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RECOGNITION OF SERGEANT
FRANK LEHR OF THE NEWARK,
CALIFORNIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2012

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Sergeant Frank Lehr. Sergeant Lehr retired from the City of Newark, California's Police Department on January 27, 2012.

Sergeant Lehr began his career with the Newark Police Department on August 2, 1986. Prior to joining the department he served as an officer in the City of San Jose Airport Police Force. During his time as a Police Officer in Newark, Sergeant Lehr served two terms with the Southern Alameda County Narcotics Enforcement Team as a Narcotics Detective. In addition to his patrol and detective assignments, Sergeant Lehr served as a Field Training Officer, an instructor for the Citizens Police Academy, a SWAT team member, a hostage negotiator, and in 1990 was named Officer of the Year by his peers.

Sergeant Lehr was promoted to the rank of sergeant on July 1, 2004. He was assigned to the Patrol Division and was the Community Safety Team Sergeant. In this position he worked with his team on gang related problems in Newark. In addition to his day-to-day duties, Sergeant Lehr also served as the Hostage Negotiation Team Sergeant and was an original member of the City of Newark's first Honor Guard.

On August 12, 2009, Sergeant Lehr graduated from the Sherman Block Supervisory Leadership Institute. The Institute is designed to stimulate personal growth, leadership, and ethical decision-making among California law enforcement's front-line supervisors.

Throughout his tenure with the Newark Police Department, Sergeant Lehr has served with distinction. I extend congratulations to him on his retirement and join the City of Newark in thanking him for his commitment to exemplary law enforcement.

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF SAINT AN-
DREW GREEK ORTHODOX
CHURCH

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2012

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Saint Andrew Greek Orthodox Church, located in the Township of Randolph, Morris County, New Jersey as they celebrate their 50th Anniversary.

Saint Andrew Greek Orthodox Church came together with approximately 50 families and their first priest, Fr. Konstantine Tsigas, for their First Divine Liturgy on December 23, 1962 in Dover, New Jersey. The ground

breaking ceremony for a new church facility in Randolph, New Jersey took place on December 16, 1973. The Church has thrived throughout its many decades, growing from 50 families to over 500 and will continue to thrive for the many years to come.

Saint Andrew prides itself on not only preserving the Greek Orthodox faith and heritage for future generations but also on sharing its culture and faith with the Morris County community.

St. Andrew's incorporates individuals of varying interests and backgrounds through their comprehensive selection of community activities and programs. The Church has enriched the community by offering regular religious services, religious education, and weekly classes on the Greek Language and Hellenic culture. Members of their community can participate in the Church's Byzantine Choir, join one of the many Greek folk dancing groups, attend youth or adult Greek language classes, or join one of several service groups. By offering an array of cultural programs and activities, St. Andrew has succeeded in keeping the Greek culture and language a part of the holistic Orthodox experience.

The Church also provides philanthropic services to the community through volunteer work and services such as providing Life Line Screening, which preemptively scans for risk factors for Stroke, Vascular Disease, and Osteoporosis. St. Andrew's Daughters of Penelope organization award numerous college scholarships to graduating high school seniors in the area while the Philoptochos Society strives both to promote the Greek Orthodox tradition and to assist those in need through fundraisers.

Through their steadfast dedication to addressing the educational and social needs of the community while preserving the cultural and religious diversity of the Morris area, Saint Andrew Greek Orthodox Church has proved itself to be a pillar of our community.

The Saint Andrew Greek Orthodox Church is truly a place where anyone is welcome to find God and find a community of caring, friendly faces. We are proud to have them here in Morris County.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating Saint Andrew Greek Orthodox Church as they celebrate their Fiftieth Anniversary.

IN RECOGNITION OF TOAST-
MASTERS INTERNATIONAL, DIS-
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HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2012

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the members of Toastmasters International, District 10 as they gather in Cleveland, Ohio for their Spring District Conference on April 27 and 28, 2012.

Toastmasters International was established in 1924 as an organization dedicated to making people more confident in front of audiences. The organization empowers people to achieve their full potential. Through its member clubs, people throughout the world can improve their communication and leadership skills, and find the courage they need for suc-

cessful public speaking. Toastmasters International has more than 270,000 members that belong to 13,000 clubs in 116 countries. District 10 of Toastmasters International serves approximately 1,700 members and consists of more than 100 active clubs in Northeast Ohio.

The theme of the Spring Conference is "Strive for Excellence" and will consist of educational workshops, contests and a dinner. It will also feature the 2011–2012 Toastmaster International President, Mr. Michael Notaro and the Communication and Leadership Award recipient, Reverend Larry L. Harris, Sr., the Senior Pastor of Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in recognizing the members of Toastmasters International, District 10 as they gather for their Spring Conference.

RECOGNIZING ELIE WIESEL

HON. E. SCOTT RIGELL

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2012

Mr. RIGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to enter a statement into the Record on behalf of my constituent, Dr. Israel Zoberman. Dr. Zoberman is the Founding Rabbi of Congregation Beth Chaverim in Virginia Beach, Virginia. He is also the president of the Hampton Roads Board of Rabbis and Cantors. Dr. Zoberman asked me to enter the following remarks into the Record recognizing Elie Wiesel. Dr. Zoberman's statement follows:

"With over 50 books to his illustrious credit, Elie Wiesel continues to bless us at age 84 with his multiple pursuits, including recently as a musician of his childhood songs and melodies. If anyone deserves the honorary appellation of "Our Teacher and Rabbi" these unsettling times of post-Holocaust perplexities for Jew and Gentile, it is this distinguished yet humble survivor of the Holocaust's unique tragedy, calling upon us to bear sacred witness with Zachor's undying remembrance. He emerged from the "Kingdom Of The Night" resolved to help save humanity, struggling with his shaken faith in his early classic "Night," while contending with his brethren's fate in Soviet captivity in "Jews Of Silence," ever faithful to his rich Jewish moorings as well as universal culture.

Wiesel, a 1986 Nobel Peace Laureate—he should receive one for literature too—is on the very short list of those serving as humanity's conscience. He courageously speaks out for human rights in addition to his "Elie Wiesel Foundation for Humanity," and academic work as the Andrew W. Mellon Professor in the Humanities at Boston University. Among many awards and honors, this great American and humanitarian is a recipient of the United States Congressional Gold Medal along with the Presidential Medal of Freedom, and is the 1980 Founding Chairman of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council, receiving on May 16th, 2011, the first U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum Award, the museum's highest honor, now bearing Wiesel's name. He turned down, reportedly, in 2007 the sure opportunity to become Israel's President.

Wiesel's latest literary gem, "The Sonderberg Case," is a suspenseful Holocaust related novel reflecting his being at home both