

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING CHANCELLOR HOWARD
COHEN AND PATRICIA COHEN

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 5, 2011

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I stand before you today to honor Purdue University Calumet (PUC) Chancellor, Dr. Howard Cohen and his wife, Patricia Cohen. On Saturday, May 7, 2011, Chancellor and Patti Cohen will be honored at an event for their many years of service in the field of education at Purdue University Calumet. Chancellor Cohen, with the support of Patti, has had a tremendous impact on numerous students and educators throughout Northwest Indiana and across the nation and their efforts are to be highly commended.

From 2001 to 2010, Patricia Cohen's commitment and partnership in support of her husband has been instrumental in the growth and development of Purdue University Calumet. Patti graduated summa cum laude with a bachelor's degree in nursing from the University of Wisconsin and also earned a master's degree in occupational therapy from Boston University. With her background in the medical field, Patti continues to share her knowledge with PUC and is a member of the PUC Honorary Nursing Organization: Sigma Theta Tau, Bet Mu Chapter. She is also a past member of the PUC Health and Wellness Committee. In addition, Patti has represented PUC on trips to universities in China, Poland, Spain, Oman, and Costa Rica. She has also established, planned, and hosted numerous campus and community events.

Howard Cohen is among less than a handful of academicians who I have dealt with over the last generation who I would describe as the "best." Howard has used his inestimable intellect to impart wisdom to others. His leadership has introduced permanent positive changes throughout Northwest Indiana and our state. His vision has provided all of us with a guide to an improved and gentler future.

Additionally, Chancellor Cohen's professional and academic career led him to become a prominent, innovative leader in the field of education. In 1966, he graduated summa cum laude with a bachelor's degree in philosophy from the University of Minnesota and went on to earn a master's degree and a doctoral degree from Harvard University. Since 2001, Dr. Howard Cohen has been Chancellor at PUC and also holds an appointment as Professor of Philosophy. Over the past ten years, Chancellor Cohen has dedicated his time and passion into making PUC the high quality, full-service university that it is today. PUC has expanded tremendously under the leadership of Chancellor Cohen. During his tenure, Chancellor Cohen has established student housing, constructed the Academic Learning Center and established nine centers and institutes of applied research. Labeled his signature project, Chancellor

Cohen was influential in the implementation of the innovative experiential learning initiative, a program that blends traditional learning with hands-on, applied learning, which is now a curriculum requirement for all students seeking a bachelor's degree.

In addition to their truly impressive devotion to education and to Purdue University Calumet, Howard and Patti passionately serve the people of Northwest Indiana through their involvement in numerous community organizations. They have been married since 1968 and have two beloved children and two grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, at this time, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in commending Chancellor Howard Cohen and Patricia Cohen. Their inspiration continues to fuel the future of education and their life work has provided exceptional new opportunities in Northwest Indiana and across the nation. For their selfless, lifelong commitment they are worthy of the highest praise.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF EVA
BLASZ EGRI AND THE MUSICAL
CONCERT "ZOCHRENU LECHIM"

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Eva Blasz Egri, a Holocaust survivor whose spirit and strength serve as an inspiration to her family, friends, and her community.

Eva, a longtime friend of my constituent Len Romano, shared with him details of her tragic past in Auschwitz and the loss of her family during World War II. After returning to her home in Hungary after the War, Eva uncovered treasured songs that her father, Hazzan Shmuel Blasz, had given to a non-Jewish neighbor who risked his life to hide the precious music from the Nazis. Hazzan Blasz wrote these songs before the War when he served as chief cantor and musical composer for the Egr Jzr Temple in Hungary.

After uncovering these musical compositions in the basement of her home and keeping them to herself for decades, long after she moved to the United States, she recently decided to share these documents with Len.

I am proud to stand here today to honor Len and the distinguished cantors from the New York area who have worked hard to bring these songs to life by performing them in a concert at Temple Beth Sholom in Smithtown tonight.

Eva's resilience is a lesson to us all to find the hidden beauty in apparent tragedy and commemorate the lives and contributions of those whose lives were lost.

I applaud the efforts of so many in my district who have worked to bring Eva's music to the forefront and hold this special concert called "Zochrenu Lechim," Remember Us Unto Life.

HONORING MR. DENNIS KAHN

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

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Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate Dennis Kahn, the 2011 Honoree for the American Cancer Society's Cuisine for the Cure Event, for his struggle in overcoming cancer and his remarkable contributions to the community I serve in Western New York.

Dennis, a highly regarded attorney, has dedicated his life to representing those facing significant challenges in their own lives and professions. Also a loving and devoted husband to Carrie and father to Max, Dennis exemplifies the strong values that make communities like Buffalo great.

Yet nothing could quite prepare Dennis for the challenge he faced in the fall of 2009, when he found out that he had stage 4 cancer in his parotid gland. Like so many other cancer patients, Dennis's diagnosis hit him like a ton of bricks. And after enduring surgeries and an aggressive radiation and chemotherapy regimen, we are lucky to have him here with us today to share his story and the lessons he has learned from it.

Like many other cancer survivors and their families, Dennis wants to give back and help others like him. The struggles of people with cancer are unique—not knowing whether your body is actively growing cells that will harm you can be sheer terror. To handle this amid all of life's normal challenges is overwhelming. Dennis's commitment to help other patients and survivors is notable, making him worthy of being honored at this year's Cuisine for a Cure event.

We need more advocates like Dennis to raise awareness about cancer in our communities. Let his story be a lesson to us, to inspire us, and to continue to fight to alleviate suffering due to cancer in our lifetime. I often say that cancer research is a continuum, and it needs to be maintained, and that we can't just stop and start. Advocates like Dennis remind us of this promise.

HONORING THE AMERICAN
PARKINSON DISEASE ASSOCIATION

HON. TOM MARINO

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 5, 2011

Mr. MARINO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the Central Susquehanna Valley Chapter of the American Parkinson Disease Association.

The American Parkinson Disease Association helps over 1.5 million Americans who live with this progressive disorder of the central nervous system. This year, the APDA is celebrating its 50th anniversary, currently sponsoring 45 chapters which focus on local fundraising efforts and awareness, 55 information

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