed of a decade and a half ago have become reality. There is cause for optimism, even in the face of today's stark realities. As Secretary Colin Powell's fourth law says: "It CAN be done!"

Last March, Japan's Prime Minister Koizumi said "I am convinced that the time will come when many countries keenly realize the necessity of international collaboration for world peace, stability and prosperity." I would add only that the time is now and the obligations are ours, together.

A few years ago, I was privileged to command NATO's Allied Forces in Southern Europe during a significant period of Balkan conflict. Then, as now, I saw the value of strong alliances of like-minded nations that could, in time of crisis, find a way to both debate and act to resolve issues of international security and humanitarian crisis. It is possible to accommodate legitimate national concerns and still deal swiftly, as we must, with dictators and despots. The old saying is that "much is asked of those to whom much is given." We, all of us in this room, have been given much. Now is our time to show an understanding of the obligations that come with all those wonderful opportunities.

Every nation—large and small—must contribute to the common good, as the Bible says, "each according to his means."

Consider the words of Estonian foreign minister, Thomas Hendrik. Speaking about NATO in October 2001, he said, "The organization as a whole can only benefit from the fact that the alliance includes members whose national security is greatly dependent on the existence of a strong, prestigious, and vital defensive union. The members and the candidate states who make up this alliance, including Estonia, are not just consumers of security, but also very important producers of security."

In other words, we're all in this together. The basics remain the same.

The challenges we collectively face are not all military or political. There are opportunities to share in a host of common interests in trade, technology assistance, culture, education and athletic exchange. But none of