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INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTION
COMMEMORATING THE 64TH AN-
NIVERSARY OF THE UNITED NA-
TIONS

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 8, 2009

Mrs. MALONEY. Madam Speaker, today, along with Chairman DELAHUNT of the Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights and Oversight, I am introducing legislation to commemorate the 64th anniversary of the founding of the United Nations, U.N.

Joining us in supporting this legislation are Representatives ED TOWNS, MAURICE HINCHEY, SAM FARR, MADELEINE BORDALLO, JOSÉ SERRANO, JIM MCGOVERN, MICHAEL HONDA, DENNIS KUCINICH, JOHN OLVER, and BARBARA LEE.

For 64 years since its founding, the U.N. has made many contributions to the world community and has provided a forum for the achievement of international cooperation in solving the world's most pressing economic, social and humanitarian problems including climate change, trafficking in humans, combating global terrorism, and responding quickly to disasters such as the tsunami in Southeast Asia in 2004.

Last year, Secretary General of the U.N. Ban Ki-moon launched a multi-year campaign to improve awareness among global policymakers at the highest levels regarding issues relating to violence against women. This campaign has been successful in bringing people together to make a difference in the lives of women globally throughout its first year by holding a number of conferences that bring together experts and world leaders to promote solutions to the issues of violence against women.

I look forward to working with Chairman DELAHUNT and others to support the U.N. as the organization moves forward and to commend the U.N. for 64 years of good work.

IN HONOR OF JOAN CLAYBROOK

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 8, 2009

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Joan Claybrook, upon the occasion of the renaming of Public Citizen's headquarters in Washington, DC as the Joan Claybrook Building, and in recognition of 27 years of service as President of Public Citizen.

Joan Claybrook was born on June 12, 1937 and grew up in Baltimore, Maryland, where she attended Goucher College. Her distinguished career in public service began in Washington, DC, where she worked in conjunction with Ralph Nader addressing highway and auto safety issues. Their combined efforts on transportation issues culminated in the passage of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act and the Highway Safety Act of 1966, our nation's first auto safety laws. Her expertise on auto safety led her to a position in the Carter Administration, where she served as head of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) from 1977 to 1981.

Joan served as President of Public Citizen from 1982 to 2008, throughout her various leadership roles in public service. She currently serves on the board for a number of institutions, including Georgetown University Law Center, from where she earned her J.D., as well as on the board of the Consumers Union, Citizens for Tax Justice, Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety, the Goucher College Board of Trustees, Trial Lawyers for Public Justice and the California Foundation Advisory Board. She has been honored numerous times for her distinguished work on behalf of public interest including three honorary degrees from Georgetown University, Goucher College and University of Maryland. Additionally, she was awarded the Phillip Hart Distinguished Consumer Service Award and the Excellence in Public Service Award from the Georgetown Law Center.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor of Joan Claybrook as Public Citizen renames their Washington, DC headquarters as the Joan Claybrook Building and in recognition of her dedication to public service.

TRIBUTE TO THE NATIONAL
PUERTO RICAN DAY PARADE

HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 8, 2009

Mr. SERRANO. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to pay tribute to the Fifty-Second National Puerto Rican Day Parade, which will be held on June 14th, 2009, in New York City. A bright and star-studded event, this parade proudly recognizes the heritage of Puerto Rican people here in the United States, and year upon year has proven to be one of our nation's largest outdoor festivities. This year I am especially pleased to take part in the day because the parade itself is dedicated to the City of Mayaguez, Puerto Rico, a vibrant and beautiful community which also happens to be my place of birth.

The National Puerto Rican Day Parade is the successor to the New York Puerto Rican Day Parade, which held its inaugural celebration on Sunday, April 12th, 1958, in "El Barrio," Manhattan. The impact of the first Puerto Rican Day Parade in New York was both immediate and resounding. It galvanized thousands of New York Puerto Ricans in a very public, very proud demonstration of their emergence in the City as an important and growing ethnic group. For the next 38 years, the New York Puerto Rican Day Parade grew

into a staple of New York's cultural life. In 1995, the overwhelming success of the parade prompted organizers to increase its size and transform it into the national and, indeed, international, affair that it is today.

This magnificent New York institution now includes participation from delegates representing over thirty states, including Alaska and Hawaii, and attracts well over 3 million parade goers every year. In addition, the parade reaches millions more through television broadcasts and via satellite to viewers the world over.

The great success that the parade enjoys each year is brought about in large measure by the continued and tireless efforts of a few dedicated individuals. They are women and men of able leadership and strong conviction, who believe, as I do, in the limitless potential of people of Puerto Rican descent. Leading this effort is the National Puerto Rican Day Parade, Inc., a 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization designed to foster self-awareness and pride among Puerto Ricans in this country, and in so doing, likewise address issues of economic development, education, cultural recognition, and social advancement.

The Parade's march up New York's Fifth Avenue, while certainly the most visible aspect of the celebration, is hardly the only event associated with the National Puerto Rican Day Parade, Inc.'s activities. Each year more than 10,000 people attend a variety of award ceremonies, banquets and cultural events that strengthen the special relationship shared by Puerto Ricans and the City of New York. Over the years, the two have developed a symbiotic relationship. Puerto Ricans have helped transform New York into a dynamic, bilingual city that continues to welcome newcomers from all over the globe. The City of New York, which is a place of opportunity, has enabled Puerto Ricans to flourish economically, culturally and politically.

Madam Speaker, the National Puerto Rican Day Parade captures the spirit of the special relationship between Puerto Ricans and New York City. It celebrates the many ways that we enrich the traditions of this country, and sends a clear signal to all who witness it, that the Puerto Rican community—both in New York and nationally—represents an exquisite tapestry of individuals. As a Puerto Rican and a New Yorker, and as someone who participates in this parade annually, I can attest that the reverberations of this day are both vast and glorious. They can be seen on the faces and heard in the streets, as millions come together to joyously proclaim their heritage. And so it is, Madam Speaker, that with a full and proud heart, I stand before you and my colleagues in Congress to pay tribute to the sights and sounds and wonder that is the National Puerto Rican Day Parade.

SESQUICENTENNIAL OF HISTORIC
VILLAGE OF SANDOVAL, ILLINOIS

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 8, 2009

Mr. SHIMKUS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to mark the sesquicentennial of the historic village of Sandoval, Illinois.

Sandoval is a small community fifty miles east of East St. Louis, in Marion County, Illinois. Settled in 1823 by Thomas Deadmond,

the area is believed to have been named after the proprietor of a trading post that passed through the town. Sandoval was officially incorporated on February 18, 1859, and the village is currently celebrating its 150th birthday.

Sandoval played an important role in the Civil War. The Illinois Central railroad passes directly through the town, making it a strategic staging point for Union soldiers on their way to battle.

Since the conclusion of the war, Sandoval has continued to grow and prosper through the dedication of its citizens. From the village's founding to its flourishing community today, Sandoval has a rich culture of hard work and entrepreneurship. In 1877, the St. Louis and Sandoval Mining Company opened Sandoval's first coal mine, soon to be followed by the Zinc Company in 1897. As Sandoval moved through the twentieth century, the community has prospered in many of its industries including: oil production, agriculture, and manufacturing. It has proven itself to be an enduring village that the State of Illinois as well as the country should be proud of.

I would like to congratulate Mayor Ron Kretzer, as well as all of the citizens of Sandoval, who continue to make their town a community worth celebrating.

HONORING HERMAN W. HOROWITZ

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 8, 2009

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise in honor of Herman W. Horowitz for his remarkable contributions to society. The bravery displayed by Mr. Horowitz throughout the liberation of the French Republic during WWII and his continued community activism are certainly deserving of recognition.

Recently, Mr. Horowitz has been awarded the French Legion of Honor, France's highest award in commemoration of his wartime efforts. As a member of the Seventh Armored Division, Mr. Horowitz displayed the bravery and patriotic sacrifice that eventually led to the war's end. For these efforts, nations around the world are grateful, but for the French citizens who Mr. Horowitz helped to liberate, his sacrifice will always be especially remembered. As Americans, we also have cause for particular gratitude as Mr. Horowitz's efforts helped to bring a close to a war in which so many American lives were lost.

In addition to his wartime efforts, Mr. Horowitz has remained active in his community. Retelling his wartime stories during speaking engagements at local schools and institutions, Mr. Horowitz has kept his dedication to service very much alive. In addition to these contributions, Mr. Horowitz has been extremely active in his volunteer efforts at the Holocaust Center in Glen Cove, N.Y. Throughout all of these efforts, Mr. Horowitz has continued to embody the spirit of service to his community, nation and all humanity that he displayed so many years ago across the Atlantic. The selflessness displayed by Mr. Horowitz, throughout his life, has made his continued service and community contributions so remarkable.

The service and contributions of Mr. Horowitz is surely inspiring to us all, and I am immensely grateful to him for all that he has ac-

complished. I ask my colleagues to join me in expressing the gratitude of the U.S. Congress for his extensive contributions to society.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. J. GRESHAM BARRETT

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 8, 2009

Mr. BARRETT of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, due to unforeseen circumstances, I unfortunately missed one recorded vote on the House floor on Thursday, June 4, 2009.

Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall vote No. 308 (On Agreeing to the Issa of California amendment to H.R. 626).

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF LEVONIA "TINY" CHANEY

HON. STEVEN R. ROTHMAN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 8, 2009

Mr. ROTHMAN of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the 100th birthday of Levonia "Tiny" Chaney. Levonia was born on June 16, 1909, in the rural community of Brookman, Georgia, to Henry and Laura (nee Boston) Bailey. Her father was a successful farmer, blacksmith, barber, community activist, and chairman of the Deacon Board at New Zion Baptist Church.

Levonia Bailey Chaney migrated from Savannah, Georgia, in 1934, to Hackensack, New Jersey, where she met and married her late husband, Arthur Chaney Sr. They were blessed with three children, Arthur W. Chaney Jr. M.D.; Carol Tunstall, retired music educator; and Dewey Chaney M.D. Her mother was a dressmaker. She watched her mother sew from the scraps that her father brought from the mill whenever he went to town to sell his produce. Levonia looked forward to helping her mother make clothes for the family. After the death of her mother, she became dressmaker, hairdresser, and barber for the family. She was baptized at an early age and joined the New Zion Baptist Church in Brookman, Georgia. She was salutatorian of her class at Seldon Normal Industrial Institute in Brunswick, Georgia, where she majored in home making. As a teenager she was an active member of the Girls 4-H club of America. She won numerous awards, including "Champion Dressmaker of the State of Georgia." She is the oldest living PTA president in the city of Hackensack. She and her late husband were recognized in 1970 by the Hackensack Negro Professional Women's Club as "Parents of the Year." In 1999, Mount Olive Baptist Church, under the pastorate of Rev. Gregory J. Jackson, recognized her 69 years of faithful service. She is a charter member of the Emeritus of the Nurses Unit.

Levonia, affectionately called "Tiny," arrived in Bergen County in 1934 where she united with the Mt. Olive Baptist Church of Hackensack under the pastorate of the late Rev. T. W. H. Gibson. She shared her gift of sewing by making choir robes, altar skirts, covers for chairs, the nurse's uniforms, and whatever

else the church needed. She is still an active member of the church for 75 years now, under the pastorate of Rev. Gregory J. Jackson. After 41 years of service, Tiny retired from International Ladies Garment Workers Union. The community also benefited from her skills creating bridal party gowns and garments for members in the church and community.

She enjoys reading with great excitement, doing search and find word puzzles, playing games, exercise time, movies, arts and crafts, celebrating each other's birthday, singing and dancing at the Martin Luther King Center in Hackensack. She looks forward to a new MLK center that would provide friendship, sense of purpose, uplifting and a host of other cultural and educational activities. She is a Past Matron of Pride of the East Order of the Eastern Star, PHA Hackensack and has been honored for her dedicated service for over 60 years.

"Tiny" the matriarch of the Bailey family has three surviving sisters, Vera Brewer, Gussie B. Langston and Susie Richardson. She is the grandmother of seven, Arthur Chaney III, MD, Kip Chaney, Gina Chaney, Corey Chaney, Craig Chaney, Shanda Tunstall-Charles, and Harvey Tunstall. She is the great grandmother of six. She has one living fraternal aunt, Genevieve Scott of Brunswick, GA.

On behalf of myself and the people of the 9th Congressional District of New Jersey, I wish Levonia very best as she celebrates her 100th birthday.

A TRIBUTE TO ANDY J. BALTZO

HON. ELLEN O. TAUSCHER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 8, 2009

Mrs. TAUSCHER. Madam Speaker, I rise with my colleague, Hon. GEORGE MILLER, in the House of Representatives—to recognize the work of Andrew J. Baltzo, founder of the Mt. Diablo Peace & Justice Center in Walnut Creek, California, who passed on Memorial Day 2009 after a long illness.

Andy Baltzo was born in Berkeley, California, on February 3, 1920. He was raised in Oakland, and studied at the University of California in Berkeley where he attained a teacher's credential. For the 10 years following his graduation, Andy taught chemistry to local intermediate school students. He also served four years in the U.S. Army as a medical lab technician. It was the bombing of Hiroshima that gave Andy the incentive to devote his life to speaking out against the further development of nuclear weapons world-wide.

In 1969, Andy led the way in forming the Mt. Diablo Peace Center and served as the Center's full-time director until 2000. Striving to demonstrate that a peaceful world based on justice for all people is possible, the Mt. Diablo Peace and Justice Center has consistently worked to provide venues for people to further their experience of the peace process through classes, public forums and educational programs.

A man of deep convictions, Andy devoted his life to furthering non-violent resistance and expanding social justice. Because of his work, he received the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Honorable Mention Award for "Keeping the Dream Alive" from the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors on January 16, 1996. He