

The Baron De Kalb Council No. 1073 has risen from its humble beginnings, when a small band of men met in Grand Knight Rikeman's house, to its present day thousands strong membership that meets at the "Baron-By-The-Sea", a property purchased by the Council in scenic Sheepshead Bay in 1949. In 1969 members were devastated to learn that a fire had destroyed their "Baron-By-The-Sea", but no fire could destroy the members commitment, dedication and desire to reach ever greater achievements for their beloved Council. In 1973 Grand Knight Gus Rogers proudly led his members into the newly built "Baron-By-the-Sea", the structure on Nostrand and Emmons Avenues that continues to provide invaluable services to its members and our southern Brooklyn community to this day.

Therefore, on Behalf of the United States House of Representatives, I congratulate the Baron De Kalb Council No. 1073 of the Knights of Columbus and all of its past and present members for 100 years of dedication and service to our community.

HONORING SCOTT MILLER

HON. JEB HENSARLING

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 27, 2006

Mr. HENSARLING. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to honor Scott Miller for his outstanding leadership and dedicated service to his community and his country.

As an active member of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC), Scott appreciates the important relationship between the United States and Israel. Scott knows that the nation of Israel is not only a shining example of democracy in the Middle East, it is one of our nation's most important allies. And Scott understands the enormous benefits of strengthening ties between our two great Nations.

Scott Miller and AIPAC are virtually synonymous. Scott is former chair of the Dallas AIPAC council, and a member of AIPAC's National Executive Committee. As the founder of AIPAC's young leader movement, Scott has helped expand the organization and its membership in Dallas. This Sunday, he will also be receiving the Sam Wolfson Distinguished Leadership Award.

But AIPAC is just one of Scott's many interests. He is a past President of Jewish Family Service of Dallas, the CFA Society of Dallas/Fort Worth and the Wharton Club of Dallas/Ft. Worth. He has served as the Secretary of the Board of Directors of the Jewish Federation of Greater Dallas and currently serves on the boards of the American Jewish Committee and the Jewish Community Center.

Scott is also a leader in business, specializing in global investments as both the principal of Miller Global Investments, L.L.C. and founding member and partner of FCM Investments. Last but not least, Scott is also a dedicated family man. He and his wonderful wife Julie have three lovely children.

I am proud to call Scott my friend and it is my pleasure to recognize his distinguished service today in the U.S. House of Representatives.

LENEXA, KANSAS, POLICE CHIEF ELLEN HANSON WINS POLICE EXECUTIVE RESEARCH FORUM LEADERSHIP AWARD

HON. DENNIS MOORE

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MOORE of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Lenexa, Kansas, Police Chief Ellen Hanson, who last week was given the Police Executive Research Forum [PERF] Leadership Award. Presented annually since 1984, the Leadership Award has been given to individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the field of law enforcement over the course of their careers, who exemplify the highest principles and standards of a true leader in policing on a national level, and whose efforts serve as a model to the law enforcement community. PERF is a DC-based nonprofit membership association committed to promoting innovative law enforcement practices through research and experimentation, management and technical assistance, training, publications, and advancing the national debate on public safety issues.

Chief Ellen Hanson has been the Chief of Police of Lenexa since 1991, and her strong leadership and innovative programs have enhanced the entire region in several fields of police work. She initiated the Safe School Program that became a model throughout the Kansas City Metropolitan Area in the mid 90s. After the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks she helped organize the Kansas City Metro Disaster Tactical Response Team, a multi-jurisdictional response to chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, or explosive threats or attacks.

Following several officer-involved shootings in Johnson County, Chief Hanson developed a program called "Officer Involved Shooting Team" (OIST), made up of the most experienced commanders, investigators, and crime scene technicians in the county cooperating with the District Attorney's Office. She has also initiated a program to prevent underage drinking known as "Party Patrol," which received national attention on the CBS program "60 Minutes."

As PERF Board of Directors' President and Los Angeles Chief of Police William Bratton noted at her awards ceremony, "Both PERF and the police profession have benefited from Ellen's intense commitment to the continued advancement of the quality of law enforcement in this country. She has made outstanding contributions to PERF."

"Ellen Hanson is not only well known and respected by her peers in Kansas, but revered by colleagues around the country as an outstanding police chief and role model," added PERF Executive Director Chuck Wexler. "Her work with the Kansas City Metro Disaster Response Team is considered a model strategy for regional cooperation among law enforcement agencies."

Chief Hanson is also a board member of the Kansas City Metro Squad, another successful model of cooperation among regional law enforcement officials in major criminal investigations. She is an active member of the Metropolitan Police Chiefs and Sheriffs Association, has been involved in regional initiatives regarding racial profile training, and has led ef-

forts to establish child abuse prevention centers in her jurisdiction.

Chief Hanson graduated from the FBI National Academy in 1980 as one of the first female students, and was one of the founders of the National Association of Women Law Enforcement Executives (NAWLEE), which has provided support, training and mentoring to female law enforcement executives since 1995.

We are lucky to have Chief Ellen Hanson in Lenexa. Indeed, her career has been marked by her willingness to lead, not only her city, but our region, in cooperative efforts on a wide variety of law enforcement initiatives. I know I have certainly appreciated her work with me in instituting and maintaining an effective Amber Alert program in our two-state, multi-county area. I commend her for receiving this much-deserved national recognition of the essential role she plays in maintaining public safety within the Third Congressional District of Kansas.

IN SUPPORT OF H.R. 5216

HON. ELIJAH E. CUMMINGS

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 27, 2006

Mr. CUMMINGS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to offer my full support of legislation that Congressman TOM LANTOS, Congressman TOM DAVIS, and I have crafted entitled the Preservation of Records of Servitude, Emancipation, and Post-Civil War Reconstruction Act (H.R. 5216). This legislation would preserve and make more accessible important pieces of personal and American history.

By and large, Americans of non-African descent who research their genealogical history search through municipal birth, death, and marriage records. To the benefit of all Americans many of these records have been properly archived as public historical documents. However, African-Americans in the United States confront a unique challenge when conducting genealogical research due to the vestiges of slavery and discrimination.

Accordingly, African-Americans were denied many of the benefits of citizenship that generate traceable documentation such as voter registration, property ownership, business ownership, and school attendance. As a result, traditional genealogical research documents can at times be of limited value to African-Americans. Fortunately, slavery, emancipation, and post-Civil War reconstruction records have proven themselves to offer a wealth of useful genealogical information that African-Americans can utilize to better understand their history. Unfortunately, there is no comprehensive national effort to preserve these important pieces of history or to make them easily accessible to all Americans. In the absence of congressional action, these records will remain inaccessible, poorly catalogued, and subject to the deteriorating affects of decay.

The Preservation of Records of Servitude, Emancipation, and Post-Civil War Reconstruction Act would address this troubling situation. Specifically, our bill would require the establishment of an electronically searchable national database in the National Archives to preserve records of servitude, emancipation, and post-Civil War reconstruction. It would