

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

Thursday, May 5, 2011

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

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 5, 2011

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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and referral centers which serve the needs of those with the disease and their caretakers, and over 1,000 support groups throughout the United States. The APDA has worked tirelessly over the past 50 years in fulfilling their mission to "Ease the Burden—Find the Cure" through research, patient and family services and education.

In conjunction with Geisinger HealthSouth, the Central Susquehanna Valley Chapter has hosted this Walk-A-Thon on Sunday May 1, 2011, to increase awareness across the state of Pennsylvania, and I am honored to be included in such a noble and selfless cause.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize and honor those who work with the American Parkinson Disease Association. I commend the efforts of the Central Susquehanna Valley Chapter and Geisinger HealthSouth in hosting this Walk-A-Thon and advancing Parkinson's disease research across the country.

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF LIONEL WAYNE MAGEE III FOR HIS APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND THE U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY

HON. RODNEY ALEXANDER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 5, 2011

Mr. ALEXANDER. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to pay special tribute to an outstanding young man who was selected to attend the U.S. Air Force Academy. Lionel Wayne Magee III will follow in his parents' footsteps by serving our country in uniform.

Magee, an 18-year-old senior at Seoul American High School on Yongsan Garrison, the Republic of Korea, is poised to attend the prestigious academy this fall. With him he brings an enormous amount of leadership and passion to the incoming class of cadets. While attending high school, Magee was committed to a range of extracurricular activities including varsity football, Taekwondo, National Honor Society, Boys State, Eagle Scout as well as numerous volunteer hours in support of the community.

Attending one of our Nation's military academies is an invaluable experience that offers a first-rate education while providing those who undertake it some of the most challenging and rewarding opportunities of their lives.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Lionel Magee on his acceptance into the U.S. Air Force Academy and in extending their best wishes to him as he begins his service to our Nation.

NO TAXPAYER FUNDING FOR ABORTION ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 4, 2011

Mr. HOLT. Madam Speaker, I rise today in strong opposition to H.R. 3, the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act.

Our first priorities in the House of Representatives must be helping to foster job cre-

ation and supporting middle class families. More than four months into the 112th Congress, we have not considered one bill that would achieve these goals.

This deceptively named bill claims that it would enact a government-wide prohibition on federal subsidies for abortion and health insurance plans that cover it. In truth it is an unprecedented and extreme attempt to limit health insurance coverage for American women, raise taxes on small businesses, infringe on the legally protected rights of American Servicewomen, and make this legal, constitutionally protected medical procedure inaccessible to women.

This bill would eliminate tax credits for families and small businesses to purchase comprehensive health insurance plans. This would result in substandard health care for millions of Americans.

Unprecedented, H.R. 3 would change the tax code to promote an anti-choice agenda. This bill would allow women to use tax preferred saving accounts for abortion care only in cases of rape, incest, or when their life is in danger. Under this extreme bill, women would have to prove to the IRS that they have been victim of sexual assault to use their own money for their medical care.

This bill triumphs on states' rights by preventing the District of Columbia from using its own funds to pay for abortion services for low-income women. Further, it would permanently deny low-income women, federal employees, and military women access to abortion care, even when their health is at risk.

It is important to remember why comprehensive health care is needed. I recently heard a heartbreaking story from one of my constituents who was desperate to have a baby with her husband. Unfortunately after getting pregnant, they discovered that the fetus had a deadly condition and was not going to survive. They were left with only one choice—to terminate the pregnancy. This couple never thought they would be in that position. This bill would deny private health insurance companies from providing this kind of medical care to women.

The question of whether or not to have an abortion is one of the most difficult decisions any woman can face. Reproductive health care is a personal matter that should be left to individuals, their doctors, and their families without interference from the government. Rather than making abortion more dangerous for young women, I believe that Congress should do more to create the conditions that enable women to make true choices by providing comprehensive sexuality education and ensuring that women have access to a range of effective contraceptives.

I oppose H.R. 3 and urge my colleagues to vote no on this dangerous piece of legislation.

TRIBUTE TO DR. RONALD FEINMAN

HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 5, 2011

Mr. DEUTCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Ronald Feinman, a constituent of mine from Boca Raton who will retire from teaching at the end of June after 39 years.

Dr. Feinman, a Senior Professor of History and Political Science at Broward College in

Pembroke Pines, and an Adjunct Professor of History at Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton, moved to South Florida in 1989 after teaching for 17 years in New York at Queens College, New York Institute of Technology, and Pace University. A graduate of Queens College, Dr. Feinman earned his PhD from the City University of New York Graduate Center in 1975.

A student of history from an early age, Dr. Feinman has dedicated his life and professional career to ensuring future generations grow up with an appreciation of American history, politics and government. This dedication is evident in the pure enthusiasm he shows for his students and the topics he professes, and the strong reputation he has established amongst his peers and his students is a direct result. He has developed strong friendships with many of his students throughout his teaching career, and some of them have taken him for as many as eight classes along their way to completing their degree.

The author of *Twilight of Progressivism: The Western Republican Senators and the New Deal, 1933–1945*, Dr. Feinman regularly contributes articles and book reviews in a wide range of academic journals, lectures on modern American topics throughout South Florida, and maintains a blog discussing daily political topics. While he is looking forward to retirement and having the opportunity to spend more time with his family and travel, after taking a year off, he intends to return to teaching part-time to continue doing what he loves.

Mr. Speaker, Dr. Ronald Feinman embodies the true essence of an educator and a role model for our younger generations. I know I speak not only for myself, but for the thousands of students whose lives he has positively impacted throughout the four decades of his career in congratulating him on his retirement and wishing him the best going forward.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 5, 2011

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, on Wednesday, May 4th, I missed rollcall votes 286–292 for unavoidable reasons.

Specifically, I was in Tarpon Springs, Florida, in my congressional district, to attend the funeral of a close family member, who passed away earlier in the week.

Had I been present, I would have voted as follows: rollcall vote No. 286: "yea" (Adoption of H. Res. 237, the rule providing for the consideration of H.R. 3—No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act); rollcall vote No. 287: "yea" (Jackson-Lee Amendment No. 1); rollcall vote No. 288: "yea" (Capps Amendment No. 2); rollcall vote No. 289: "nay" (McCarthy Motion to recommit H.R. 1214); rollcall vote No. 290: "yea" (Passage of H.R. 1214, To Repeal Mandatory Funding for School-based Health Center Construction); rollcall vote No. 291: "nay" (Speier Motion to recommit H.R. 3); rollcall vote No. 292: "yea" (Passage of H.R. 3, No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act).