TRIBUTE TO THE JEWISH COMMUNITY OF UKRAINE

HON. SAM GEJDENSON
OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, September 27, 2000

Mr. GEJDENSON. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to extend my congratulations to the Jewish community of Ukraine, and particularly to the Chief Rabbi Schmuel Kaminezki, on the reopening of the Golden Rose Choral Synagogue in the city of Dnepropetrovsk.

This event, which took place on September 20th, is very important, not only for Ukrainian Jews, but for Jewish people around the world. It symbolizes the hard work and dedication that has made the Jewish community in Ukraine one of the most vibrant Jewish communities among the countries comprising the former Soviet Union.

Today in Dnepropetrovsk Jewish orphanages, schools, food centers, community centers, medical centers, centers that provide care for the elderly, and centers for holocaust survivors and victims of communism, are all thriving. More importantly, more than 200 Jewish public organizations are active throughout Ukraine promoting and revitalizing cultural and religious customs and traditions for all Ukrainians.

While this progress is significant, I want to encourage the Ukrainian government to continue working together with Jewish community leaders to resolve the remaining property restitution issues. Ukraine's record in this area and the Ukrainian government's commitment to future progress will go a long way toward promoting religious tolerance and freedom and ensuring that all Ukrainians have an opportunity to build bright and prosperous futures for themselves and their families.

CONGRATULATING JAMES A. DICK AND THE DICK BROADCASTING COMPANY

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.
OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, September 27, 2000

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, on Friday, September 29, 2000, a remarkable chapter in the history of East Tennessee will come to an end. At the close of this week, Citadel Communications Group will officially take over Dick Broadcasting Company, located in Knoxville.

Nearly 50 years ago, in December 1952, the FCC granted Mr. James A. Dick a license to build a 1,000-watt, daytime only, AM radio station, and Dick Broadcasting was born. On March 20, 1953, WIVK AM–860 signed on the air.

From its first studios on North Gay Street, WIVK's early days were filled with programs such as “The Big Jim and Little Alf Show,” “Mull’s Singing Congregation,” “The Gospel Train,” “Archie Campbell’s Hilbilly Show,” and the legendary “Cas Walker Live Country Music Show.” Such future stars as the Every Brothers and Dolly Parton found a home performing on WIVK’s airwaves.

Later in the history of this radio station, we saw the beginning of the “Great Day Show” with Claude “The Cat” Tomlinson, Lester Longmire, and “Old Man Schultz.” This show would go on to dominate local ratings and remain virtually unchanged until Claude’s retirement in 1992.

The Dick Broadcasting Family has grown from a 1,000 watt AM station to 14 FM and AM stations operating in three states. Now a FM station, WIVK’s unique mix of country music, community involvement, personality, and of course, University of Tennessee sports, has made it one of the most-listened to radio stations in America from the last 70’s to present day.

For over 45 years now, Dick Broadcasting has sought to provide East Tennessee with the best in music and entertainment, and the most up-to-date news and information. When a severe blizzard hit East Tennessee in 1993, WIVK was the only radio station left on the air. In 1988, Dick Broadcasting purchased WNOX–AM 990, and donated the old WIVK–AM 860 to the University of Tennessee. The new 990 frequency had the advantage of being a 24-hour channel. WIVK soon started adding its own programming, and by 1992 had become its own entity as “NewsTalk 990.”

Mr. Speaker, I know that I join with the citizens of the City of Knoxville in congratulating Jim Dick and his staff for the many years of service and contributions to the people of East Tennessee. I am proud to call him a friend, and I wish him well in the years to come. I ask my fellow colleagues and other readers of the RECORD to join me in thanking Jim Dick and Dick Broadcasting Company for their many years of service and contributions to East Tennessee. Our Nation is certainly a better place because of people like Jim Dick and his family.

REGARDING SENATE AMENDMENTS TO H.R. 4365

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON
OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, September 27, 2000

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I voted against passage of the Senate amendments to H.R. 4365, the Children’s Health Act. I would like to take this opportunity to explain the reason for my vote, especially in light of the fact that I voted in favor of the bill when it was first considered by the House on May 9, 2000.

H.R. 4365 reauthorizes and revises a number of children’s health and drug abuse prevention and treatment programs. I am particularly pleased that the bill includes several new initiatives to combat asthma in children. The asthma epidemic has been particularly troublesome, national survey data indicate that the number of children with asthma in the nation has more than doubled in the past 15 years and the number of deaths attributed to asthma in children more than tripled between 1977 and 1995.

I also strongly support the bill’s provisions to expand efforts to assist children with hearing loss and autism, the provisions providing grants to states to improve the health and safety of children in child care facilities, and the new programs intended to help prevent birth defects.

However, I did not vote in favor of H.R. 4365 because the Senate included provisions
requiring the United States Sentencing Commission to amend the federal sentencing guidelines to provide for mandatory minimum sentences for crimes related to the manufacture, importation, exportation, and trafficking of methamphetamine and ecstasy. While I of course do not condone the manufacture, use, or distribution of these dangerous and lethal controlled substances, I also strongly believe that sentencing for federal criminal offenses should be left to the discretion of federal judges and that they should be permitted to take into account the facts and circumstances surrounding each individual case.

HONORING THE ROTH LIVING FARM MUSEUM

HON. JOSEPH M. HOEFFEL
OF PENNSYLVANIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, September 27, 2000

Mr. HOEFFEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Roth Living Farm Museum which has been designated a National Historic Site by the U.S. Department of the Interior.

Located in North Wales, Pennsylvania, the Roth Museum was founded in 1993 as a nonprofit organization thanks to a generous donation to the Delaware Valley College by Mrs. Edythe Roth. The museum is an historic farm of 20 acres anchored by a restored 1832 farmhouse and barn to provide visitors with a unique look into the history of U.S. agriculture.

The Roth Living Farm Museum provides an educational experience to all who visit the facility. Visitors to the farm can see sheep shearing, antique farm equipment displays, early-American and farm crafts, and resident draft horses, cattle, sheep, goats, chickens, rabbits, and duck. Homegrown produce, seaonal decorations and firewood are available for sale. In addition, interactive demonstrations are created to provide visitors the opportunity of learning about 19th Century farming.

I am pleased to celebrate this significant honor with the college community and all of Montgomery County. We are fortunate to have the Roth Living Farm Museum in our community and especially honored to have it receive this important designation.

TRIBUTE TO ANDRE A. GALIBER, SR., MD

HON. DONNA MC CHRISTENSEN
OF VIRGIN ISLANDS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, September 27, 2000

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Dr. Andre Anthony Galiber, Sr., who passed away this week. Dr. Galiber was a great leader of the medical profession, particularly in the field of Radiology, an ideal family man, an outstanding citizen and a great humanitarian in my district, the community of St. Croix and the entire U.S. Virgin Islands.

Dr. Galiber earned his Medical Doctorate in 1957 and completed a diagnostic and therapeutic radiology residency in 1965. His distinctive medical career began with an internship at the Howard University’s Freedmen’s Hospital, here in Washington, D.C. He also served as a Captain in the U.S. Medical Corps and was the Chief Radiologist at Fort Benjamin Harrison Army Hospital in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Dr. Galiber opened his private Radiology office in 1967 and became the first full-time, board certified Radiologist, in the Virgin Islands. He was and remained the only regional Fellow of the American College of Radiology. Dr. Galiber became the Director of the Radiology Department at the Charles Harwood Hospital during the 1960’s and 1970’s, and became the Director of the Radiology Department when the hospital relocated to the new Governor Juan F. Luis Hospital and Medical Center, serving in that capacity until his “so-called” retirement in 1984.

Dr. Galiber volunteered as a consultant at the new St. Croix Hospital and provided most of the technical training and professional services during the initial ten year growth period of clinical ultrasound. He performed and interpreted the first echocardiograms on St. Croix and was the first Radiologist licensed in Computer Tomography. He was a FDA accredited mammoradiologist and had been performing mammographies since he opened his practice in 1964.

His untiring dedication to St. Croix was also directed at strengthening and advocating on behalf of the medical community. He was an active member of the Virgin Islands Medical Society for almost forty years, serving as Secretary Treasurer, Executive Secretary, Delegate to the American Medical Association, as well as Delegate to the National Medical Association.

Dr. Galiber also served as President of the Croix Hospital Medical staff, was an elected officer Virginia Institute of Medicine, and presented, coordinated and monitored seminars for his peers. He was also the principal supporter of advanced diagnostic imaging capabilities at the Governor Juan Luis Hospital. Recently, he drafted legislation that was proposed by the Virgin Islands Medical Institute, to encourage Virgin Islands physicians training in the United States, to become licensed in the Territory. Most notably, he was a mentor and ardent supporter of students pursuing health science careers, of which I was one.

Dr. Galiber introduced several generations of Virgin Islanders to the devastation a hurricane could inflict. While most of the populace remained stunned in the aftermath, Dr. Galiber salvaged his radiological equipment, established electrical power and a safe habitat for essential medical operations and within nine days after the hurricane had passed, he was essentially ready to provide services to his patients.

Dr. Galiber was a charter member of the St. Croix Power Squadron. He became a trustee for most of their history and of St. Croix including St. Mary’s Catholic School, Country Day School, Good Hope School and St. Dunstan’s Episcopal School. Dr. Galiber was also the chairperson of the St. Croix Continuing Medical Education Committee which certified all eld programs to do post graduate training for physicians in the Virgin Islands. He was a member of the Eta Iota Iota Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity.

As an entrepreneur, Dr. Galiber in 1974 became the Project Development Coordinator/Secretary Treasurer, of the first Medical Office Company in St. Thomas. He was joined the Landmark Society, which preserves and promotes the values and influences in our unique architecture that has developed over the centuries, and our local cultural traditions. He was also a member of the Virgin Islands Lung Association and the St. George’s Botanical Garden.

Dr. and Mrs. Galiber were also collectors of original art by local artists even collaborating in commissioning many of the items he eventually bought. He insisted on authenticity and accuracy, in the depiction of what to us now seems the simpler times of just a few decades ago. One such piece, that was the result of his diligence, was selected by the Bureau, in its desire to have minority oriented art, as the poster for the Virgin Islands. The painting was a work-in-progress then entitled “Good Day Ladies”, when first viewed by the Galibers. The new name “Mr. Collins”, and the details of the painting were changed, to accurately correspond to names and events of the time.

Dr. Galiber was the recipient of many honors, including the Distinguished Physician in 1986 by the Virgin Islands Medical Society and the American Cancer Society’s Honoree in 1999.

On June 9th of this year, the Governor Juan F. Luis Hospital and Medical Center conducted a dedication ceremony of the Andre A. Galiber, Sr., FACR, Radiology and Cardiovascular Laboratory Suite. The unit was dedicated in honor of his significant contributions to diagnostic imaging. He was also recognized at that ceremony for implementing the terminal digit filing system that is still used today. Some of his peers recognized that he single-handedly established the Radiology Departmenst at both the Charles Harwood and Juan Luis Hospitals and that due to him, the hospitals will soon have MRI capabilities. His legendary diagnostic skills were praised and appreciation was shown for the tireless work he performed in other areas of hospitals.

His children consider themselves to be ‘‘Virgin Islanders’’ and claim that their father taught them to contribute their service to the West Indian community and to work together as a family. He encouraged them to develop their individual talents and actively fostered their personal development. He and his namesake, Andre Junior, won golf tournaments. Two others Dante and Cecile, played tennis at the Pan American Games. Lisa, a world renown fashion model, is multi-lingual and has a development consulting firm in San Diego, his daughter Caroline, a banker and licensed realtor, heads the Financial Trust Company in St. Thomas.

His wife of forty-four years, Edith Lewis Galiber, is a retired Director of Public Health Nursing in St. Croix. Four of his sons are involved in the field of medicine, one as a cardiologist, two are radiologists and the other is their business manager, and also a trained and registered Technologist in ultrasound.