

As is true of our missing service men and women, they deserve nothing less.

TRIBUTE TO REAR ADM. THOMAS
A. MERCER, USN

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 18, 1995

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, it is my great honor to rise today in salute of an outstanding individual, community and military leader. Mr. Speaker, Rear Adm. Thomas A. Mercer, who until recently commanded the Naval Postgraduate School, provided 33 years of service to the U.S. Navy and to my central coast community. His contributions will be remembered and sorely missed.

Graduating with distinction from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1962, Rear Admiral Mercer served a 3-year tour of duty in the U.S. Navy, including a Southeast Asia combat deployment. He later attended the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, CA and was awarded a master of science degree in aeronautical engineering in 1969.

Rear Admiral Mercer's remarkable career has been demonstrated by his assignments and duties throughout the country and the world. He has been awarded 17 medals and awards that recognize his distinguished service, including the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, Distinguished Service Medal and Defense Superior Service Medal. I am very pleased to commend Rear Admiral Mercer for his contributions to our country.

In addition, Rear Admiral Mercer significantly contributed to the Monterey Peninsula community. He has served as the superintendent of the Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, CA since January 1993. His contributions there helped to retain the school in Monterey and he has worked with other institutions of higher education to make the region a center of excellence for education and research. Rear Admiral Mercer has also helped many organizations in the Monterey region, including outreach programs to schools, the American Legion, the Salinas Air Show and many more.

We are indeed fortunate to have a national resource like the Naval Postgraduate School in our community, but more so since Rear Admiral Mercer has been its superintendent for the past 2½ years. It is said that Rear Admiral Mercer left every command in better shape than when he arrived and I agree. The Naval Postgraduate School and the entire community have benefited from his leadership. On behalf of a grateful community and country, I wish him congratulations, and very best wishes for a happy and healthy retirement.

IN HONOR OF THE POLISH MARTYRS
MEMORIALIZED AT THE
KATYN MEMORIAL MONUMENT

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 18, 1995

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Polish officers, citizens and prisoners of war who were massacred in 1940 by

the Stalinist Soviet Government. The Katyn Forest Massacre Memorial Committee will have a memorial service on September 17, 1995 to honor the Polish victims. A mass will be celebrated at 12 noon at the monument site.

Many times throughout history, mankind has committed unspeakable crimes that have horrified the world. In April 1940 more than 25,000 people were rounded up by the Soviet Government. Their only crime was that they were born Polish and considered enemies of the state. Their hands were tied behind their backs and they were shot in the back of the head. Their bodies were burned and scattered throughout various locations such as Katyn Forest.

This year marks the 55th anniversary of the brutal Katyn Forest Massacre. The order to execute the Polish citizens was issued on March 5, 1940. The order is a reminder to us that we must remain ever vigilant against intolerance and inhumanity. Their massacre was a genocidal act and we must never forget their suffering and sacrifice.

A memorial was erected at Exchange Place in Jersey City. The monument commemorates the sacrifice of these innocent victims. The Katyn Forest Massacre was a crime against humanity. This elegant memorial serves as a reminder of man's cruelty to man.

I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring these Polish martyrs. They represent a lost generation of Polish citizens. Their memories live on at the Katyn Memorial Monument.

SPECIAL SALUTE TO MORT
MANDEL, CLEVELAND PHILANTHROPIST

HON. LOUIS STOKES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 18, 1995

Mr. STOKES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an outstanding philanthropist of my congressional district. Mort Mandel is the chairman and CEO of Premier Industrial Corp. and has spent his life not just donating finances, but also finding innovative ways to improve the Cleveland area and the world. I want to share with my colleagues some of the contributions of this outstanding individual.

Foundations established by Mort Mandel and his family distribute grants for management training, neighborhood renewal, the arts, and health care. Mr. Mandel's Premier Industrial Corp. created a non-profit agency for improvement of the neighborhood in which it operates, and created a school for non-profit management at Case Western Reserve University. Mr. Mandel has also given extensively to the United Way, and has contributed to the creation of the Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences at Case Western Reserve University.

Mort Mandel has for a number of years been a strong supporter and financial contributor to the 11th Congressional District's Annual Christmas Party for poor residents of my district. These are people who would have no Christmas for themselves and their children if it were not for philanthropists such as Mort Mandel.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to salute Mort Mandel today. Mort Mandel has given his

time, ideas, and funding to creative philanthropy. He has used his success to increase opportunities for people's advancement and to implement neighborhood improvement. I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to this exceptional individual.

GIVING LIVES OF TWO CLEVELAND
PHILANTHROPISTS

(By Janet Beighle French)

Why people give has long intrigued those responsible for garnering support for privately funded organizations.

The lives of two Cleveland philanthropists, one present, one past, provide some answers. And, as is typical in Cleveland, their gifts were not only of money, but of time, too.

THE MANDEL TRADITION

"I want to light another candle or 10, maybe many candles, to help eliminate the nightmares around us," said Mort Mandel, chairman and CEO of Premier Industrial Corp.

Mandel's parents, Sam and Rose, set the example.

"They were not wealthy, but they always extended helping hands to others," said Mandel. "When they could hardly pay the rent, mother would squirrel away \$11 for someone, perhaps for a wedding dress, a doctor bill, a refrigerator or stove.

"By the time I was 10 years old, I had internalized a sense that [compassionate, personal giving] was an obligation and an opportunity to help," said Mandel. "My brothers did, too. As we could, we began giving away money."

Along the way, their Premier Industrial Corp. became very successful.

Now, said Mandel, he uses that ability, giving systematically and effectively to stimulate new ideas that will help heal the world.

He and older brothers Jack and Joseph have established a foundation for each family, three private and one corporate, with total assets estimated in 1991 to be more than \$160 million. That year, the four foundations distributed more than \$2.5 million in grants.

Management training, neighborhood renewal, the arts and health care were among major beneficiaries. The Mandels also have given generously to Jewish causes; Mort Mandel is a past president of the Jewish Community Federation of Cleveland.

In 1993, the brothers hired Richard Shatten away from Cleveland Tomorrow (itself foundation-inspired) to operate their foundations. At the time, Mort Mandel said the brothers intended to leave to charity a "very large" portion of their combined fortunes, then worth about \$1.5 billion. The result could be a foundation that would join the Cleveland and Gund foundations as a major force in Cleveland philanthropy.

"We are more pro-active than other foundations," said Mandel. "We use our brains, contacts and money to improve, change, fill a vacuum. We work very hard at it and put in time."

Premier is located in the Midtown Corridor, on Cleveland's near East Side. It created a nonprofit agency to help improve the neighborhood, which Mandel cites as among his top accomplishments. "It's now an umbrella agency, called Neighborhood Progress Inc. The Cleveland and Gund Foundations supported it, too, but we were the largest funder.

"We also started the Mandel Center for Non-Profit Management [at Case Western Reserve University], to see if we could improve the quality of management for nonprofits, so they could do a better job.

"It's been 10 years now and the program has graduated many people. And now they run everything from museums to settlement houses."

Last week, the Mandels were recognized for their longstanding commitment to United Way Services, and their gift of \$1.2 million toward the purchase of the agency's new headquarters on Euclid Ave. to be named the Mandel Community Building.

Mandel gifts have also helped in the creation of the Mandel School of Applied Sciences at Case Western Reserve University, and the Mandel Jewish Community Center in Beachwood.

Mandel's grown children are also very philanthropic, he said.

"That's probably the greatest gift Barbara and I have given our kids—their values," said Mandel.

MATHER RECYCLED MONEY

Samuel L. Mather was injured in an explosion at his father's mining company just as he was about to enter Harvard University. He spent three years as an invalid, perhaps inspiring his gifts to medicine and the arts.

But inherited religious conviction was more likely behind Mather's indefatigable giving, said his great-grandson Sterling "Ted" McMillen.

Mather's "core, prime passion," McMillen said, was the Episcopal Church, which he served in local, national and ecumenical capacities and as director of the Bethel and City Mission.

"Mather believed you earned money to recycle it and try to bring about God's pure vision," he said. "In New England, where the Mathers came from, religion called the shots."

Boston preacher Increase Mather was president of Harvard. His son Cotton was a preacher, author, mystic, politician and a founder of Yale.

Samuel Mather Jr. was one of the first 49 shareholders in the Connecticut Land Company, which bought the Western Reserve in 1792. By 1809, he owned four townships. Only he, of the 49, sent a descendant here.

Son Samuel Livingston Mather arrived in 1843 to set up a law practice and see to his father's interests. He founded Cleveland Iron Mining Co. (later Cleveland-Cliffs Co.) and fathered William Gwinn and Samuel.

The sons inherited the family propensity to make money and were ultimately credited with writing the book on the iron and steel business of their era. William took over Cleveland-Cliffs. Samuel helped found Pickands Mather Co. and built it into the region's second-largest iron ore company.

Samuel and Flora Stone Mather lived very well, in the most expensive house on Euclid Ave's Millionaires' Row. Mather died the state's richest man in 1931, even though he retired at age 50 and spent 30 years funding and directing nonprofit organizations.

But the Mathers gave time as well as money. He spent a half-century helping to support Lakeside/University Hospitals, 30 as chairman (thus the new Samuel L. Mather Pavilion). He helped rebuild the Cleveland Clinic after the disastrous 1929 explosion. He was an original trustee of the Cleveland Museum of Art, vice president of University School, and a trustee of Western Reserve University. He helped underwrite Kenyon College and the Library Association.

Flora funded three buildings for and underwrote Western Reserve University's College for Women, later renamed in her honor. She and her husband funded and led Hiram and Goodrich Houses, which offered social programs for immigrants. Some of these programs evolved into the social work school at the university, the Visiting Nurse Association and the Cleveland Society for the Blind.

Samuel Mather was president of the Children's Aid Society and the Home for Aged Women, on the board of the National Civic

Federation and American Red Cross. When he began directing the Community Fund (later United Way), givers multiplied 10 times. He remained director and top contributor for 21 years.

Mather succeeded because he was passionate about everything he did, said McMillen. And he was directly involved. Contemporaries noted that he approached any task with enthusiasm, keen observation and analysis, a superb memory, and the ability to get to the point.

"Philanthropy is an incredibly fulfilling thing to do," McMillen said. "All of the family still have civic interests."

McMillen is a trustee of the art museum and of the \$3.8-million S. Livingston Mather Charitable Trust which supports cultural programs, education, child welfare, social services and mental health, youth services and conservation. He also supports the Children's Aid Society.

TRIBUTE TO HOME HEALTH CARE WORKERS

HON. RONALD D. COLEMAN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 18, 1995

Mr. COLEMAN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity today to extend my gratitude to all of the thousands of nurses, therapists, physicians, and home care aides who have devoted their lives to provide in-home health care.

Home care is a wonderful way to treat sick and disabled individuals without having to separate them from their familiar and comfortable surroundings. Because it is so popular, home care is the fastest growing sector of American health care delivery today. Between 1990 and 1994, the number of Medicare beneficiaries that received home health services almost doubled.

However, despite the fact that health care increase in services costs in general have risen at enormous rates, the cost of this service has been increasing at a rate far below that of the Consumer Price Index. In fact, Medicare payments for this service had leveled off in 1993 and were well below projected levels of spending in 1994.

Certainly, this is an economical and caring way to provide for our sick and disabled with health care that they can rely upon. It also benefits the families that live with the individuals who require home care by allowing them to have day to day contact with their loved ones.

I believe that home health care is the type of system we need to put more emphasis on when Congress structures its debate on health care reform.

EXPLANATION OF RECORDED ABSENCE FOR ROLLCALL VOTE 646, FINAL PASSAGE OF H.R. 2126, THE DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 1996

HON. WILLIAM F. GOODLING

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 18, 1995

Mr. GOODLING. Mr. Speaker, I regret the official RECORD does not reflect my strong

support for H.R. 2126, the Defense Appropriations Act for fiscal year 1996.

I was recorded for each of the votes immediately preceding final passage of the bill. Inexplicably, the RECORD does not reflect my vote supporting final passage of the bill, which I cast electronically. It is my understanding I am not the only Member who has been misrepresented in this manner.

Again, I would like the RECORD to reflect that I cast an "aye" vote on rollcall No. 646.

TRIBUTE TO SHERIFF WILLIAM H. HACKEL

HON. DAVID E. BONIOR

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 18, 1995

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to my good friend, Macomb County Sheriff, William H. Hackel. Sheriff Hackel was named as the winner of the 1995 Distinguished Citizen's Award by the Clinton Valley Council of the Boy Scouts of America. On September 14, 1995, Sheriff Hackel was honored by the Boy Scouts at an award dinner held at the Fern Hill Country Club in Clinton Township, MI.

Sheriff Hackel began his career with the Macomb County Sheriff's Department as a deputy over 30 years ago. In 1976, the people of Macomb elected him to serve as Sheriff. During these three decades, Sheriff Hackel has earned the well-deserved reputation as a tough and innovative crime fighter.

Sheriff Hackel has assumed leadership roles in many local, State, and national criminal justice organizations. He has served on the Advisory Committee of the Macomb Community College Criminal Justice Program and as a member of the Michigan Commission of Criminal Justice. Previous Michigan Governors William Milliken and James Blanchard both appointed him to serve on the Michigan Law Enforcement Officers' Training Council. In all of his roles, he has worked to see that the community he serves has the best trained and most professional law officers possible.

In addition to helping coordinate law enforcement officials from all levels of government, Sheriff Hackel has also placed a priority on crime prevention. It is not uncommon to see Sheriff Hackel at numerous community events. He is always working with groups and attending functions where he can reach out to the public, especially children. In the words of one of his deputies, a DARE officer, Sheriff Hackel has always made kids his number one priority. His support of the Boy Scouts, where he serves on the Friends of Scouting Committee, is just one of many examples. Sheriff Hackel is also responsible for bringing the first DARE program to Macomb County. He sponsors the Explorer Post at the Macomb County Sheriff's Office where young men and women have the chance to learn about law enforcement first hand. Annually, Sheriff Hackel participates in the March of Dimes Walk America, the Easter Seal Telethon, the Torch Run for Special Olympics and many other community and charity organizations.

Taking an active role in one's community is a responsibility we all share, but few fulfill. Sheriff Hackel has dedicated much of his life to this endeavor. I deeply admire his strong