

1966 to 1972. Lou served as vice chair for Monterey Regional Water Pollution Control Agency and Monterey County Local Agencies Formation Commission, chairman of the Tri-County Board of the California Council on Justice, director of the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments, and the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District. Lou's public service was not limited to government agencies but extended to the greater community as well.

Lou always remained very involved in community organizations, serving as president of both the Rotary and Lions Clubs. He was a member of the Elks Lodge, Knights of Columbus, and the Kiwanis Club, as well as a charter member of the Monterey Peninsula Boys and Girls Club and director for the Alliance on the Aging. Lou was also a member of the Military Order of the World Wars, U.S. Navy League, and the Nisei Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Lou spent much of his life serving his fellow citizens. He proudly fought for the United States of America in two wars, devoted his time and energy to multiple public offices, and supported his community through his membership in numerous citizen groups. Lou Haddad, through the life he led and the person he became, demonstrated the potential impact that one individual can have on his community and country. He influenced people and events on so many levels, and came to represent the positive, compassionate and, above all, human force that many strive for but few actually become. I enjoyed being on his talk shows and working on many of his projects. He was a citizen of public service.

While Lou is remembered for his success as a soldier, businessman, public servant, and community activist, he will be remembered most as a loving and supportive husband and father to his wife, Martha, and his children, Charles, Shirley, and Carole.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I would like to honor the many accomplishments of Louis N. Haddad and express sincere gratitude for his accomplishments and contributions to our community and our country.

HONORING DANIEL F. EGAN, JR.,
AND HIS WORK ON BEHALF OF
CREDIT UNIONS IN NEW ENGLAND

HON. MICHAEL E. CAPUANO

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 26, 2006

Mr. CAPUANO. Mr. Speaker, Daniel F. Egan, Jr., president of the Massachusetts Credit Union League, New Hampshire Credit Union League, and the Rhode Island Credit Union League, has devoted 25 years his professional life to promotion, protection, and prosperity of the credit union movement.

Mr. Egan first distinguished himself as an attorney and legislative advocate for the credit unions of Massachusetts working diligently to ensure that the credit unions of Massachusetts operate in a legal and regulatory environment conducive to providing outstanding financial service to the people of Massachusetts. He continued his service to credit unions, rising to the position of president of the Massachusetts,

New Hampshire, and Rhode Island Credit Union Leagues and through his efforts to provide service to credit unions through unique and forward looking programs he has earned national recognition as credit union leader and visionary.

Through this leadership the credit union leagues of Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Rhode Island joined together in a groundbreaking cooperative management agreement, allowing them to share resources, while maintaining the distinct character of each organization. Mr. Egan has been and continues to be committed to the expansion of the credit union movement throughout the world demonstrated by his support of the World Council of Credit Unions, his field work in Uganda to help establish credit unions there and through the central role he played in creating a relationship between the Massachusetts Credit Union League and the Bahamas Cooperative League to share the experience and expertise of the Massachusetts Credit Union community with the credit unions of the Bahamas.

During his tenure as president of the Massachusetts Credit Union League, New Hampshire Credit Union League, and the Rhode Island Credit Union Leagues, each of those organizations have brought together their member credit union to provide impressive levels of support to the Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless, the Make-A-Wish Foundation of New Hampshire and Special Olympics of Rhode Island.

Mr. Egan has continually and eloquently voiced his deep and profound conviction that credit unions make it possible for Americans in all walks of life to lead better, happier and more productive lives and has done so in public, legislative, and educational forums. He has actively participated in fostering the growth and development of credit union leagues nationwide through his active participation in and leadership of the American Association of Credit Union Leagues, serving at various times as an officer and president of that group.

Mr. Egan has, through his commitment to the credit union movement, financial education, and charitable causes, helped to greatly improve the lives of the people of Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Rhode Island.

Therefore, Mr. Speaker, I want to commend Dan Eagan for his long and distinguished career in public service and to thank him for his continuing commitment to numerous charitable causes that have clearly helped improve the lives of the people of Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Rhode Island.

IN HONOR OF THE 16TH
ANNIVERSARY OF THE ADA

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 16th anniversary of the passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Since the inception of this landmark legislation in 1990, the ADA has afforded broad anti-discrimination protection for disabled Americans.

The ADA ensures that people with disabilities can access employment, public services,

and transportation. By making sure that disabled citizens are hired on the basis of their abilities rather than their disabilities, this law has given millions of Americans the chance to be treated equally in the workplace. Disabled Americans can no longer be denied access to public places solely on the basis of their handicap. In addition, those who feel that they have been discriminated against have legal recourse to address potential discrimination. These opportunities have established a sense of empowerment where such a sense did not exist before.

Though this legislation has helped countless people, there is surely more work to be done. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, 70 percent of working-age Americans with significant disabilities are unemployed. This is the highest unemployment rate of any group of Americans, regardless of their education or qualifications. Many employers are wary of hiring disabled employees for fear of having to make expensive accommodations. Even worse, there still exists a prejudice against those with disabilities simply because of their disabilities. We must educate employees about the enormous potential they are missing or ignoring.

The Americans with Disabilities Act is one of the most comprehensive civil rights laws to have ever been enacted. On this the 6th anniversary, we should acknowledge the noble goal of equality that the ADA aims to achieve. I urge Congress to continue to support this legislation and fight against discrimination throughout our society.

DECLARATION BY 5.2 MILLION
IRAQIS IN SUPPORT OF THE IRA-
NIAN MOJAHEDIN KHALQ (MEK)

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, on June 17, 2006, more than 10,000 Iraqis accompanied by delegates from 121 parties and associations took part in the Iraqi people solidarity congress in Ashraf City, Iraq, the declaration by 5.2 million Iraqi citizens, 121 political parties and social groups, 700,000 women, 14,000 lawyers and jurists, 19,000 physicians, 35,000 engineers, 320 clerics, 540 professors, 2,000 tribal sheikhs and 300 local officials were among the signatories of the declaration.

Following is an excerpt from the declaration by 5.2 million Iraqis, partly printed in the New York Times, on June 23, 2006.

The Iranian regime's leaders have repeatedly declared that they have been the first winners of the war in Iraq. Mahmud Ahmadinejad said, "God placed the fruit of the occupation of both our neighboring countries (Iraq and Afghanistan) on Iran's lap." He concluded, "We must be prepared to run the world." (January 5, 2006)

After the elections in Iraq, Iran's Interior Minister announced, "From the ballot boxes in Baghdad and Iraqi provinces, one can hear the Slogans of the Muslim people of Iran." He said, "This major historic Phenomenon attests to the realization" of Khomeini's motto "of conquering Qods (Jerusalem) via Karbala." (Mostafa Pour-Mohammadi, December 22, 2005)

As Iran's rulers acknowledge, nuclear weapons are the strategic Guarantee for their survival. Would nuclear weapons not