TRIBUTE TO STATE TROOPER BARRY WASHINGTON

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON
OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, August 2, 1996

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the work that Trooper Barry Washington has done in curtailing drug trafficking in the State of Texas.

Trooper Washington is doing his part in helping to protect the war on drugs. Each year, he hauls in more than 1,000 pounds of marijuana and 20,000 grams of cocaine according to the Texas Department of Public Safety. In an average week, Trooper Washington sends two drug-trafficking suspects through the local court system. As a result the system has become so taxed with drug arrests that the legislature granted a county court wider jurisdiction so that they could help handle the backlog. And drug smugglers, many of whom depend on the stretch of U.S. 59 that Trooper Washington patrols, have noticed. Authorities say the smugglers are finding other routes to get drugs from Houston to other parts of the Nation.

Some have suggested that Trooper Washington finds drugs only because he is allergic to them; however, he would need more than an allergic reaction to start a search. He begins searches because he studies the fourth amendment and tries to read as many law cases that deal with searches and seizures as he can. He has taught classes on the subject to several city and county police departments. Additionally, he uses modern technology—his cruiser is equipped with a video recorder, and he wears a microphone on his uniform. During some of his travels up and down highway 59, he has found drugs inside tires, dashboards, headlights, doors, and just about every other part of a vehicle where something can be hidden.

I want to thank State Highway Patrol Trooper Barry Washington for his incredible record of service to our State and our community. I salute him for his commitment to keeping our streets safe from drugs and drug dealers. I congratulate him for a job well done and I hope he continues to match or beat his own records of bringing drug trafficking to an end.

TRIBUTE TO TEMPLE ADAS ISRAEL’S 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. MICHAEL P. FORBES
OF NEW YORK

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Mr. FORBES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Temple Adas Israel in Sag Harbor, NY, a cornerstone of the Jewish religious and cultural life on Long Island’s East End that is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year. From its early days as the Temple Mishkan Israel, Adas Israel has been the focal point of the Jewish experience on Eastern Long Island. Not only has it served the spiritual and cultural needs of its congregants, but the temple has fortified the cultural diversity of our entire East End community.

The history of Temple Adas Israel in many ways illustrates the Jewish immigrant experience in the United States at the turn of the century. Like the vast majority of their compatriots, Sag Harbor’s early immigrants established a toehold in the community, formed mutual-aid benefit societies, and founded cemeteries. As their numbers grew, they built a synagogue, which also struggled to redefine Jewish family life in a new world.

The first Jewish immigrants moved to Sag Harbor from New York City in the early 1880’s when the Fahy watch factory moved to the former whaling port, bringing hundreds of good factory jobs. Hundreds of immigrants from Russia, Hungary, Poland, and Germany, drawn to America by this country’s promise of religious and political freedom, flocked to Sag Harbor, attracted by the Fahy watch factory’s promise of economic opportunity.

In 1896, when Nissan Myerson paid $350 for the land along Elizabeth Street where the temple was to be built, the 50 families of Sag Harbor’s Jewish community established what would become Long Island’s oldest Jewish house of worship in continuous use. The synagogue was built and formally dedicated during the celebration of Rosh Hashanah in 1898. Legend has it that Temple Mishkan Israel received its first Torah from Teddy Roosevelt when the Long Island native returned to America with the 1,200 Rough Rider soldiers he led up San Juan Hill during the Spanish-American War. Quarantined at Montauk, Jewish brigade members held services with a Torah they procured, the Torah that Roosevelt donated to the temple when the brigade departed.

A bedrock of Eastern Long Island’s Jewish community, the temple attracted Jews from Montauk, East Hampton, Riverhead, and Westhampton. When Sag Harbor suffered economic decline after the watch factory was consumed by fire in 1925, many families moved from the village, and the temple saw a similar drop in its congregation.

In 1948, the year of modern Israel’s birth, when the post-war boom began to regenerate Sag Harbor, descendants of Temple Mishkan Israel’s founders revived the synagogue. Re-named Temple Adas Israel, the synagogue was soon again a vibrant focal point of the community. Leaving its Orthodox roots, for conservative then reform practices, the temple earned a reputation as a center of liberal Judaism, attracting hundreds of summer Hamptons residents to high holy day services.

Throughout its 100 years, the temple has preserved its community’s Jewish heritage, providing for its spiritual sustenance, and that commitment to cultural strength persists. Jewish community life on the East End has changed much since the founding of Temple Adas Israel 100 years ago. What remains constant is the temple community’s commitment to maintain their religious and cultural heritage, while enriching the entire East End of Long Island. Congratulations to the Temple Adas Israel, Mazel Tov.

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HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS, A MAN OF GREAT DISTINCTION

HON. JAMES A. BARCIA
OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, those of us in public office know the value of representing the interests of our constituents. Some who have assisted in public service continue to distinguish themselves by using their skills to continue to work for people who need someone who can take the time to study the details of...