

and family of the Milton and Shirley Gralla family as they come together to celebrate Shirley being awarded an honorary doctorate of humane letters from Yeshiva University.

Shirley Gralla's story is that of a child of Eastern European Jewish immigrant parents who came to America. Through her many talents, keen insight and most compassionate nature, Shirley has succeeded in giving aid and hope to those people seeking to come to America and experience the blessings of freedom and prosperity that she has experienced. For more than a decade Shirley Gralla has been recognized as an international leader in assisting refugee families trapped in the former Soviet Union. More recently, Shirley Gralla has become immersed in a comprehensive approach to provide Jewish education and communal services for such refugee families in the United States.

Mrs. Gralla has striven mightily to provide the emotional stability and compassion these people need to establish new and successful lives in America. In conjunction with her husband Milton, a Trustee of Yeshiva University, Mrs. Gralla has initiated a "Celebration of Religious Freedom," enabling Soviet Jewish couples who have immigrated to the United States to be remarried in traditional religious ceremonies denied them under the Communist regime. These ceremonies have taken place throughout the United States as well as Canada and Israel.

Shirley Gralla has consistently demonstrated that she can not only develop dynamic and far-reaching programs, but also roll up her sleeves and join in making things happen. In 1985, with her husband Milton, they sponsored a "Freedom Flight" of Soviet Jews from Bucharest to Israel and personally accompanied these refugees aboard the plane. As more and more Eastern European Jewish emigres obtained their freedom through the demise of the Soviet Union, Mrs. Gralla has extended her efforts and resources to assist and help stabilize these people through educational support programs at Yeshiva University and elsewhere. The Grallas have recently endowed a scholarship fund at Yeshiva University for such students. In addition, Mrs. Gralla and her husband have become Yeshiva University Benefactors by endowing the Gralla Family Research Center for Brain Disorders at the University's Albert Einstein College of Medicine.

It is in the truest tradition of our great country that we give of ourselves freely to assist others. Shirley Gralla has taken this timeless tradition and filled the lives of countless people with love, hope, stability and a realization that even in the darkest moments of one's being there will always be hope. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to rise with me in honoring this great woman.

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TRIBUTE TO SANTO SCRUFARI

**HON. JOHN J. LaFALCE**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 27, 1998*

Mr. LaFALCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to a great Western New Yorker, Santo Salvatore Scrufari. As a laborer, carpenter, foreman, and superintendent, Santo has played a critical role in enriching the econ-

omy of Western New York. As an active member and an officer of Local 280 of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America since 1964, Santo has spent decades helping his fellow union members and improving the lives of working families throughout the region. And finally, as my cousin, Santo has proven to be a trusted friend and family member.

The new year marked the retirement of Santo Scrufari, bringing to a close over 35 years of distinguished service. Santo's career began in 1962, as a laborer for the Scrufari Construction Company. Between 1962 and 1970, he quickly moved through the ranks, becoming an apprentice carpenter, then graduating to journeyman carpenter, and finally becoming a carpenter foreman. In 1970, Santo moved to the Smith Brothers Construction Company, where he served as a superintendent through 1979. Finally, Santo served as a general superintendent for the Peter Scrufari Company from 1979 through 1984.

These positions allowed Santo to play an important role in the construction or renovation of several major projects in our community. These building projects, which have all had a major impact on Western New York, include the North Tonawanda Library, Niagara University, the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station, the Wheatfield Salvage Treatment Plant, the Channel 29 TV Station, and several malls, departments stores, and supermarkets.

But this tells only part of the Santo Scrufari story, for he has also been an active and influential union member for well over 30 years. Santo first joined Local 280 of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America in September 1964, and quickly distinguished himself as a champion of workers' rights. Throughout his tenure as a proud union man, Santo held numerous positions of great importance to the union and its members. From serving as Secretary of the Apprenticeship Committee, then as Vice President, and finally as President of Local 280, Santo has touched the lives of hundreds of workers and, in turn, their families.

Santo's union service culminated in 1996, when he was appointed as the Director of Construction Organizing for the Western New York Regional Council of the Carpenters Union. In this and all other positions that Santo has held, he has proven to be a staunch defender of workplace fairness and safety, and other fundamental worker rights that we now take for granted.

Mr. Speaker, anyone who has come into contact with Santo Scrufari can attest to his dedication to the labor movement. Indeed, he will be sorely missed. As both his Congressman and his cousin, I would like to offer my very best wishes to Santo and his wonderful wife, Charlene, for a happy, healthy, and well-deserved retirement.

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TRIBUTE TO HOWARD MARCUS

**HON. SAM FARR**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 27, 1998*

Mr. FARR of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a man who devoted his life to this country, his community, and his family. Howard Marcus's commitment to service

began when he joined Peace Corps and continued throughout his life with an active involvement in local sports. He was a coach, a fundraiser, and a friend.

Howard was a partner with Newman & Marcus & Clarenback, Attorneys at Law. He obtained his law degree from the Brooklyn Law School, and his undergraduate degree from Hofstra University. He has served the community in innumerable ways for the past twenty years.

Howard was a Peace Corps volunteer in Colombia from 1967-68, where he devoted a year of his life to helping the poor help themselves. Howard's service will be always be remembered in Colombia by those he touched. We on the Central Coast will forever remember and be thankful for the influence his service had on him. As happens with most Peace Corps Volunteers, Howard returned to the United States with a renewed and much more ardent desire to help his fellow human and make a difference in the community in which he lived.

Howard was the author of "Basketball Basics", which was written from his love for the sport. Howard was recently head coach for the Soquel High School and Branciforte Jr. High School basketball teams, and a mentor to the students that he coached. He provided them with basic skills, but more importantly, he gave them a sense of pride and self-esteem.

Howard, a sports enthusiast, planned many of the fund-raising events for local sports. He was an active member of the booster club and helped get financing for the all-weather track at Soquel High School. He also founded the Santa Cruz Track Club, where he coached, and helped organize the wharf-to-wharf race which helps sponsors high school sports activities.

Howard will be missed by all those who admired and loved him. His community benefited greatly from his unique ability to coach and to care. Our hearts go out to the Marcus Family.

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TRIBUTE TO JOHN E. MOSS

**HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 27, 1998*

Mr. WAXMAN. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to join today with my colleagues in tribute to one of the giants of the House of Representatives, John E. Moss.

He retired from his career in this body in 1978. But the inspiration he gave to the members who learned at his side is with us still.

I was privileged to begin my career in Congress as a member of the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations of what was then the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce. John Moss chaired that Subcommittee. He taught us all what tough, fair, tenacious, and totally professional investigatory work could be. He used his power to make Government programs and bureaucracy do what they were supposed to do: carry out the laws and serve the public. And he did it whether the cause was popular or not, embarrassing to the Administration or his own party or not, whether he had to stand alone or not.

I particularly remember some of the early work he did around the issues of nursing home conditions, unnecessary surgery, and