

Mr. Kalkofen graduated from Ferris State University in 1971 and began working as a sanitationer for the Macomb County Health Department. He earned his Masters of Public Health from the University of Michigan School of Public Health in 1977 and continued to rise through the ranks of the Health Department, holding various positions, until he became director in February of 1996.

Under Mr. Kalkofen's leadership the Health Department established effective community coalitions, such as the Tobacco Prevention Coalition and Healthy Kids, Healthy Futures Coalition and a minority health outreach office. Mr. Kalkofen also fought for the continuation of one of the few remaining public health dental programs in the State of Michigan. He worked successfully to leverage Emergency Preparedness funds making it possible for the county to build a new Medical Examiner Office and Morgue, both of which were sorely outdated.

In addition to his many accomplishments in the public health sector, he was passionate about fighting to ensure that recreational and drinking water quality was safe for the residents of the County. Fifteen years ago, Macomb County's beaches and lakeshore waters were closed by the Health Department due to the rapid seaweed growth and excessive *E. coli* levels. The Blue Ribbon Commission was founded to address the aforementioned concerns of Lake St. Clair, and Mr. Kalkofen acted to provide full administrative support for its activities.

Mr. Kalkofen has also been an advocate for an array of county- and grant-funded pollution prevention activities over the years. In 2004 and 2005, he secured \$2.5 million from the Department of Environmental Quality to perform an unprecedented comprehensive water quality assessment of watersheds of Lakes St. Clair, and Belle, Pine, and Black Rivers which stretch across four counties. Most recently, he worked as a member of the Macomb Water Quality Board to spearhead the acquisition of State and Federal funds to build a system of real-time water quality monitors at the intakes of all water treatment plants on the United States side of Lake Huron to Lake Erie Corridor.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Tom Kalkofen, who has worked tirelessly to improve the quality of living for the people of Macomb County for nearly 40 years. I am confident he will continue to play an important role in the community where he is highly thought of, in addition to enjoying a bit of retirement with his wife Marge, their twin sons and five grandchildren.

ADATH EMANU-EL 50TH  
ANNIVERSARY

HON. JOHN H. ADLER

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 29, 2010

Mr. ADLER of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Adath Emanu-El in Mt. Laurel, New Jersey on their 50th anniversary.

The local synagogue has been providing residents with a sense of community since 1960, when five families gathered together to form the first Jewish Reform Congregation in

Burlington County. In 1997, Adath Emanu-El moved its residence from Willingboro, NJ to Mt. Laurel where the synagogue had its first service with more than 400 people to celebrate the establishment of a new house of prayer.

The traditions of Adath Emanu-El, a family growing, learning, worshipping, and working together, are still upheld today. These valuable practices are due to the wonderful leadership by Rabbi Andrew I. Bossov, Rabbi Emeritus Richard A. Levine, teachers, and most importantly, dedicated members to the synagogue.

In recognition to the many years of dedicated religious practice and service to the community, I urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating Adath Emanu-El on its 50th anniversary.

KAZAKHSTAN'S LEADERSHIP OF  
THE OSCE

HON. SHELLEY BERKLEY

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 29, 2010

Ms. BERKLEY. Madam Speaker, the Republic of Kazakhstan this month undertakes its new role and responsibilities as the Chairman-in-Office of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE), the world's largest regional security organization.

I would like to congratulate Kazakh President Nursultan Nazarbayev and his fellow citizens on this signal achievement. Kazakhstan is making history with this new assignment and its broader engagement in global affairs. For the very first time, the OSCE will be headed by a new post-Soviet country east of Vienna. It is also the first Asian and Muslim nation to head the OSCE. It is a recognition that the OSCE draws its strength not only from Europe and the United States, but also from Central Asia, the Caucasus, and the Balkans.

Kazakhstan has been a leader in international nuclear security since its earliest days of independence. After the Cold War, Kazakhstan renounced its nuclear weapons, closed the Semipalatinsk nuclear test site and transferred over half a ton of uranium to secure sites outside their country. Our government continues to work with Kazakhstan to advance our common non-proliferation goals: In April, President Obama will host the Global Nuclear Security Summit, with President Nazarbayev and other world leaders participating.

Since its independence, Kazakhstan has also made economic reforms that have attracted investment and created jobs. It has developed multiple energy export routes and diversified its economy to ensure that its oil wealth can be enjoyed by all sectors of society.

As a member of the Foreign Affairs Committee and a co-chair of the Friends of Kazakhstan Caucus, I look forward to the progress that Kazakhstan can make during its tenure at the helm of the OSCE. We will work with Kazakhstan this year to modernize and strengthen the OSCE, for the benefit of all member States. And I wish President Nazarbayev—and his able Chairperson-in-Office, Secretary of State-Foreign Minister Kanat Saudabayev—great success as Kazakhstan

embarks on this new path toward increased democracy, improved security, enhanced cooperation, and stronger economic growth and prosperity.

RECOGNIZING CORNELIUS AND  
MARY DOLLISON OF MUNCIE, INDIANA

HON. MIKE PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 29, 2010

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, as it is written in the Good Book, "Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me." And I can think of no better example of Christ's compassion and generosity than Cornelius and Mary Dollison of Muncie, Indiana. Recently the recipient of the Muncie Star Press "Person of the Year Award," this extraordinary couple has dedicated their time, their finances, and, most importantly, their hearts to serving their community, and I rise today to honor their legacy of service.

Cornelius and Mary have a deeply-rooted history within the Muncie community. Cornelius was born and raised there, and Mary has lived there since she was a young teen. Though they knew each other in high school, Cornelius and his sweetheart were not united in love until a few years after they had graduated. Now married for nearly 50 years, Cornelius and Mary have formed a special team that has left an indelible mark on the Muncie community.

In their own special ways, Cornelius and Mary have used their individual talents and passions to work together for the betterment of those most in need in their community. Cornelius is the strong and silent type, an expert electrician and builder, and the rock of support for his dear wife. Mary is the more outspoken of the two, always using every ounce of energy to be on the forefront and making a difference in the community. Together, the Dollisons have formed an unstoppable force that serves the residents of their community to this very day.

Over the last few decades, Mary and Cornelius have consistently made sacrifices, and today we can see the many fruits of their labor. More than twenty years ago, Mary saw a need for a mentoring program for children in the Muncie community, and thus, from the Dollison's living room, Motivate Our Minds (MOMs) was born. What originally began as a summer program for a handful of students has now blossomed to a fully operational after-school tutoring organization that serves nearly 700 minority students every year. While Mary coordinated the programs, Cornelius went to work restoring a facility to accommodate the growing number of students served by MOMs. Never ones to sit on the sidelines, the Dollisons took it upon themselves to do whatever it took to make MOMs the successful program that it is today.

This same can-do attitude was also demonstrated at the end of 2008, when the City of Muncie was poised to strip funding for the Buley Community Center out of its budget. For over 30 years, the Buley Center had been a safe haven for some of the city's most underprivileged children. One by one, Cornelius and Mary began receiving phone calls from members of the community, begging them to intervene to save the Buley Center from certain