

County, New Jersey, which is celebrating its 90th Anniversary.

The Wayne Public Library was established in December, 1922, after a discussion during a meeting of the Mountain View Parent Teacher Association with Mrs. Grace Freeman, who would become the President. The issue of the need for a public library was raised, and fundraising efforts began. By June of 1923, after canvassing the neighborhood and hosting a tag day, \$1,500 was raised, and 200 books donated. Due to these efforts, on July 24, 1923, the new Mountain View Library and Preakness Library officially opened.

As Wayne grew, and the collections of the libraries increased, regulation and further organization was needed. In 1947, the citizens of the Township of Wayne voted to establish an "American Free Public Library, governed by state laws which provided for a seven member Board of Trustees including the mayor of the town and the Superintendent of Schools." This governing body of the library systems in Wayne still operates today.

This Board of Trustees and a Library Improvement Association recognized the need for additional space to accommodate the collections, as well as to provide other locations to better serve Wayne residents. On November 6, 1962, they were able to facilitate the passing of a referendum to provide funds for a new central library building. They acquired a lot on Nellis Drive, next to the Town Hall, which allowed for an 11,000 square foot library, and on February 8, 1964, the groundbreaking and building began. A few years later, in 1967, a bookmobile was purchased to serve the Wayne neighborhoods. This held approximately 4,000 books, and was in service for nearly twenty years.

Over the next fifteen years, the three branches of the Wayne libraries underwent changes to further accommodate the residents and expanding collections. With the main library crowded with over 700,000 volumes, in 1972, an extra 16,000 square feet were added. The new Preakness Branch was completed six years later, and in 1980, the Mountain View Branch was also renovated, though it would close twelve years later. In the latter 1990s, the Wayne Public Library was remodeled, and held its grand opening on June 11, 2000.

The Wayne Public Library branches are home to a variety of programs. Their spacious meeting rooms are used for a variety of purposes, including music, tutoring, and reading programs, as well as presentations and groups for children and young adults. For adults, book discussion groups, computer, English language, art classes, and writing groups are all available. The meeting rooms are also used by other groups, such as the annual ballet performance for children by the McKenna School of Dance. The Wayne Public Library also hosts movie nights and viewings for all three age groups at both locations. The library offers to display artwork from the Township of Wayne as well.

The celebration of the Wayne Public Library's 90th Anniversary, on April 20, 2013, includes a Wine Tasting and Art Auction Event, featuring hors d'oeuvres, desserts, door prizes, a raffle, and live music. The event is sponsored by the Friends of the Wayne Public Library.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Wayne Public

Library as they celebrate their 90th Anniversary.

CELEBRATING FLORENCE
"FLOSSY" KEESELY'S 99TH
BIRTHDAY

HON. LOIS FRANKEL

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2013

Ms. FRANKEL of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Florence "Flossy" Keesely of Boca Raton, Florida, who turns 99 years old today.

Flossy is a vibrant and active member of our community. In addition to her work championing the arts in Boca Raton, she is active in many local charities.

She is truly an exceptional woman who I am proud to represent in Florida's 22nd District. I know I join with her friends and family in celebrating this wonderful milestone. I wish her good health and continued success in the coming year.

75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NORTH WILKESBORO LIONS CLUB

HON. VIRGINIA FOXX

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2013

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, on April 5, 1938, the North Wilkesboro Lions Club was chartered in North Carolina.

Tomorrow members of the club, including charter member Blair Gwyn, will celebrate their 75th anniversary as an organization committed to the service of those in need.

For years, the North Wilkesboro Lions, like Lions Clubs International, have devoted themselves to combating the problem of blindness. The Record of Wilkes notes that our North Wilkesboro's Lions chapter provides eye exams and glasses to the less fortunate, helps support Camp Dogwood—a Lake Norman summer camp for the visually impaired, sponsors a leader dogs program, and, in addition, runs an annual book drive for literacy in Wilkes County.

North Wilkesboro's Lions work to raise funds to support the blind through annual broom sales, the Apple Festival's White Cane Drive, food sales at Merle Fest, and regular dues and donations from members.

For seventy-five years, North Wilkesboro has been served by the contributions of its Lions Club. I congratulate each North Wilkesboro Lions Club Member on this monumental anniversary.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF ROBERT "BOB" JESSOP BEER

HON. JACKIE WALORSKI

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2013

Mrs. WALORSKI. Mr. Speaker, today I wish to honor the legacy of Robert "Bob" Jessop Beer. Born on August 8, 1943 to Harry L. and

Lucille Jessop Beer, Robert is a lifelong Hoosier, proud family man, entrepreneur, and soldier whose contributions have made a positive impact on the Milford Community.

In 1962, Robert graduated from Warsaw High School and proudly served his country as a U.S. Army Reservist from 1964–1970. He married his beautiful wife, Jacquelyn Craft, on September 11, 1965, and together had eight lovely children. Robert's entrepreneurial spirit led him to be the President and CEO of his business, Beer's & Jessop's Company, Inc., where he worked for many years.

Robert's contributions stemmed far beyond his immediate family and business, his presence was well-known to many Hoosiers in the community. For more than 40 years, Robert served as the precinct committeeman for Van Buren Township and was the Chairman of the Kosciusko County Board of Zoning Appeals. Along with his civic duties, Robert was a past patron of the Kosciusko Chapter 169 order of the Eastern Star and a member of Kosciusko Masonic Lodge 418 F&AM.

Robert leaves behind an incredible legacy that will surely live on to inspire many Hoosiers in the community to lend a hand in the community and help others. His family, including his wife, Jacquelyn, children, and grandchildren will remain in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

I am honored to recognize the life of Robert 'Bob' Jessop Beer and extend my deepest sympathies to his loved ones. Joining Hoosiers across the State, we mourn his loss and remember the leadership that will continue motivating us all to serve our communities.

TRIBUTE TO JOSEPH A. MCINERNEY

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2013

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mr. Joseph A. McInerney, president and CEO of the American Hotel & Lodging Association (AH&LA), on the occasion of his departure after 12 years as head of the association.

The lodging industry is a key driver of our Nation's economy, employing 1.8 million men and women in hotels, inns, and resorts in all 50 States, and generating \$137.5 billion in annual sales. In my home State of Alabama, the industry is responsible for more than 21,000 jobs and \$654.9 million in employee wages. As head of the one trade association representing all interests of hoteliers, Joe has been a vocal advocate and leader for the policies and initiatives that have brought a renewed strength to lodging since the economic downturn of 2008.

Beginning in 1961 with his first job at the Sheraton Chicago, he quickly moved up the ranks before being transferred to the franchise division of Sheraton as regional director of operations in 1966. Three years later, he moved to Winston Salem, North Carolina, to be general manager of the Sheraton Inn. In 1970, he was named vice president, assistant to the president of the franchise division, and continued to move up until being appointed president of ITT's Sheraton franchise division in 1980.