HONORING THE LIFE OF JONA GOLDRICH

HON. TED LIEU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 25, 2016

Mr. TED LIEU of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate the life of Jona Goldrich—father, husband, grandfather, Holocaust survivor, real estate developer, and philanthropist—who passed away on June 26, 2016, at the age of 88.

Born September 11, 1927 in Lviv, Poland, Jona escaped the Nazi occupation by fleeing with his brother Avraham to Hungary in 1942, eventually reaching Israel. The rest of their family died in concentration camps.

Jona left Israel after 11 years for the United States where he hoped to attend Massachusetts Institute of Technology. But after being denied admission because of his limited English skills, Jona decided to go across the country to southern California, where he arrived on a bus with only $50 in his pocket.

Jona began working as a window and screen installer and a year later, he started a subcontracting cleaning business, setting his foot into the world of real estate. In 1956, at the age of 29, he built his first apartment building, and in 1959 he met a construction laborer and a fellow Holocaust survivor named Sol Kest with whom he founded the Goldrich & Kest Industries.

Jona was a visionary. In the 1960s when there were only offices and governmental buildings in downtown Los Angeles, he decided to construct residential buildings in downtown LA despite skepticism about whether the area could attract residents. Jona also built one of Marina del Rey's first apartment complexes in 1968 seeing an opportunity to transform it into an attractive beach city.

Jona was also a philanthropist who contributed to the American society in many ways. His firm constructed 72 apartment buildings that accommodate low-income families. He founded the Goldrich Family Foundation which supports Jewish and Israeli charities as well as educational causes. Jona is also remembered for his lifelong work on raising public awareness of the Holocaust, and he played an important role in the founding of the Los Angeles Museum of the Holocaust, located in my district.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Doretta; brother Avraham; daughters Melinda and Andrea Goldrich Cayton; and grandchildren Garrett, Lindsay and Derek.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of Jona Goldrich.

HONORING LiUNA LOCAL 304

HON. BARBARA LEE

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Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to LiUNA Local 304—Alameda County as they celebrate 100 years of solidarity and a commitment to a safe work environment for their members.

On April 13, 1916, LiUNA Local 304—Alameda County was signed into existence with the founding mission of "We, the undersigned wage workers, believing it to be well calculated to improve our intellectual and social condition, and to promote our industrial well-being and advancement, respectfully petition the International Hod Carriers', Building and Common Laborers' Union of North America to grant us a Charter as representatives of said International Union."

LiUNA Local 304—Alameda County was born out of a petition to the International Hod Carriers', Building and Common Laborers' Union of North America to grant us a Charter as representatives of said International Union. They chartered by President Anderson, Vice President Walker, Recording Secretary Burke, Financial Secretary Hawley, Correspondence Secretary Van Deventer, Treasurer Cottingham, Sergeant-at-Arms Wilcox, Guard Norris and Executive Board members Evans, Canady, Jones, Cayne and Falk, LiUNA Local 304—Alameda County (as it is known today) was chartered on April 13, 1916 in Oakland, California, with a fierce commitment to those words and born out of the necessity and constant struggle of the disenfranchised community, knowing that tangible sacrifices would soon follow to ensure the working men and women of the East Bay would be protected by this promise.

This chartering occurred during a time when the City of Oakland was growing by leaps and bounds due in part by the industrial explosion in the San Francisco Bay Area, LiUNA Local 304—Alameda County served the communities of not just Oakland, but the surrounding cities that make up Alameda County.

Further, the San Francisco earthquake of 1906 helped double Alameda County's population and industry overnight. During this time, Oakland became host to over 50 assembly and component plants with close to 300,000 residents many of whom became lifelong members of LiUNA Local 304—Alameda County.

With construction of marvels such as Kaiser's Bay Bridge and Bechtel's Golden Gate Bridge, the Laborers served a real need to the construction industry not just as a work force but as a melting pot of sorts, bringing the majority of white male unionized workers together with both the immigrant Mexican and African American workers at the time. The early years of organizing were especially difficult due to the anti-union climate in Oakland and the Alameda County government.

Throughout the decades in the face of adversity and antagonism, LiUNA Local 304—Alameda County has never forgotten that they exist because of loyalty to their members. Regardless of their successes and failures, their members, families and community will always be at the heart of their work and their commitment to the mission. Today, with more than 30,000 brothers and sisters in Northern California, of which 5,000 reside in Alameda County, they continue to do outstanding work.

On behalf of the residents of California's 13th Congressional District, I extend my sincerest congratulations to LiUNA Local 304—Alameda County on the special occasion of its Centennial Anniversary. I thank LiUNA Local 304—Alameda County for providing critical unionization and protection for labor workers and their families in my district, and wish them many more years of success.

IN RECOGNITION OF TOYS FOR TOTS PROGRAM COORDINATOR FRANK HOLTZ

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to acknowledge Frank Holtz, the Loudoun County Toys for Tots Program Coordinator, and 2015 Local Coordinator of the Year for Northern Virginia.

Mr. Holtz, a Loudoun County resident since 1985, and a Leesburg resident since 1995, has been the program coordinator since 2012. With more than 28 years of service to our nation as a retired United States Marine Corps Gunnery Sergeant Reservist, as well as the former Police Supervisor of the United States Capitol Police, Mr. Holtz embodies the very best of this nation's values through his service to our community. I would also like to personally commend his continued dedication to the Loudoun County Crime Commission, of which he is the Vice-Chairman, as well as his exemplary role in service on the Loudoun County Transportation Commission as the Leesburg representative.

Through Mr. Holtz's outstanding leadership, Toys for Tots in Loudoun County has distributed more than 23,000 toys to less fortunate children. I would like to personally commend the men and women of Toys for Tots who so generously commit both time and supplies to the program, without asking anything in return. Although the campaign begins in October, many tasks begin as early as August to ensure the success of the program each year. Frank Holtz and every volunteer at Toys for Tots deserve immense praise. The continued success of the program is a clear testament to the outstanding work which is conducted by these exemplary individuals and they are deserving of recognition.

Mr. Speaker, it brings me immense pride to recognize such a fine man, and I sincerely hope that we all can live up to his tremendous example. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Frank Holtz of the Loudoun County Toys for Tots program. I wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

HONORING JAMES O'NEILL

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 25, 2016

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of a Bronx community leader, icon, and hero, Mr. James O'Neill, who passed away suddenly on July 17, 2016 at the age of 59.

James, or Jimmy as he was known, lived a life that was dedicated fully to service. He was born and raised in the Bronx and attended Visitation School as well as Cardinal Hayes High School where he graduated. Jimmy then joined the New York Police Department in November of 1979 where he rose to the rank of Sergeant Supervisor as a member of Mayor Rudy Giuliani's personal protective detail before retiring in 2000.

But retirement did not slow Jimmy down. After the devastation of 9/11 he sought to