

of his loving wife Jamie, four children, two grandchildren, and scores of adoring fans. In honor of his enduring contributions to rock and roll music and to the people of our community, I ask my colleagues to join me in remembering the life of Jamie Coe and his selfless service to our community and our country.

RECOGNIZING MS. ROSA GIBBS ON  
HER CELEBRATING HER ONE  
HUNDREDTH BIRTHDAY

**HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 12, 2007*

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of a woman celebrating a milestone so few are able to attain, her One Hundredth Birthday. Ms. Rosa Gibbs was born June 21, 1907, in Georgetown, South Carolina. She is the daughter of Shedwick and Anne Jenkins Gibbs.

Ms. Rosa Gibbs graduated from Howard High School in South Carolina in 1925. After graduation, she moved to New York City where she lived for over five decades. For the past twenty years she has resided in Florida, though at heart I know she will always be a New Yorker.

Ms. Gibbs is a testament to aging beautifully. She regularly attends church, and is of both sound mind and body. Ms. Gibbs will be celebrating her birthday with her friends and loved ones on June 23, 2007 at the Wayman Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Jacksonville, Florida.

Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize Ms. Gibbs' life and honor her birth.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in celebrating the One Hundredth Birthday of Ms. Rosa Gibbs.

WELCOMING THE ROMANIAN  
DELEGATION

**HON. SOLOMON P. ORTIZ**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 12, 2007*

Mr. ORTIZ. Madam Speaker, I rise as co-chair of the Romanian Caucus to welcome Foreign Minister Adrian Cioroianu of Romania to the United States. Foreign Minister Cioroianu represents an increasingly pivotal ally in our country's efforts to preserve global security, prosperity, and democracy.

Foreign Minister Cioroianu picked up the reins of Romania's diplomatic corps just 2 months ago and he is already proving his commitment to a strong transatlantic unity in his visit. Foreign Minister Cioroianu's delegation hopes to plan an April 2008 NATO summit to be hosted in his country, discuss global antiterrorism initiatives with his counterparts here, and collaborate with them on regional security issues. The delegation's agenda is a symbol of a Romania that is steadfast in its responsible pursuit of global welfare.

Romania has played a leading geopolitical role as a regional power in Eastern Europe with its position at the crossroads of Europe and Russia. The country recently hosted an Organization for Security and Co-operation in

Europe meeting regarding anti-Semitism, an issue still fresh in the minds of leaders in the region.

Romania is taking a leading diplomatic role in the western Balkans, particularly in mediating talks on the status of Kosovo. Through these diplomatic efforts and others, Romania is ensuring an Eastern Europe that is peaceful and stable for freedom and prosperity to take root.

The country is also playing a growing economic role in the region. On January 1, 2007, Romania entered the European Union, after achieving a decade of substantial economic development even in the face of a global economic recession. Romania is embracing a free market while fostering the growth of a new middle class that will serve as a key to a successful economic society. Romania is becoming an economic engine for its neighbors to the East and West.

Inducted to NATO only 3 years ago, Romania is already an active participant in NATO operations and has contributed troops to both U.S. wars, with NATO troops in Afghanistan and with around 500 military personnel in Iraq. The Romanian military is playing an honorable and cooperative role in providing security in numerous spots throughout the globe.

I ask my colleagues to join me in welcoming Foreign Minister Cioroianu and the Romanian delegation to the United States. Congress will continue to promote a strong cooperative relationship between our two countries and I thank the Foreign Minister for his service.

TRIBUTE TO SCHAGEN'S SHOES

**HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 12, 2007*

Mr. PASCRELL. Madam Speaker, I would like to call to your attention the work of an outstanding business, Schagen's Shoes, which will be closing its doors after 117 years of dedicated service to its clients, and by extension, to the greater community.

It is only fitting that Schagen's Shoes and the Schagen family be honored in this, the permanent record of the greatest democracy ever known, for all they have provided to the residents of Paterson as they fulfilled their American Dream.

The history of Schagen's Shoes began in 1888, when Willem Schagen arrived in Paterson, NJ from the Netherlands. Having been an apprentice shoemaker in his native land, he decided to open a shop at 176 Lewis Street. At this shop he repaired shoes, but it was sales of "ready made" shoes that really made the business take off. In 1894, Willem married Reinoutje Eelman and built a house, said to be the first in the area with indoor plumbing, across from the shop. In 1909, Willem had another building erected at what is now 394 21st Avenue. It housed the business, an apartment for the family upstairs, and an attic, which later became a third floor to accommodate his 10 children.

With the move, business grew, and in 1917 Willem's son Albert joined in the store. Soon, Albert married Rose Zuercher, and they had 2 children, Albert William and Rose Claire. Albert brought new ideas, adding comfort and orthopedic shoes. In 1930, Willem and

Reinoutje moved to a new home in Glen Rock, and Albert and Rose moved above the store. In 1943, when Willem passed away, Albert assumed ownership of Schagen's and remained actively involved there until his death at the age of 93.

In 1948, after graduating from East Side High School, serving in the United States Navy, and graduating from Columbia University, Albert William joined his father in the business. He, too, brought fresh ideas, and Schagen's began to emphasize corrective shoes and appliances for children. In 1951, Albert married Mina Heines, a fellow Paterson native, and they purchased a home in Glen Rock, where Albert still resides. They were blessed with a daughter, Wendy and two sons, Donald and Kurt. In 1963, young Albert became the new proprietor.

Over the years, the clientele of Schagen's has represented a cross section of Paterson and the region. It has included professionals, doctors, lawyers, judges and political leaders, as well as many tradesmen and service personnel. The final owner, Albert W. Schagen, who devoted six decades to this multi-generational family business, retired on March 31, 2007, writing the final chapter of Schagen's Shoes' history. Schagen's Shoes was a vital part of the community for 117 years, and the generations of customers that were served so well over the years will surely miss the dedication and expertise of the Schagen family.

The job of a United States Congressman involves much that is rewarding, yet nothing compares to recognizing the efforts of family businesses like Schagen's Shoes.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you join our colleagues, the members of the Schagen family, all those who have been touched by their caring service, and me in recognizing the outstanding contributions of this business to the Northern New Jersey community and beyond.

IN HONOR OF STEPHEN B. KAHN

**HON. SAM FARR**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 12, 2007*

Mr. FARR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Mr. Stephen B. Kahn, philanthropist, political progressive, and innovator, who passed away on Friday, April 27, 2007, at the age of 96.

Stephen was born in St. Louis, MO, on June 8, 1910. In his youth he called both San Francisco and New York home, and finally settled in Manhattan with his mother. She was an early feminist and supporter of Margaret Sanger; her political activities surely encouraged the development of his own progressive ideas. He returned to California to reunite with his father and later earned a degree in journalism from the University of Oregon at Eugene. He completed a law degree at the University of Tennessee and worked in the legal division of the Tennessee Valley Authority.

During World War II, he was drafted into the Army and served with the 7th Armored Division in Europe. Stephen and his wife, Ruth, then moved to Carmel and he began a successful career in the timber business as a conservationist and champion of healthy timber practices. He also supported the ACLU,