

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating Mr. Economaki on this notable occasion. His contributions to the motorsports industry have been economically rewarding to countless families across America and have improved the quality of life for so many. Mr. Economaki epitomizes the spirit of American entrepreneurs and his example is inspirational to the generations who will follow him.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 100TH  
BIRTHDAY OF SALLY MATTHEWS

**HON. STEVEN R. ROTHMAN**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 21, 2009*

Mr. ROTHMAN of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the 100th birthday of Mrs. Sally Matthews, which will take place on May 30, 2009. Sally, a lifelong resident of Jersey City, New Jersey, is the proud mother of two sons and six grandchildren. Throughout her life, Sally has been an outstanding public servant and professional. She worked for the New Jersey State Board of Children's Guardians from 1925 to 1942. Sally was subsequently employed as a legal secretary, receiving the distinction of being the Hudson County Legal Secretaries Association's Legal Secretary of the Year in 1970. Sally has always taken the time to give back to her community, having volunteered at St. Aedan's Rectory in Jersey City and having been a charter member of St. Aedan's Golden Club, 41 years ago. As Sally and her friends gather on June 1st to celebrate her 100th birthday, I wish her, on behalf of myself and the people of the 9th Congressional District of New Jersey, the very best as she reaches this exciting milestone in her life.

IN HONOR OF THE GREEK ORTHODOX  
CHURCH OF THE ANNUNCIATION AND THE 2009  
HELLENIC HERITAGE FESTIVAL

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 21, 2009*

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of the Greek Community of Cleveland, Ohio, and the members and leaders of the Greek Orthodox Church of the Annunciation of Cleveland as join fellow community members this Memorial Day weekend to celebrate the heritage and culture of Greece at the annual Hellenic Heritage Festival.

The oldest Greek Orthodox Church in Cleveland, the Greek Orthodox Church of the Annunciation was officially incorporated on February 15, 1913. Located on the corner of West 14th Street and Fairfield Avenue in the Historic Tremont District of Cleveland, it was the only Greek Orthodox Church to exist in the Greater Cleveland area until 1937. Today, it remains an active parish with an internationally-accredited Greek School.

For more than thirty years, members of the Greater Cleveland Community have gathered on the grounds of the Greek Orthodox Church of the Annunciation to partake in the annual

Hellenic Heritage Festival, a wonderful community and family event that is enjoyed and shared by Clevelanders of all ethnic backgrounds. The event reflects the values of our community: faith, family, heritage and diversity. The festival is also a time of remembrance and honor—remembering our ancestors and relatives whose struggles, tragedies and triumphs will be remembered and revered from generation to generation, and honoring the numerous and significant contributions made to our community and our nation by Americans of Greek heritage.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring Greek-Americans throughout our community and throughout our nation. I also stand in recognition of the members and leaders of the Greek Orthodox Church of the Annunciation, whose individual and collective commitment to preserving and promoting the history and heritage of their beloved Greek homeland serves to enrich the diverse fabric of the Greater Cleveland Community.

HONORING SOMPOP JANTRAKA  
AND HIS SCHOOL DEPDC

**HON. PATRICK J. KENNEDY**

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 21, 2009*

Mr. KENNEDY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the extraordinary vision and compelling work for peace of Sompop Jantraka and his school, DEPDC—the Development and Education Programme for Daughters and Communities.

Mr. Jantraka understands the necessity for caring intervention in order to save the young, innocent, poverty-stricken masses of the world. He has toiled tirelessly and fearlessly, in the face of danger, organized crime and desperation and oftentimes abandonment by parents of their offspring, to prevent child trafficking in the Mekong sub-region of Thailand's "Golden Triangle." He has made this cause, above many others, one of the main purposes of his life.

DEPDC is Thailand's first pro-active center for the prevention of child trafficking. It began with modest beginnings, nineteen "daughters" in a small house. And because of the incessant commitment to the preservation of children's futures, DEPDC has to-date prevented over 3,000 "daughters" and "sons" from being sold and from other forms of child exploitation. DEPDC has achieved this colossal feat by helping children gain access to adequate schooling and protective, safe sheltering.

Being a man of great humility, Mr. Jantraka has not sought acknowledgement but yet stands as a giant amongst many because of the success of his passion. In September 2008, Mr. Jantraka received a Rockefeller travel grant to participate as a panelist at the "Clinton Global Initiative" Annual Meeting in New York City in order to provide his expertise and insight. In March 2008, the University of Michigan awarded Mr. Jantraka its "Wallenberg Medal" for humanitarian service. It is my hope that Mr. Jantraka's work will continue to bring light to this severe, international pandemic that is encroaching upon and threatening the human rights of children across the globe.

It has been said of Mr. Jantraka that, with few resources and many enemies, he has

been a strong force in the fight against human trafficking. Sompop Jantraka is not only a living example of passion and concern manifesting into tangible humanitarian works, but he also serves an inspiration to the world, reminding us of the great fellow citizens we can be and invoking the compulsion to be the great fellow citizens we should be.

TRIBUTE TO SISTER HELEN  
DONOHOE

**HON. ANNA G. ESHOO**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 21, 2009*

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Sister Helen Donohoe who was called into eternity on Holy Saturday night, April 11, 2009, surrounded by her beloved Sisters, the Religious of the Sacred Heart.

My family was especially blessed to have Sister Helen as our dearest friend for decades. She was gentle, intelligent, loving, wise and holy. The following was read at Sister Donohoe's Memorial Mass celebrating her life:

On November 30, 1918, two and a half months premature, Helen Dorothy Donohoe, the youngest of ten children, was born into a loving and faith-filled family to Patrick and Frances Brogan Donohoe in San Francisco, California. Her father and all her grandparents were immigrants from Ireland. One of her earliest memories was of the family gathering around a large dining room table to say the rosary, a devotion that her father began and which lasted her lifetime.

When she was only four years old, her father died of leukemia, leaving her mother a 41 year-old widow with ten vibrant children. Helen reported that all her siblings were at home until she was six years old, when her oldest brother, Hugh, later a Bishop, entered the seminary. She attended St. Agnes parochial school and Notre Dame High School. During these years two of her older sisters became Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur; two brothers entered the Jesuits; other siblings married. When Helen was seventeen, her mother would not allow her to enter the Notre Dame novitiate, and her brother would not allow her to attend a state college, so she chose the San Francisco College for Women, Lone Mountain, run by the Religious of the Sacred Heart. Helen reported being very aware of how prayerful the nuns were. After three years of college, she wanted to enter religious life, but her mother insisted that she finish college. She even recalled being torn between the Notre Dame Sisters and the Religious of the Sacred Heart. The latter won out.

In August of 1940, she arrived with three other candidates at Kenwood, Albany, New York—the novitiate of the Society of the Sacred Heart. Her eyes were so bad that she ended up working in the sacristy and the library, instead of doing needlework. On February 22, 1943, Helen pronounced First Vows in the Society and returned to the Academy in San Francisco to teach in the elementary school. In May of 1945, she was sent to bed for three months when doctors feared she had incipient tuberculosis. The life of Sister Josefa was a great help during that time. Afterwards, she was sent to recuperate in San Diego, Old