

CONGRATULATING THE PUEBLO GOVERNMENT AGENCIES FEDERAL CREDIT UNION ON THE OCCASION OF ITS 70TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. JOHN T. SALAZAR**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 6, 2006*

Mr. SALAZAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate the Pueblo Government Agencies Federal Credit Union on the occasion of its 70th anniversary. This credit union has served the residents of Pueblo well. PGAFCU's mission is to promote thrift among its members by giving them an opportunity to save money, thus accumulating and investing the savings of the members and to make loans to its members which promise to be of benefit to the borrower.

The Pueblo Government Agencies Federal Credit Union was founded on June 9, 1936 by ten Pueblo postal employees who brought together a group of federal agency employees to form a credit union for the purpose of improving the financial lives of its members. Today, the Credit Union has more than 4,200 members serving current and retired federal agency employees, their family members and other special groups in Pueblo and South-eastern Colorado.

The friendly, hometown service combined with a wide variety of personalized, high-quality financial services has truly enriched the lives of many residents in my Congressional District. I am proud to represent an organization that so aptly embodies the values of a small town financial institution while offering much-needed financial services to the Pueblo community.

Again, Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the Pueblo Government Agencies Federal Credit Union on the occasion of their 70th anniversary and I commend them for the service they provide to the many federal government employees and their families in Southeastern Colorado.

TRIBUTE TO DR. PHILIP M. GOLD, ON RECEIVING THE RABBI NORMAN F. FELDHEYM AWARD FOR LOYALTY AND SERVICE TO THE SYNAGOGUE AND COMMUNITY OF THE CONGREGATION EMANU EL.

**HON. JOE BACA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 6, 2006*

Mr. BACA. Mr. Speaker, the Rabbi Norman F. Feldheim Award was established to pay tribute to those members of Congregation Emanu El, located in my home district of San Bernardino, California, who have conspicuously and exceptionally reflected Rabbi Feldheim's qualities of love for and loyalty to the synagogue, and service to the community. I stand here today to honor Doctor Philip M. Gold for receiving this distinguished award.

Dr. Gold has been an extraordinarily devoted leader of Congregation Emanu El. He began his service as a member of the Congregation's Board of Directors in 1990, and

since then he has served as Secretary, 2nd Vice-president, Vice-president, and from 2000–2002, as the President of the Congregation. During this time he has helped to masterfully guide the Congregation through its period of rabbinic transition. He has been an inspirational leader of the Congregation, giving evidence of his deep love for Judaism, a strong participation in worship and education, and an exemplary commitment to Jewish values and their application in contemporary society.

Dr. Gold is a distinguished graduate of Stanford University, where he received his B.A. degree in 1958, and of the UCLA School of Medicine, where he received his M.D. degree in 1962. At UCLA, Dr. Gold also completed his internship and residency, which included being Chief Resident in Medicine. Dr. Gold is a highly respected physician and teacher, a Diplomat of the American Board of Internal Medicine and the Sub Specialty Board of Pulmonary Disease.

Since 1977, Dr. Gold has been associated with the Loma Linda University School of Medicine, where he currently serves as Professor of Medicine, Chief of the Pulmonary and Intensive Care Division, Program Director of the Pulmonary Fellowship Program and Executive Vice-Chair of the Department of Medicine.

Dr. Gold has been recognized by his colleagues as a leader in the field of medicine. His numerous accomplishments include serving as a Governor and President of the California Chapter of the American College of Physicians, President of the American Lung Association of California, President of the American Lung Association of San Bernardino, Inyo and Mono Counties, Chair of the Council Practice Committee of the American Thoracic Society, President of the California Thoracic Society, and President of the Society of Graduate Internists of UCLA.

While the awards Dr. Gold has received are too abundant to mention in total, some of the most notable include a Mastership in the American College of Physicians, the Lifetime Achievement Award of the American Lung Association, the Laureate Award of the American College of Physicians, the William L. Cover MD Award of the San Bernardino County Medical Society, the American Lung Association Pottenger Award and the Michael Stulberg California Medal of the American Lung Association of California.

Dr. Gold is known to family, colleagues, patients, fellow congregants and friends as a person of the highest integrity, extraordinary sensitivity, perceptive insight, humility and love of the arts. He and his wife, Roberta, are the proud parents of Jana, Matthew and Jason, all of whom received their Jewish education at Congregation Emanu El, and the proud grandparents of Eddie, Leah, Cary and Molly.

Mr. Speaker, this year marks the 115th anniversary of the founding of the Congregation Emanu El. It is fitting, on such a momentous occasion, that we stand here today to honor Dr. Philip M. Gold, for outstanding service to his Congregation, the field of medicine, and to his family and community.

HONORING THE LIFE OF SERGEANT ALESSANDRO CARBONARO

**HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 6, 2006*

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I have the honor today to recognize the life of Sergeant Alessandro Carbonaro, a courageous Marine who passed away on May 10, 2006 in Germany as a result of injuries he received in Iraq. I had the privilege to attend a moving memorial service for this young man on May 23rd at the National Cathedral. There, those who knew him best testified to his commitment to his friends, family, and country. Alex was a proud and dedicated soldier, a loving son and husband, and a loyal friend who loved ice hockey and played in a local rock band. I thank him for his service to the country, and offer my condolences to his parents, Fulvio and Gilda Carbonaro, his wife, Gilda, and all who had the pleasure and good fortune to know him.

I would like to submit to the RECORD a poem Alex wrote in the Spring of 2004. I hope the words of this talented young man bring comfort to all who mourn his loss.

FROM AFAR

Dear little star  
How I miss having you near me.  
And though your light shines on me from afar

I have to continue on and appreciate  
Your warmth from across the cosmos  
Dear little shining star  
At the end of the day  
I look at you and my emotions just flow  
from me  
And all I feel is your warmth.  
One day things will be different for you and I  
My little precious star.  
But until then  
I must be content to take you in from afar.

**PALESTINIAN ANTI-TERRORISM ACT OF 2006**

SPEECH OF

**HON. BOBBY L. RUSH**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 22, 2006*

Mr. RUSH. Madam Speaker, I rise here today to extend my remarks on H.R. 4681, the Palestinian Anti-Terrorism Act that was passed here on the House Floor on May 23, 2006. Madam Speaker, the Palestinian Anti-Terrorism Act was a bill that I and I am sure many of my colleagues as well, struggled with and deliberated on a great deal. While America's support for Israel is unwavering, Congress does not want to send the wrong message to the Palestinian people that we have given up on them or the path to peace in that region.

Madam Speaker, the intent of H.R. 4681 was not to alienate the Palestinian people, but rather to demonstrate America's resolve against terrorism in all its forms, including the leadership of Hamas and the Hamas-controlled Palestinian Authority. This bill was passed to send a strong message to Hamas'