

The Sumgait massacres led to wider reprisals against Azerbaijan's ethnic minority, resulting in the virtual disappearance of Azerbaijan's 450,000-strong Armenian community, and culminating in the war launched against the people of Nagorno Karabakh. That war resulted in almost 30,000 dead on both sides and created more than one million refugees in both Armenia and Azerbaijan.

A cease-fire agreement was brokered in 1994 and remains in place. However, Azerbaijan's ongoing war-mongering, recent cease-fire violations, and dramatic escalation of its military budget threaten to destabilize the Nagorno Karabakh peace talks. It is my hope that a just and peaceful resolution can be found that takes into account Nagorno Karabakh's right to self determination.

Mr. Speaker, just as we cannot allow the first genocide of the twentieth century to fade into history, the memory of the victims of Sumgait must not be forgotten either.

IN HONOR OF SISTER MARY ANN
FLANNERY

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 28, 2011

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Sister Mary Ann Flannery to acknowledge her receipt of the Walks of Life award from the Irish American Archives Society. Sister Flannery has always been a valuable asset to her community and her devotion to serving others is praiseworthy.

Sister Flannery grew up on the East side of Cleveland and graduated from Hoban-Dominican High School. After college she began teaching at Lumen Cordium High School and Notre Dame College. Following her time as a teacher she became an active member in local organizations that focused on social justice issues for the community. She became director of Parma's Jesuit Retreat House, making her the first female director of the oldest retreat center in the nation. In addition to her community involvement, she is also a consistent freelance writer. Her work appears in the Cleveland Plain Dealer and several other publications.

Prior to receiving this award, Sister Flannery also received an award from the Siena Heights University Alumni Association for her relentless efforts to improve her community, her successful tenure as a teacher and her concern for social issues around the globe.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring the accomplishments of Sister Flannery. She is a valuable asset to the Cleveland community, and has shown that she possesses a gift for assisting others, no matter what their circumstances.

TRIBUTE TO MS. DOROTHY
DESUZIA

HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 28, 2011

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, in honor of Black History Month 2011, I rise today to pay

tribute to a woman who for forty years has made the well-being of her surrounding community her personal responsibility, Ms. Dorothy DeSuzia.

Dorothy was born and raised in New York City and attended public schools as a child. Her father was a native New Yorker and her mother migrated to the U.S. from the West Indies. In 1965 Dorothy moved into a newly constructed, 1,852 unit apartment complex in the Bronx known as Concourse Village. Dorothy was among the first tenants to move in, and describes the development during those years as a "beautiful" space with a great diversity of residents.

Today, Concourse Village is a model of urban homeownership in New York City; but we must not forget that the earliest residents of Concourse Village, including Dorothy, actually fought and won the right to become shareholders. Dorothy helped lead the campaign to have stock certificates awarded to residents of Concourse Village back in the late 1970s; prior to this, no one living in Concourse Village owned their home. Then in 1981, after a prolonged effort led by Dorothy and a dedicated group of residents, stock certificates were finally awarded and the first shareholder Board of Directors was formed. Dorothy served on the first board and three years later, in 1984, she was elected President of the Board of Directors at Concourse Village; a position she held until 1990. She rejoined the Board of Directors six years later in 1996 and remains a board member to this day.

Dorothy has held every position of leadership at Concourse Village, from floor captain to Board President. Her record of transparency and fair dealing has earned her, above all, the trust of her fellow shareholders; and it is safe to say that she has been involved in nearly every major capital and quality of life improvement at the development for the past four decades; including the creation of "Special Adults," Concourse Village's senior citizen program which plans trips and creates a place for seniors to congregate and feel welcome. All of this, however, comes on top of a 38 year career with the former New York Telephone Company, NYTel, now Bell Atlantic/Verizon, from which Dorothy retired in 1992.

Mr. Speaker, if one considers the number of individuals and families who have lived in Concourse Village or have close ties there; and of that number, how many enjoyed a safe, nurturing place to grow up or knew the joy of homeownership since 1981, one can begin to grasp just how impactful Dorothy DeSuzia has been in this community. Her commitment has made the lives of thousands of Bronx residents more enjoyable and more secure. I ask that my colleagues join me in paying tribute to a kind and decent and brave woman whose contributions will not soon be forgotten, Ms. Dorothy DeSuzia.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MRS.
DORIS BOWEN ELLICK

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 28, 2011

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mrs. Doris Bowen Ellick, who died on February 16, 2011 at the age of

78. Mrs. Ellick was a dedicated public servant and a pillar in Palm Beach County. Mrs. Ellick stands apart as an exemplary citizen and living testimony to compassion, dedication, and selfless generosity.

Mrs. Ellick was born on May 23, 1932 to the late Elder Sam and Janie Ross Bowens in Wacissa, Florida. She was formally educated in the public schools of Jefferson County Florida. In 1948, the Bowens family relocated to Belle Glade, Florida. Mrs. Ellick later graduated from Everglades Vocational High School.

For 23 years, Mrs. Ellick worked in the Palm Beach County School System as a teacher's assistant. While there, she was effectively a mentor, godmother, grandmother, encourager, and comforter to many. After retiring from Palm Beach County School System, Mrs. Ellick continued her passion for public service as a foster mother. In this capacity, she opened her home for the community and homeless.

While working as an educator, she met the love of her life, Alford Ellick. The couple wedded on April 7, 1951. From this union was born 8 children: Bernard, Alfred, Charles, Terris, Gerald, Reginald, Christopher, and Kenneth. She was irrefutably a devoted wife and mother.

Mrs. Ellick was also an active member of the Inspirational Church of God where she served on the Board of Directors and Board of Trustees for a number of years, and was officially ordained as one of the Mothers of the church.

In addition to working enthusiastically in her church, Mrs. Ellick devoted a majority of her time to her family. Invariably, she could be found with her children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, and extended family.

For her commitment to her family, her community, and her nation, it is with great privilege that I honor the life of Mrs. Ellick and extend my deepest condolences to her friends and family.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SUE WILKINS MYRICK

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 28, 2011

Mrs. MYRICK. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to participate in the following vote. If I had been present, I would have voted as follows: Roll-call vote 142, on agreeing to the Carney of Delaware Amendment, No. 241—H.R. 1: Making appropriations for the Department of Defense and the other departments and agencies of the Government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2011, and for other purposes, I would have voted "no."

IN HONOR OF CHRIS COBURN

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 28, 2011

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Chris Coburn to acknowledge his receipt of the Walks of Life Award from the Irish American Archive Society. Chris has been a