

salesman in New York City. After that, he began his first job in the wine and spirits industry; which became his life long career. This career in liquor distribution enabled him to be exceedingly generous to others. Over the years he supported a number of religious and charitable groups. Sidney donated his time and resources to Temple Beth Shalom and eventually became a sponsor of the Shirley and Sidney Chaplin Lecture Series at the Temple. He was also a longtime supporter of the Lou Ruvo Alzheimer's Institute and UNL Vino.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor the life and memory of Sidney Chaplin. His professional success and philanthropic dedication should serve as an example to us all.

TRIBUTE TO GOEHRING FARM OF
MARION TOWNSHIP

HON. MELISSA A. HART

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 27, 2006

Ms. HART. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Goehring Farm of Marion Township as it celebrates its 100th anniversary.

The Goehring family began their family farm 100 years ago on 88 acres of land in Marion Township. The original owner of the farm, John Goehring, was just 27 years old when he started the farm. Brothers, Jim and Ron, now manage over 100 head of cattle and expanded acreage on the farm. With a number of children to follow in the family foot steps, the farm will surely continue to prosper in the years to come.

The family marked the farm's 100th anniversary on Saturday, April 8, 2006 with a dinner at Concord United Methodist Church in North Sewickley Township.

I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in congratulating the 100th anniversary of the Goehring farm. It is an honor to represent the Fourth Congressional District of Pennsylvania and a pleasure to salute such a great family business.

BULGARIA'S BASES WELCOME U.S.
MILITARY

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 27, 2006

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, The Washington Times reported this week that "Bulgaria has agreed to open three military bases for permanent use by 2,500 U.S. troops who will be available for combat in the Middle East and other nearby regions."

While this may be the "first time Bulgaria has authorized the stationing of foreign forces on its soil in its 1,325-year history," this is not the first time Bulgaria has demonstrated its willingness to help our country in the Global War on Terrorism. Over 400 Bulgarian troops have bravely served alongside our troops in Iraq. Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld has been successful in recruiting allies. By welcoming U.S. troops to their bases, Bulgaria

has once again helped our military forces fight terrorists in Iraq and Afghanistan so that we do not have to face them on the streets of America.

As the Co-Chair of the Congressional Bulgaria Caucus, along with Congresswoman ELLEN TAUSCHER, I sincerely appreciate our strong partnership with Bulgaria as a valued member of NATO which hosts today the NATO foreign ministers in Sofia including Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice.

In conclusion, God bless our troops and we will never forget September 11th.

COMMEMORATING THE 91ST ANNI-
VERSARY OF THE ARMENIAN
GENOCIDE

HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 27, 2006

Mr. BERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I'm honored to join my colleagues in commemorating the 91st anniversary of the start of the Armenian Genocide.

Genocide is a very powerful word, and should be reserved for only the most horrific examples of mass killing motivated by a desire to destroy an entire people.

Without a doubt, this term is appropriate to describe the unimaginable atrocities suffered by the Armenian people from 1915 to 1918.

During this period, more than one million Armenians died from starvation or disease on long marches, or were simply massacred by the Ottoman Turks.

Some still deny these events, or try to justify them as an extension of war.

But the debate on this historical issue has been settled. The distinguished International Association of Genocide Scholars, among others, has concluded that it is undeniable.

Others, including some who accept the historical facts, say Congress should not pass a resolution recognizing the Armenian Genocide because it will irreparably damage our relationship with Turkey.

This is a phony argument.

The European Parliament, the Council of Europe, and many European countries, including France, Germany and Italy have formally recognized the Armenian Genocide.

Yet this has not dissuaded Turkey from actively seeking to join the European Union.

At some point, every nation must come to terms with the wrongs committed by previous generations.

For Germany, the Holocaust. For South Africa, Apartheid. And for our country, slavery and the treatment of Native Americans.

In the same spirit, Turkey should allow—and indeed, encourage—an open and honest discussion of the Armenian Genocide.

Adolf Hitler once remarked, "Who remembers the Armenians?" The answer is, we do.

And we will continue to remember the victims of the Armenian Genocide, and other genocides, because, in the immortal words of Spanish philosopher George Santayana, "Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it."

PAYING TRIBUTE TO NANCY AND
JOHN KELL "IKE" HOUSSELS

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 27, 2006

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Nancy and John Kell "Ike" Houssels and their exemplary record of professional achievement and community service.

Nancy Houssels has always been at the forefront of cultural and social philanthropy. She served, at one time or another, on several boards including: Nevada Ballet Theatre, UNLV Foundation, the National Conference of Christians & Jews, and Law Vegas Performing Arts. Mrs. Houssels was also the co-founder of the Nevada Dance Theatre in 1972 and has served the company as Chair and Co-Chair for 35 years.

John Kell "Ike" Houssel is widely recognized as one of the respected and honored principles in the gaming industry. After graduating from West Point and, subsequently, Stanford Law School, Mr. Houssel embarked on a career in casino resort hotel ownership and management in the 1950s when he became the managing partner of the Showboat, followed by his legendary leadership as president of the Hotel Tropicana and later of the Union Plaza Hotel.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor both Nancy and John Kell "Ike" Houssels for their exemplary professional careers and their commitment to enriching their community. I wish them the best in their future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO THE 103RD UNIT OF
THE SLOVAK GYMNASTIC UNION
SOKOL

HON. MELISSA A. HART

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 27, 2006

Ms. HART. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the 103rd unit of the Slovak Gymnastic Union Sokol, USA, located in Farrell, Pennsylvania on its 100th anniversary.

The Sokol USA was created as a fraternal benefit society dedicated to providing insurance and physical fitness programs to men and women. The roots of Sokol USA can be traced back to Czechoslovakia in 1862. The program was started in New York in 1898. Eight years later, 22 Slovak immigrants founded the 103rd unit in Farrell, Pennsylvania. They take great pride in the fact that all of their programs are still conducted by volunteer members, and that they continue to offer weekly gymnastic classes for all age groups.

On May 20, 2006 Sokol members from the Farrell area, western Pennsylvania and surrounding states, as well as from their sister club in the Slovak Republic are expected to attend the Anniversary Banquet of the Sokol USA which will be held at the Radisson Hotel in West Middlesex, PA. They will be celebrating the 103rd units 100 years of service to the community.

I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in congratulating The Slovak Gymnastic Union Sokol

USA of Farrell for its 100 years of service. It is an honor to represent the Fourth Congressional District of Pennsylvania and a pleasure to salute such a dedicated organization like Sokol USA.

STATEMENT ON HOLOCAUST
REMEMBRANCE DAY

HON. GENE GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 27, 2006

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to observe Yom Hashoah, the Holocaust Martyrs and Heroes Remembrance Day.

The Holocaust was an unprecedented crime that took the lives of 6 million Jews, broke apart families, and wrongfully imprisoned individuals subjecting them to tortures, rape and other horrendous actions.

In 1933, the Jewish population of Europe stood at over 9 million. Most European Jews lived in countries that the Third Reich would occupy or influence during World War II. By 1945, close to two out of every three European Jews had been killed as part of the Nazi policy to systematically murder the Jews of Europe.

Yom Hashoah serves as a reminder that we must never forget the appalling tragedy of the Holocaust, and the 6 million Jews who lost their lives.

It was racism, bigotry, anti-Semitism and general religious intolerance that drove Hitler to pursue the destruction of the Jewish people. To honor the victims who lost their lives in the Holocaust, and to ensure that such acts never happen again, there must be a concerted effort to fight intolerance and discrimination.

Before I was elected to Congress in 1990, my family and I and our two children visited Dachau in southern Germany. It was important not only for my wife and I, but also for our children to see what inhumanity mankind could do to itself; not only for our generation but for our children and the next generation to make sure that it never happens again.

Mr. Speaker, I join with my colleagues on this Yom Hashoah in commemorating those who lost their lives in the Holocaust.

TRIBUTE TO MR. HAROLD SOENS

HON. DUNCAN HUNTER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 27, 2006

Mr. HUNTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and community service of Mr. Harold Soens, who recently passed away at the age of 66 at his home in Santee, California. As President of the San Diego Off-Road Coalition and the California League of Off-Road Voters, Mr. Soens was passionate about off-road recreation, devoting his life toward working with the community; especially children. He educated others about the sport, teaching the value of off-road safety and etiquette and working to protect the rights of all off-road enthusiasts while, at the same time, appreciating the environment with which we have been blessed.

Mr. Soens learned the value of service at a very young age, losing his father aboard the USS *Arizona* during the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941. It was this example that Mr. Soens would follow throughout his life as he devoted his time toward the goal of creating a positive environment and future for outdoor recreation in California.

An off-road enthusiast since 1958, Mr. Soens rode everything from midgets to sprint cars and spent some time racing as a competitive motorcycle rider. Known for his sense of humor, friendliness, frankness and energy, Mr. Soens served in several capacities with the California Off-Road Vehicle Association, the American Motorcyclist Association, the National Off-Highway Vehicle Conservation Council, the Imperial Sand Dunes Recreational Area Technical Review Team and the Stakeholders Roundtable for OHV Recreation in California. Even with these responsibilities, Mr. Soens found the time to volunteer hundreds of hours at the Ocotillo Wells State Vehicular Recreational Area and as an ATV Safety Instructor for the State of California.

Mr. Soens was also heavily involved with the Survivors of Pearl Harbor and the California Police Activities League (CalPal) program where he served as a mentor to inner-city and under-privileged children by providing the opportunity for them to appreciate the beauty of our desert and the enjoyment of off-road activities. At all times, with all students, Mr. Soens stressed the responsibility of being safe and treating the land in which they lived and played with respect.

I wish to express to his wife, Jean, his four children, eight grandchildren and one great grandchild, my sincerest condolences for their loss. In a time where the idea of volunteerism is often seen as a burden, Mr. Soens' dedication and service is a reminder to us all that effort rendered toward the benefit of our community is the greatest use of our time.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO HERB
TOBMAN

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 27, 2006

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Herb Tobman, who passed away this past March. Herb was known as a successful businessman and a community leader and his quiet generosity that impacted the lives of countless Nevadans.

Herb was born in the Bronx in 1924. In the 1950s, Herb moved to Las Vegas, where he opened City Furniture Exchange, the first used furniture store in Las Vegas. The business thrived, and it was a Las Vegas landmark for more than 25 years. His success as a businessman led Herb to start Western Cab Company in 1965. Herb started with one cab, and ended with more than 134 taxicabs and 355 employees.

In addition to his business accomplishments, Herb was also an active participant in Nevada politics. In 1986, he ran in the Democratic gubernatorial primary against incumbent Richard Bryan. Instead of using his wealth to fuel his political aspirations, Herb limited contributions to \$10 per individual. Needless to

say, those limits put him at a competitive disadvantage, but Herb still managed to receive more than 15 percent of the primary vote.

Herb also knew the importance of giving back to his community and made many charitable contributions throughout his life. However, Herb never sought recognition for his efforts, but he impacted almost every life in southern Nevada. Every year, during the holidays, Herb anonymously fed hundreds of homeless individuals in Las Vegas. He helped local children with their college expenses, and he helped people who were down on their luck. No challenge was too great. If Herb knew you needed help, he was there to provide it oftentimes unknown to his beneficiaries. I needed help on several occasions, and Herb was always available. Herb was my friend and I will miss him very much.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor the memory of Herb Tobman for his professional successes and distinguished philanthropic record. His death is a great loss to the community and he will be greatly missed. Nevada is a better place because of Herb.

TRIBUTE TO DAVE BIANCO

HON. MELISSA A. HART

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 27, 2006

Ms. HART. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize Dave Bianco, the Project Coordinator, Automated External Defibrillator (AED) program, at St. Margaret Foundation.

Mr. Bianco, a resident of Hampton Township and an Iraq veteran, has designed the AED program to support a "heart safe" community. The AED program trains, and places AEDs in places where people tend to congregate like schools, churches, community centers and police and fire departments. AEDs are designed to reverse Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA) which kills 300,000 people annually. The AED program through St. Margaret Foundation began 1998 and has saved 17 lives, including eight since June 2005. The Foundation has donated 162 AEDs since 1998 and continues to be the only foundation in the country that provides complimentary AEDs and full-service, diagnostics and repairs. Two AEDs will be donated to Al Zarenko, Director of Community Services, to be placed in the new community center in Hampton Township.

I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Dave Bianco for all of his work for St. Margaret Foundation. It is an honor to represent the Fourth Congressional District of Pennsylvania and a pleasure to salute such a dedicated individual.

TRIBUTE TO AN AMERICAN HERO—
MICHAEL J. NOVOSEL

HON. TERRY EVERETT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 27, 2006

Mr. EVERETT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to one of America's greatest military heroes, Michael J. "Mike" Novosel, who