

regional or multijurisdiction plans, to encourage true across the board interoperability.

Our Nation's public safety agencies' communications should not be at the mercy of Congress' funding whims. This issue is too important to require public safety agencies, year after year, to wonder what the annual funding might be. By dedicating funds from the sale of spectrum, we will ensure that funding will be set aside, no matter what happens in the annual appropriations process.

I look forward to working with my fellow members of the Energy and Commerce Committee, Chairman TAUZIN and Ranking Member DINGELL in moving this legislation so that we can help our Nation's public safety agencies perform their important missions.

MAYOR KAY ANN E. ADAIR

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 2003

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today on behalf of the citizens of Davison, MI, to recognize an outstanding leader in the community. On November 10, 2003, the council members of Davison will honor Mayor Kay Ann E. Adair for 18 years of dedicated service to the people of Davison.

Kay Ann E. Adair was born in my hometown of Flint, MI, on October 16, 1943. She graduated from Swartz Creek high school. Her political career began in 1985, when she became the first female to serve on the Davison City council. During that time she also became a member of the Davison Planning Commission, where she served until 1987, and then subsequently became an active member on the Senior Citizens Authority as chairwoman. In 1993, Kay Ann E. Adair made her mark in history, she became the first elected female mayor of Davison, she has maintained the post every since. During her tenure she has sustained membership on several boards, including the Genesee County Growth Alliance. In 1999 she had the honor of chairing the Small Cities and Villages gathering. Mayor Adair can also be credited with founding the Davison Beautification Committee. As mayor, she has become a beacon of hope for Davison. Her exceptional enthusiasm, strength and leadership skills have helped to make this city a better place. Mayor Adair is a tremendously respected individual. She is always willing to lend a helping hand or advice whenever needed. Her love for the community shows through her countless efforts. Upon retiring Mayor Adair will continue to work with the community, but as a spiritual leader. She is the Lay Pastor for the Mundy Church, located in Mundy Township.

Aside from being an outstanding leader and role model, Mayor Adair is also a devoted wife to her husband, Gary and a supportive mother to her daughter Sarah.

Mr. Speaker, as a Member of Congress, I ask my colleagues in the 108th Congress to please join me in congratulating Mayor Adair for service well done. Mayor Adair has been a positive influence on the city of Davison for the past 18 years. She has served her community with zeal and compassion. I wish her all the best as she begins this new phase of her life.

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF TEMPLE
EMANUEL OF GREAT NECK

HON. GARY L. ACKERMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 2003

Mr. ACKERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to call the attention of the House to a wonderful event that will occur this Friday, October 24, in my district: the 50th anniversary and rededication of Temple Emanuel of Great Neck. This synagogue, since its founding, has been a vital force in my community, instilling hope, providing opportunities for prayer, education and fellowship, and acting as a vigorous agent of tzedaka, of righteousness, charity and social action.

Since 1969, this energetic congregation has been led by Dr. Robert Widom, an exemplary rabbi, a community icon, a wise, decent and kind man, and, I'm proud to say, my close friend and counselor. Under his leadership, Temple Emanuel has grown, thrived and fulfilled its mission of providing a home to a dynamic liberal Judaism that promises and delivers both continuity and change.

Mr. Speaker, this wonderful anniversary recalls the divine promise of redemption made by Isaiah who foresaw the restoration of the Beit HaMikdash, the holy temple in Jerusalem: "Behold I will set down gems as your flooring stones and lay your foundation with sapphires. I will set your window frames with ruby and make your gates of carbuncle stones and your entire boundary of precious stones. All your children will be students of the Lord, and your children's peace will be abundant."

This joyous 50th anniversary of Temple Emanuel will celebrate and amplify the echoes of the profound spirit of the Great Temple. This anniversary will rightfully celebrate the creation, half a century ago, of a place for Jews to join together to commune with God, to ask for atonement and to celebrate the holidays and mitzvot established in the Torah. For a generation, Temple Emanuel has been the place for hundreds of Jewish families to celebrate simchas, births, b'nei mitzvot, and weddings; the life events which connect individuals and families to our community and to their faith.

The structure of this synagogue is not mere mortar or brick; it is not wood, stone or steel. This house of prayer, this home for a community, is founded on centuries of faith and tradition, it is built up with love and dedication, and its roof is an abiding faith in the promise made to King Solomon so long ago. Even as this congregation has matured, this structure of spirit has not aged.

Those of us who know this congregation, who know the people who, for 50 years have made it hum with activity and life and spirit, we know it's not just a temple, it's not just a synagogue: It's a shul, a spiritual home, a place that reflects the highest aspirations of an ancient people living proud and free in this great Nation.

Mr. Speaker, in the Jewish tradition, when a book of study is completed, traditionally we celebrate the success by offering encouragement to immediately return to the work ahead. This anniversary, this celebration of 50 years of sustaining Jewish life in a profound and modern way, is a real and deeply satisfying achievement. But it is an anniversary which only promises greater things.

Mr. Speaker, the words we say are "Chazak! Chazak! v'nitchazayk!" Be strong! Be strong! And may you be strengthened! Mr. Speaker, I ask all of the Members of the House to stand and join me in offering Temple Emanuel a hearty yasher koach, and best wishes for the next 50 years.

HONORING LUIS A. FERRÉ

HON. ANÍBAL ACEVEDO-VILÁ

OF PUERTO RICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 2003

Mr. ACEVEDO-VILÁ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to bring to your attention a great loss suffered by the people of Puerto Rico today. This morning the radios announced the passing of a great man, former Governor Luis A. Ferré. The people of Puerto Rico mourn this loss and celebrate his life. The former Governor embodied the finest Puerto Rico has to offer and he served Puerto Rico well. He was a true man of principles. With his death, Puerto Rico says good-bye to one of the latest Puerto Ricans of a generation that overcame great challenges to convert Puerto Rico to a prosperous, modern and developed island.

Ferré governed from 1968 to 1972, an era of great economic development for the island. He was a very popular leader. One of his great contributions to the modern Puerto Rico was the creation of the Environmental Quality board, the Departments of Natural Resources and Housing, and the Tourism Company. He also created the Youth Affairs Office. He was a true visionary.

As a politician, musician, successful businessman and philanthropist, he demonstrated the characteristics of a great Puerto Rican. Unfortunately, he has left the Earth today, but I know he has a privileged place in the hearts of all Puerto Ricans and in Heaven. My thoughts and prayers and those of my family are with his wife, Tiody Ferré and his family. May God carry you in the trying time.

CALIFORNIA MISSIONS
PRESERVATION ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 20, 2003

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 1446, a bill that would allocate badly needed funds to the restoration of California's missions. California's 21 missions are an integral part of California's historical landscape and their preservation for future generations is imperative. They serve as a window into the settlement of the American West and are key aspects of California's history, education, and tourism.

Drawing over 5.5 million tourists a year, the California Missions are the most visited historic attractions in the state. They account for a sizable contribution to the state economy from millions of tourists, including a large number of international visitors.

The missions also play an essential role in educating fourth-grade school children under the statewide history curricula. California missions serve an important educational function