

TRANSPORTATION EQUITY ACT: A  
LEGACY FOR USERS

**HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 15, 2005*

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, my statement on March 10, 2005 during consideration of H. Res. 144 was specifically about my support for the Pascrell/Menendez/LoBiondo Pay-to-Play amendment, rather than the rule itself. Most importantly, I would like to thank Representatives PASCRELL, MENENDEZ, and LOBIONDO for their steadfast work on ensuring that New Jersey maintains the right to reform its ethical standards.

URGING ADDITION OF HEZBOLLAH  
TO EUROPEAN UNION'S TER-  
RORIST ORGANIZATION LIST

SPEECH OF

**HON. CHARLES W. BOUSTANY, JR.**

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 14, 2005*

Mr. BOUSTANY. Mr. Speaker, four weeks ago the international community was rocked by the untimely death of Former Lebanese Prime Minister Rafik Hariri. Mr. Hariri was a progressive who worked tirelessly for the unification and stabilization of Lebanon, especially in the face of the continued presence of Syrian forces within his country's borders. In the days since Mr. Hariri's death, the world has watched as hosts of Lebanese have taken to the streets in order to stand up for an autonomous Lebanon. I call upon the European Union to assist this move toward Lebanese self rule by adding Hezbollah to its list of recognized terrorist organizations.

Hezbollah was first organized in response to the Israeli invasion of southern Lebanon in 1982 during the Lebanese civil war. It was, and remains, a guerilla group sponsored first and foremost by its Shia ally Iran and by Syria. Its goal is to establish within Lebanon an Islamic republic based upon the model of its Iranian supporter. Though Hezbollah has claimed it means to do so only by the consent of the people, the violence to which the group resorted from the 1980s to the present day have instead revealed the group as a threat not only to the international community, but also to the future stability of Lebanon.

During the final years of the civil war, Hezbollah was responsible for numerous destructive attacks upon both Israeli and western forces based in Lebanon. The most notable of these were the 1984 bombing of the U.S. Embassy resulting to the death of 17 Americans and the 1983 attack of the US Marine barracks in Beirut in which 241 American servicemen lost their lives. The organization's fight was in no way limited to the borders of Lebanon. The group was heavily implicated in the hijacking of TWA Flight 847 from Athens to Rome in 1985 and in attacks of the Israeli Embassy in Argentina. Hezbollah remains the main suspect in a series of approximately thirty kidnappings, including several brutal tortures, of westerners during the 1980s and 90s.

Despite the final withdrawal of Israeli troops from Lebanon in 2000, Hezbollah's inter-

national terrorist activities continue even now. The organization is still active within the southern Lebanese Shab'a farm region. Still supported by both Iran and Syria, Hezbollah operates cells in Europe, Asia, Africa, and both North and South America. According to U.S. intelligence, today Hezbollah is the largest terrorist network on the globe—much larger than even Al Qaida.

Sparked by Hariri's death, both the international and Lebanese communities have cried out for the removal of Syria's last troops within the country. While I too support this effort, I must nonetheless ask how will this ensure stability in Lebanon if a local terrorist group of this magnitude is still allowed to exist within the country's borders? By adding Hezbollah to its list of international terrorist organizations, the European Union would require its member states to freeze all Hezbollah assets and to seek out and arrest its members. By doing so, the EU will help make substantial headway in putting an end to the terrorist group and show its unreserved support for both the security and autonomy of Lebanon.

RECOGNIZING THE ACHIEVEMENTS  
OF HAYS COUNTY COMMIS-  
SIONER DEBBIE GONZALES  
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**HON. HENRY CUELLAR**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 15, 2005*

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Hays County Commissioner Debbie Gonzales Ingalsbe for her accomplishments in public service.

Ms. Ingalsbe comes from a family with a tradition of public service—her father was also a Hays County Commissioner. She is a lifelong resident of San Marcos, and has the distinction of being the first female commissioner in Hays County history.

Ms. Ingalsbe began her career in service as a Deputy Constable after graduating from the Travis County Sheriff's Academy. She has worked tirelessly as commissioner to improve the quality of life in Hays County. She has been especially involved in the issue of health care. She directed all of the county's tobacco settlement funds toward public health, permitting Hays County to build one of the most comprehensive and advanced public health facilities in the State.

Commissioner Ingalsbe continues to give of her time and energy to make the San Marcos area a better place to live. She is a member of a long list of community organizations, including San Marcos EMS, the Hays/Caldwell County Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, and the San Marcos Area Food Bank. Her commitment to her fellow citizens is laudable.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to have had this opportunity to recognize the many achievements of Hays County Commissioner Debbie Ingalsbe.

CONGRATULATING CAROL AND  
DAVID GREENWALD AS THEY  
RECEIVE COMMUNITY SERVICE  
AWARD FROM SELIGMAN J.  
STRAUSS LODGE NO. 139 OF  
B'NAI B'RITH

**HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 15, 2005*

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask you and my esteemed colleagues in the House of Representatives to pay tribute to Dr. David Greenwald and Carol Saidman Greenwald of Kingston, who have been selected to receive the Seligman J. Strauss Lodge No. 139 of B'nai B'rith Community Service Award. They received the award at the 59th annual B'nai B'rith Lincoln Day Dinner at the Woodlands Inn and Resort in Plains.

The Community Service Award is presented to outstanding citizens who, by their courageous leadership and dedication on behalf of humanity, have made a valuable contribution to the fabric of our society. David and Carol exemplify these criteria because of their dedication to making their community a better place.

David is the founder of Medical Oncology Associates. He currently serves as Chairman of the Cancer Committee of Wyoming Valley Health Care System and serves on the Board of the Jewish Community Center and the Board of Trustees of Wyoming Seminary. He has served as past President of the Jewish Federation and past Chairman of the United Jewish Campaign of the Wyoming Valley. He is a past Board member of the United Way. David has served as Chief of Hematology/Oncology of Medical Staff of the Wyoming Valley Health Care System. David was a past President of the Medical Staff and was recently elected as President-Elect.

David is a Magna Cum Laude 1966 graduate of Wilkes University and an Honor graduate of Temple University School of Medicine where he was named to Alpha Omega Alpha, the National Medical School Honor Society. David is a member of the Luzerne County Medical Society, the Pennsylvania Medical Society and a Diplomat of the American College of Physicians with board certifications in both Internal Medicine and the subspecialty of Medical Oncology. He was instrumental in establishing the Medical Oncology Patient Prescription Fund, a charitable endeavor that provides prescription assistance to cancer patients in need.

Carol is a National Certified and Licensed Professional Counselor and a Certified Grief and Death Education Therapist. She is also a Certified Sexual Assault and Domestic Abuse Counselor. She is a counselor at Medical Oncology Associates and a partner in Pierce Counseling, a private practice specializing in individual and family counseling. Additionally, Carol volunteers as a rape crisis counselor for the Victims Resource Center.

Carol was President of Hadassah from 1983–1985, a former President of Wyoming Seminary Upper School Parents Council and a member of the Wyoming Seminary Board of Trustees. She has served as a member of the Temple Israel Board of Trustees and the Boards of Directors of the Jewish Community