

Always an advocate on behalf of those in need, Rev. Msgr. Petersen was appointed by all of the California Bishops to work as a Public Policy Advocate with the California Catholic Conference in our great State's capital of Sacramento. This work allowed him to effectively provide a strong compassionate voice for the traditionally underserved on a wide variety of issues.

Throughout his lifetime of service, Reverend Monsignor James Petersen has become a highly respected leader who has always demonstrated sincere commitment to the Diocese of Fresno. As he prepares to retire and embark upon new endeavors of interest to him, we thank him for his unselfish service and wish him the best of luck for the future.

#### TRIBUTE TO DR. HELEN GRAVES

### HON. PATRICK J. KENNEDY

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 11, 2009*

Mr. KENNEDY. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Dr. Helen Graves, an extraordinary woman who passed away April 21, 2009 at the age of 84. She was a noted and celebrated innovator in the field of experiential education and a devoted, civic-minded citizen of humanity.

Born February 21, 1925 in Pittsburgh, IL, Dr. Graves grew up in Southern Illinois, later deciding to study social science at Southern Illinois University. Upon receipt of a bachelors degree, she acquired a masters degree from the University of Minnesota and later a Ph.D. from Wayne State University, at age 50.

During her career, Dr. Graves was instrumental in the development of young minds, preparing them for future civic duty and awareness. She established the first comparative political internship program in the Canadian House of Commons in 1984 and established the Washington Internship program, which she oversaw for 20 years. At the University of Michigan Dearborn, where she served as a professor from 1975–2006, she helped found the Women's Commission, which celebrated its thirtieth anniversary in 2006. She also earned the university's 1980 Distinguished Junior Faculty Award, 1989 Sara G. Power Award, and 1993 Outstanding Service Award. Dr. Graves established a number of new courses in the curriculum, including Women's Politics and the Law and Canadian Politics. From 1992–1995, she sat on the Screening Committee of the Fulbright Program for Canadian Awards.

Dr. Graves was recognized by the Canadian House of Commons in 1993, elected delegate to the Democratic Convention 1998, and appointed in 1984 and reappointed in 1986 by Governor James Blanchard to the Michigan Women's Commission. She was the first woman president of the Michigan Conference of Political Scientists 2004 and the Washington Center for Civic Education 2003. Dr. Graves' Michigan Internship Program was recognized by the Michigan House and Senate, and she nominated to the Michigan's Women Hall of Fame 2003.

The legacy that Dr. Graves leaves is an eternal reminder of the great work one is capable of accomplishing when answering the call of service to the fellow man. Her endless

commitment will be remembered, and her legacy lives on.

#### 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THREE BROTHERS BAKERY

### HON. JOHN ABNEY CULBERSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 11, 2009*

Mr. CULBERSON. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor a Houston institution, Three Brothers Bakery, on the occasion of its 60th anniversary. On this day in 1949, brothers Sigmund, Sol, and Max Jucker opened Three Brothers Bakery on Holman Street in Houston, Texas. They started with nothing but their hands to mix the dough—a literal interpretation of the term “handmade.” Eventually word spread around Houston about their delicious baked goods, and their hard work and determination paid off when they moved the bakery to its current location on South Braeswood in May of 1960.

The story of Sigmund, Sol, and Max Jucker is a tribute to the qualities that make America great. In 1941, the brothers and their family were sent to Nazi concentration camps. The three brothers and older sister survived the Nazi atrocities and on their liberation day, May 8th, 1945, the three brothers were actually all together in the same camp due to the ingenuity of their older sister, Jennie. Later they all immigrated to America, where their entrepreneurial spirit took hold and they continued the family tradition of baking which began around 1825. The three brothers were the fourth generation of bakers in the Jucker family. Using the family recipes to make rye, pumpernickel, challa, strudels and other Eastern European style baked goods, the brothers were soon rewarded with the a large and loyal customer base at Three Brothers Bakery.

Three Brothers Bakery continued to serve the Houston area until it was forced to close temporarily after Hurricane Ike, the third most costly storm in American history. The family—Sigmund, Sol's widow Estelle, and the fifth generation of Juckers, Robert and his wife Janice—could have taken the insurance money and closed the bakery permanently, but their deep commitment to the community and the family's baking history compelled them to rebuild and continue using the recipes passed down by their family for nearly 200 years, in addition to all the other pastries and beautiful, delicious cakes created for Americans.

Congratulations to Three Brothers Bakery for the last 60 years, and best wishes for the years to come.

#### HONORING JACK KEMP

### HON. SOLOMON P. ORTIZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 11, 2009*

Mr. ORTIZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a great friend, Jack Kemp.

I had the honor and privilege of meeting Jack Kemp when he was a member of the U.S. House of Representatives in the mid-80s during the Iran-Contra Affair. I was deeply

saddened to hear of his passing on Sunday, May 2, 2009.

He and I traveled with U.S. Rep. JACK MURTHA, then-U.S. Rep. Jim Wright, then-U.S. Rep. Bill Richardson and Alberto Bustamante to Central America during the Contra War.

I can say that Jack was a very decent man, who was committed and dedicated to representing not only the people in his district of New York, but all the people in this country.

In the late-80s, when Jack was named Secretary of Housing and Urban Development under President George H.W. Bush's administration, I had an opportunity to visit with him as we discussed policy and the development of housing in this nation, including South Texas. He was very receptive to what I had to say and took the time from his very busy schedule to hear me out, which made him one of a kind.

I clearly recall a very special moment in my life, when I, along with my staff, was flying on a commercial flight from Houston to Corpus Christi, Texas. We met Jack at the Houston airport and he noticed we were flying on a commercial plane. I remember him telling me, “You don't have to fly commercial—I have a chartered jet—come with me.”

Jack was on his way to speak at a Republican Convention in Corpus Christi, and when we arrived there, other members of the Republican Party saw he was accompanied by a member of the Democratic Party and joked, “What are you doing with this guy?”

That was the type of person he was—a considerate individual. And although we were from opposite parties, he was very respectful of my views of the governmental system as I was respectful of his.

Long before Jack was ever elected to public office, I knew of him from Robert “Bobby” Smith, a former football player of the Buffalo Bills who was born in Corpus Christi. Jack, who also played for the Buffalo Bills, and Bobby were good friends.

I want to offer my sincere condolences to Jack's wife, Joanne, and his children, Jeff Jennifer, Judith, and Jimmy. You remain in my prayers as your husband and father goes on to be with the Lord.

Jack's passing leaves us all in mourning; however, I, as well as those who loved him, know he will forever remain in our hearts and spirit.

I ask my colleagues to join me in remembering Jack.

#### A BLANK CHECK FOR MUBARAK

### HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 11, 2009*

Mr. WOLF. Madam Speaker, I would like to bring to the attention of my colleagues an editorial that appeared in The Washington Post last week. The United States should not continue to give unconditional foreign military financing to the Egyptian government, as long as the regime continues to disregard the fundamental principles of human dignity. This undermines not only our values as a nation, but our credibility as a global leader on issues such as human rights and democracy.

[From the Washington Post, May 7, 2009]

NO QUESTIONS ASKED

Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates earned modest headlines in the United States this