

Clearlake, California. In Clearlake, throughout Lake County, and across the nation the members of the order, in keeping with their mission, have greatly contributed to the community and welfare of America.

The Mary Queen of Peace Parrish was chartered on December 17, 1981 with the mission to bring the values and benefits of the Knights of Columbus to Clearlake. Since that time, they have been active in numerous community charitable causes and have been model members of the community through their active civic participation. Their members are characterized by their love and charity for all, and their attention to members of the community, such as the elderly who may need companionship and support.

In Lake County, the Knights of Columbus have been the sponsors of many good works and projects. They have given ongoing support to People Service, Inc., an agency created to support members of the community who need assistance in their daily lives. They run an annual Tootsie Roll drive in support of the Knights of Columbus' work to help fund the Special Olympics and lend support to the annual Passion Play each spring.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, it is appropriate at this time that we recognize the Knights of Columbus Council 7899, Mary Queen of Peace Parrish, in Clearlake, California, in honor of the 25th anniversary of their foundation.

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HONORING 100-YEAR-OLD UTICA  
WOMAN, MRS. ETHEL HERTLINE

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**HON. MICHAEL A. ARCURI**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 22, 2007*

Mr. ARCURI. Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize Mrs. Ethel Hertline of Utica, New York who celebrated her 100th birthday on January 19, 2007. I am in awe of her years of experience and lifetime of joy. It is a pleasure to celebrate Mrs. Hertline's birthday and all that she has seen in her 100 years.

Mrs. Hertline was born in Chester, Pennsylvania, on January 19, 1907 to Edgar and Jessie House. She married John Charles Hertline on November 25, 1925 at St. John's Church in Camden, New Jersey. Together they had 4 children: John, Mary, Anna, and Harry; 18 grandchildren who reside in New York, Mississippi, Virginia, and the Philippines; 34 great grandchildren who reside in Florida, New York, Mississippi, Virginia, Washington, and the Philippines; and 2 great-great grandchildren who reside in Washington.

During her lifetime, Mrs. Hertline worked at Fort Schuyler Knitting Mill in Utica, New York, during World War II crocheting various items including afghans, bed dolls, and mittens. She also enjoys doing crossword puzzles and has a pet parakeet named Andy.

Mrs. Hertline has truly lived the American experience, and I would like to wish her another 100 years of happiness.

CONGRATULATIONS TO TONY  
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**HON. SUSAN A. DAVIS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 22, 2007*

Mrs. DAVIS of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate one of San Diego's hometown heroes on a very special occasion.

Tony Gwynn, who played as a San Diego Padre for 20 years, was elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame on January 9, 2007 for his great accomplishments in Major League Baseball. He will be inducted on July 29, 2007 along with fellow baseball legend Cal Ripken.

It is a privilege to be joined by my distinguished colleagues from San Diego, Representative BOB FILNER, Representative DUNCAN HUNTER, Representative BRIAN BILBRAY, and Representative DARRELL ISSA to introduce a resolution honoring Tony Gwynn for reaching it to the Baseball Hall of Fame.

With a lifetime batting average of .338, Gwynn is widely considered one of the greatest hitters in baseball history. Gwynn has 3,141 career hits, with only 17 players beating this benchmark. Gwynn has received eight Silver Bats for the eight batting titles he won—tying him for the National League record. He has not only proven to be a great hitter but a great defensive player, winning five Gold Glove awards. Gwynn has been selected to 16 All-Star teams and played in two World Series.

Gwynn is an exemplar of superior sportsmanship and a role model for Americans of all ages. In an era when money dominates the game of baseball, Tony Gwynn chose to play in San Diego and remained loyal to the Padres.

Gwynn is a well-known philanthropist, supporting the Tony Gwynn and Alicia Gwynn Foundation, the Casa de Amparo, the Police Athletic League, the New Haven Home, the Jackie Robinson Family YMCA, the Epilepsy Society of San Diego, and many more organizations.

In recognition of Gwynn's vast involvement in the community, he was named Individual of the Year at the 1998 Equal Opportunity Awards Dinner, was the 1995 Branch Rickey Award winner, and was the 1998 Padres nominee for Major League Baseball's Roberto Clemente Man of the Year Award.

After his amazing career in baseball, Gwynn chose to give back to the community by returning to his alma mater to coach the San Diego State University Aztecs. After leading the Aztecs to a conference title in only his second season as manager, Gwynn was named the Mountain West Conference Baseball Coach of the Year in 2004.

Madam Speaker, thank you very much for the opportunity to introduce a resolution today honoring a great man and superb athlete as he is inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame.

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TRIBUTE TO W.W. "FRENCHIE"  
LAJOIE

**HON. BART STUPAK**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 22, 2007*

Mr. STUPAK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a constituent of mine who has

spent the last 50 years serving his community in a local business with deep community roots. W.W. "Frenchie" LaJoie began working for Central Savings Bank in 1957 as a teller. Since then, Mr. LaJoie has held just about every position at the bank except for cashier. Today, as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Central Savings Bank, he continues to serve the community as an extraordinary banker and community leader. Like Frenchie, the Central Savings Bank is the oldest independent bank in the eastern Upper Peninsula.

Over the course of this remarkable tenure, Mr. LaJoie has always continued to put his community first, consistently working to see the Sault Ste. Marie (Soo) area grow and thrive economically.

Mr. LaJoie was raised in Barbeau, Michigan, graduating from Pickford High School. It was there that he first received the nickname "Frenchie," which has stuck with him for over five decades. As he puts it, even his teachers never knew his real name.

After attending Lake Superior State University, Mr. LaJoie played a couple of years of professional baseball as a catcher for the Graceville Oilers in the Florida State League.

Leaving baseball behind, Mr. LaJoie returned to the Soo where he began his tenure at Central Savings Bank. Starting as a teller in the then tiny bank, he quickly moved into the collections department, where he would re-write loans for customers that were experiencing difficulty paying off their loans. Frenchie was then transferred to the loan department.

Mr. LaJoie was named President and Chief Executive Officer in 1985 and Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer in January of 1994. To learn more about banking, Mr. LaJoie went back to college and graduated from the University of Michigan Graduate School of Banking and the University of Chicago National Installment Credit School.

Under Mr. LaJoie's leadership, Central Savings Bank achieved a number of important banking milestones as it grew and expanded with new branch offices in De Tour, Kinross, Pickford, Rudyard, Cedarville, St. Ignace and Mackinac Island. Mr. LaJoie was recognized by his peers and served a 3-year term as a Director of the Federal Reserve Board.

In addition to his professional accomplishments, Mr. LaJoie should be commended for his many achievements on behalf of his community. In 2002, LaJoie was named the Elks Lodge #552 Citizen of the Year. In April of 2004, he was appointed to the Lake Superior State University Board of Trustees.

His previous charity involvements include chairing the United Way Campaign, the Department of Social Service and the boards of Le Sault de Sainte Marie Historical Sites and Kiwanis Club. He also was a member of the finance committee for the Sault Ste. Marie Country Club. Mr. LaJoie has twice chaired Group One of the Michigan Bankers Association. He has also served on the Executive Committee and Legislative Committee for the Michigan Bankers Association. He is currently a Director on the Board for the Chippewa County War Memorial Hospital.

Madam Speaker, Mr. LaJoie's personal and professional record demonstrates how business can be not only profitable, but also strengthen and assist their community. In rural communities, having a local bank with truly local roots in the community can be essential