

HONORING MAZAL MENASCHE
UNTERMEYER

HON. PETER DEUTSCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 4, 2004

Mr. DEUTSCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my appreciation for the work of an exceptional young woman, Ms. Mazal Menasche Untermyer of the Ben Lipson Hillel Community High School in North Miami Beach, FL. Mazal, a confident, bright, and charming high school junior, has worked as my nominee for the U.S. House of Representatives Democratic Page Program during the 2004 spring session. Sadly, today is her last day.

While in Washington, Mazal completed her duties as a Page with the same enthusiasm with which she approaches all of her numerous, diverse commitments. Mazal is an honor student, an award-winning member of her school's debate team, and volunteers at a local homeless shelter, tutors in a number of subjects, and has visited disadvantaged children in her home town. Mazal has not only done a wonderful job as a House Page, but she has also been a caring member of the South Florida community, earned the highest marks as student, and, as my staff can attest, has also mastered the arts of the brownie-baking and legging out an infield single in Congressional softball. Mr. Speaker, it was a pleasure to have a Page as hard-working and enthusiastic as Mazal. She has a bright future ahead of her and I wish her the very best.

CONGRATULATING MONSIGNOR
DONALD MCANDREWS AS HE
CELEBRATES THE 50TH ANNI-
VERSARY OF HIS ORDINATION

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 4, 2004

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, today I call the attention of the House of Representatives to Monsignor Donald McAndrews, who celebrated the 50th Anniversary of his ordination with a Mass at St. Aloysius Church in Wilkes-Barre followed by a banquet that was held on Sunday, where he was joined by hundreds of friends and parishioners.

Monsignor McAndrews has served as a priest, social worker, teacher and community leader throughout the past 50 years. He received his bachelor of arts degree in honors philosophy in 1950 from the University of Western Ontario, London, Ontario, Canada. He pursued his theological studies at St. Peter's Seminary in London in 1954.

Monsignor McAndrews was ordained into the priesthood on June 5, 1954 in St. Peter's Cathedral in Scranton by the late Auxiliary Bishop of Scranton the Most Reverend Henry T. Klonowski.

Monsignor McAndrews then received his master's degree in social work at Catholic University in Washington, D.C. in 1960.

I have known Monsignor McAndrews for many years, and I was particularly impressed with his dedication as a member of the Flood Recovery Task Force for the Wyoming Valley. I admired Monsignor's unrelenting commitment

to helping the thousands of people affected by the horrible tragedy of the Agnes Flood. The Task Force provided programs of assistance in the form of cash grants, food, clothing, furniture and medicine.

Monsignor's first assignment in the Diocese of Scranton was as assistant pastor of St. Ann's Church in Shohola. After four years there, he was assigned as assistant pastor of St. Patrick's Church in Milford. Monsignor served as assistant pastor of Immaculate Conception Church in West Pittston.

Monsignor served as chaplain and lecturer in the Sociology Department of College Misericordia in Dallas, Pennsylvania, for 10 years. He was then appointed executive director of Catholic Social Services of Wyoming Valley, as well as executive director of Catholic Social Services of Hazleton.

Monsignor McAndrews was pastor of St. Mark's Church in Inkerrman, Pennsylvania and subsequently became pastor of St. Aloysius Church in Wilkes-Barre, a position in which he has served since 1982.

Monsignor McAndrews had many great accomplishments while he served the Diocese of Scranton, including the founding of the St. Vincent de Paul Kitchen, which serves meals to 400 people every day. He later established a medical clinic there in conjunction with the Rural Health Corporation.

Monsignor McAndrews developed several social programs during his 50-year career, including the Court Advocate Program for the treatment of drug and alcohol addiction and the Prison Counseling Program at the Luzerne County Correctional Facility.

In 1983, Pope John Paul II named him Prelate of Honor.

Monsignor McAndrews developed the Big Brothers/Big Sisters program in our area. He also started Helping Experienced Adults Develop, a program that now serves nearly 5,000 senior citizens. In 1984, Monsignor McAndrews opened the Gabriel House in Pittston to provide safe and low-cost housing for single women.

Mr. Speaker, it is truly a privilege to represent a man who has devoted his life to his faith. I ask you and my fellow Members of Congress to join me in congratulating Monsignor Donald McAndrews on the joyous 50th anniversary of his ordination in the Catholic Diocese of Scranton.

100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE
COWETA COUNTY, GEORGIA
COURTHOUSE

HON. PHIL GINGREY

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 4, 2004

Mr. GINGREY. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to the proud history of Newnan, Georgia, the Coweta County Seat, and the beautiful courthouse that has resided there for a century.

Mr. Speaker, on February 12, 1825, a group of Creek Indians led by General William McIntosh signed the Treaty of Indians Springs, in which they ceded their remaining land to Georgia. Subsequently, the Georgia General Assembly divided the land into five parcels, which would later become the counties of Lee, Muscogee, Troup, Coweta, and Carroll.

Coweta County was named for a group of Creek Native Americans that lived in and around Coweta, one of the largest and most important towns of the Lower Creek Nation, and to honor General McIntosh, the chief of the Coweta Towns. The official act of naming the county on December 11, 1826, took place in the home of James Caldwell, which then became the very first official courthouse of Coweta County.

For two more years, the Coweta County courts would meet in Mr. Caldwell's home until Newnan was designated the county seat and an official log courthouse was constructed in 1828. In 1904, the spectacular building that now stands was built.

Mr. Speaker, as you can see, the Coweta County Courthouse has a long and proud history and it has come a long way from its humble beginnings in a log cabin. Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me in commending the great work of the people who have dedicated so much to keep this courthouse beautiful and its history alive. I am proud to represent the good people of Coweta County in the House of Representatives and I look forward to being with them during this 100-year celebration.

FALLEN HEROES

SPEECH OF

HON. CHET EDWARDS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2004

Mr. EDWARDS. Mr. Speaker, I represent the brave men and women of Fort Hood, TX, the installation that has sent more soldiers to Iraq than anywhere else in the Nation. Tens of thousands of Fort Hood soldiers have served in Iraq, and tens of thousands of families have waited anxiously for their loved ones to return home. All of these soldiers and families have made sacrifices for this mission, but this day we take a moment to remember the words of President Abraham Lincoln, as we honor those who have "given their last full measure of devotion" for this Nation.

Osbaldo Orozco, Narson Sullivan, Rasheed Sahib, Nathaniel Caldwell, Kenneth Bradley, Atanacio Hammarin, Jesse Halling, Christian C. Schultz, Daniel K. Methvin, Jonathan P. Barnes, Wilfredo Perez Jr., Leif Nott, Matthew D. Bush, Steven W. White, Sean K. Cataudella, Richard Arriaga, Anthony O. Thompson, James C. Wright, Robert L. Lucero, James D. Blankenbecler, Analaura Esparza-Gutierrez, James H. Pinkile, Joseph C. Norquist, James E. Powell, Donald L. Wheeler Jr.

John R. Teal, Animus D. Brassfield, Steven Acosta, Michael P. Barrera, Isaac Campoy, Karma S. Lau, Anthony D. D'Agostino, Frances M. Vega, Rayshawn S. Johnson, Genaro Acosta, Alexander S. Coulter, Scott M. Tyrrell, George A. Wood, Eddie E. Menyweather, Clarence E. Boone, Gregory B. Hicks, Edmond L. Randle, Larry E. Polley Jr.

Cody J. Orr, Gabriel T. Palacios, James D. Parker, Ervin Dervishi, Jason K. Chappell, Randy S. Rosenberg, William R. Sturges Jr., Juan C. Cabral, Holly J. McGeogh, Eliu A. Miersandoval, Roger C. Turner Jr., Henry A. Bacon, Christopher E. Hudson, Sean M. Schneider, Robert R. Arsiaga, Ahmed A. Cason, Yihjyh L. Chen, Israel Garza, Stephen

D. Hiller, Forest J. Jostes, Casey Sheehan, Gerardo Moreno, William W. Labadie Jr.

Felix M. Delgreco, Justin W. Johnson, Adolfo C. Carballo, Lawrence S. Colton, Wesley C. Fortenberry, Michael A. McGlothlin, Edward W. Carman, Stacey C. Brandon, Arthur L. Felder, Patrick W. Kordsmeier, Billy J. Orton, Kenneth A. Molton, Abraham D. Pena-Medina, Kendall Thomas, Adam W. Estep, Ervin Caradine Jr., Jeremy L. Drexler, Bradley G. Kritzer, James E. Marshall, Hesley Box Jr., Rene Ledesma. I send my prayers, my sympathy, and my deep gratitude to their families. Their nation will not forget their sacrifice.

FALLEN HEROES

SPEECH OF

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2004

Mr. CARTER. Mr. Speaker, as we approach Memorial Day, we should take a moment to remember the young men and women who are fighting bravely for the freedom and democracy of this nation and others. At the same time we must remember the families of those men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

All Texans fighting for a just cause will forever be ingrained in my mind, especially those who have become our fallen heroes:

Spc. Zeferino E. Colunga, Belville, Texas.
Pfc. James D. Parker, Bryan, Texas.
2nd Lt. Jonathan D. Rozier, Katy, Texas.

TRIBUTE TO MR. BRIAN WRIGHT
OF HOYT LAKES, MINNESOTA

HON. JAMES L. OBERSTAR

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 4, 2004

Mr. OBERSTAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and express my profound appreciation to Brian Wright of Hoyt Lakes, Min-

nesota who spent his junior year of high school at the Congressional Page School and worked as a congressional page for the U.S. House of Representatives. As Brian completes his page experience in Washington, I want to acknowledge and thank Brian and the entire Page Class of 2003–2004 for their outstanding work and superb service to the House of Representatives throughout the school year.

Congressional pages fulfill a multitude of tasks to ensure that the U.S. Congress operates effectively. Throughout the school year, Brian was responsible for delivering materials throughout the U.S. Capitol, answering phones in the Members cloak room, relaying messages Members of Congress, and preparing the House floor for session; Brian fulfilled these important responsibilities with enthusiasm, commitment, and dedication.

I know Brian will continue to apply the same dedication and energy to all his future endeavors in the future and I wish him great success.

FALLEN HEROES

SPEECH OF

HON. JAMES T. WALSH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2004

Mr. WALSH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to extend praise and remembrance to those who have given their lives in the defense of this nation.

We stand before this House, not in an effort to politicize the ultimate sacrifice so many have endured, but rather to express a collective gratitude for these brave soldier's willingness to embrace the virtues of America and band together under this nation's flag.

For as long as this nation has known war, we have embraced the heroes it has produced. Americans have rightfully noted the honor and nobility of courage under hostile fire and thanked those who perished in their defense. I believe Congress has a duty to do so as well; not simply as a body of legislators, but more importantly as a community of friends, neighbors, parents and Americans.

Since the United States was attacked on September 11, 2001, our nation and the world have changed a great deal. The way many Americans view the global climate are rooted, for many, in the context of our nation's defense against those who wish us ill. Never, since the fall of communism, has it been so abundantly clear that an ethos exists, which is loath to accept the freedoms and prosperity we hold sacred in this nation.

With this realization, came a growing need for men and women willing to take up arms in an effort to protect our American way of life and the freedoms so many of our ancestors died to entrench. Many have embraced this call as members of our active duty armed forces and the Reserve/National Guard. For that, this nation is grateful. The selfless actions of these heroes have removed them from their families, businesses and homeland to fight, so that others may experience the liberty awaiting our troops upon safe return to America.

For some, however, there will be no return. This inevitability of conflict motivates us today and echoes the reminder that freedom is not given away and our national security is not achieved without sacrifice. We cannot forget this, nor can we assert that honoring those who have fallen is political posturing. It is an obligation for members of this body to show Americans we have not ignored their sacrifices.

I consider it a privilege to join my colleagues in offering this contrite praise and remembrance as Memorial Day approaches. We must never forget or diminish the sacrifices of those who gave everything for this nation.

I urge my friends in this House to join in thanking those fallen heroes including, from the State of New York: Pfc. Tamario Burkett (USMC), Pvt. David Evans (USA), Cpl. Bernard Gooden (USMC), Pfc. Gregory Huxley (USA), Lance Cpl. Eric Orłowski (USMC), Cpl. Robert Rodriguez (USMC), Spc. Rasheed Sahib (USA), SSgt. Riayan Tejada (USMC), Lance Cpl. William White (USMC) and Sgt. Eugene Williams (USA). Their courage over the past two years and throughout the centuries has enabled this republic to endure tragedy and face the future with optimism.