

Jewish Herald-Voice and its owners, Joe and Jeanne Samuels, have been honored by a plethora of Jewish organizations, both local and international.

One 100 years ago, Edgar Goldberg envisioned a newspaper that would reach everyone in Houston's diverse Jewish community, crossing denominations, transcending organizational boundaries and providing a platform for every Jewish citizen, regardless of affiliation. For 35 years, Joe and Jeanne Samuels, with their dedicated and talented writers and staff, have successfully continued the founder's dream and kept the promise of being "the voice" of the Jewish community of Greater Houston and the Texas Gulf Coast. Joe and Jeanne Samuels are great Americans, personal friends, and serve our community well.

Madam Speaker, I would like to congratulate the Jewish Herald-Voice for their 100-year tradition of service to the Jewish community and the city of Houston.

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HONORING MARIO CANZONERI

**HON. VITO FOSSELLA**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 1, 2008*

Mr. FOSSELLA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and accomplishments of Mario Canzoneri, who died on Saturday, January 19, 2008, following heart surgery. Mario and his wife Karen have been true and constant supporters of the community of 9/11 victims and their families. They have shared their therapy dogs—the Smile Retrievers—Jake, Jessie, Mattie, and Macie, with the entire community.

Immediately after the tragic attacks, Mario brought his therapy dogs to New York to help the families of the victims. Selflessly, and always at their own expense, Mario and Karen ministered to 9/11 families. They also traveled to Oklahoma City, to the TAPS program in Washington, to the campus of Virginia Tech, and to many other places where people were in pain from brutal losses.

Mario was extremely active in the community, attending every forum sponsored by Voices of September 11th and has accompanied the Pentagon families during their remembrance walks. I have heard many stories of young children cuddling up to the dogs and finding a way to deal with their grief on the anniversary of the attacks.

Mario proved that each of us holds the power to change the lives of many for the better. Although Mario's own life was cut short, his was a life lived to the fullest—a life that impacted others in a way few of us ever achieve. With purpose and resolve, Mario Canzoneri used his time on God's earth wisely and for the betterment of those around him.

In closing, Madam Speaker, I would like to extend my personal condolences to the Canzoneri family. Mario was a great man with a kind heart, and we are all in his debt.

IN HONOR OF JOHNSVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL'S RECOGNITION AS A MINNESOTA SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE

**HON. MICHELE BACHMANN**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 1, 2008*

Mrs. BACHMANN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the teachers, parents, and students at Johnsville Elementary School in Blaine, Minnesota. Last week, before a crowd of proud neighbors, this school community was honored as a 2007–2008 Minnesota School of Excellence.

Minnesotans place a high value on education. It's engrained in our state psyche. And, this makes this already great honor still more phenomenal. Only 7 schools in the state achieved this level of excellence for this school year. And, since the program's inception more than 20 years ago, in 1986, only 125 schools have been recognized as Minnesota Schools of Excellence.

This high honor is a testament to the hard work of Johnsville's faculty, under the leadership of Principal Patrick Murray. It is also a testament to the commitment of the parents of Johnsville Elementary. Individually and through an active parent-teacher organization, these parents form a foundation of support for these teachers and students. Together they form a solid and interlocking network that excels in all areas of academics and community involvement.

The Johnsville Elementary community is a model for schools throughout Minnesota and, indeed, throughout the nation. I was proud to join them in celebrating this tremendous achievement last week, and I look forward to this school reaching still greater heights in years to come.

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TRIBUTE TO SPECIALIST JOSE RUBIO

**HON. HENRY CUELLAR**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 1, 2008*

Mr. CUELLAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Specialist Jose Rubio, of 464th Armored Battalion of the United States Army, who was killed in the line of duty by an IED roadside bomb in Baghdad.

Specialist Jose Rubio was born on March 19, 1983, in Reynosa, Mexico. He attended school in Mission, Texas, and graduated from South Texas College in 2005 with an associate's degree in Computer Science. He married his high school sweetheart, Jennifer, in May of 2006, and had a son, Nicolai, who is now 11 months old. He is survived by his mother, his six siblings in Reynosa, Matamoros, and Rio Bravo. Specialist Jose Rubio will be forever remembered for his service in protecting the freedoms and ideals of our country and I extend my condolences to his family, and to his wife, Jennifer.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to have had this time to recognize the service of Specialist Jose Rubio in the United States Army.

TRIBUTE TO NEWS TALK 970 WKHM-AM

**HON. TIMOTHY WALBERG**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 1, 2008*

Mr. WALBERG. Madam Speaker, it is my special privilege to recognize News Talk 970 WKHM-AM on receiving the 2007 Michigan Association of Broadcasters Station of the Year award. It is with great admiration and pride that I congratulate WKHM of Jackson on behalf of all of those who have benefited from the station's commitment to south-central Michigan and dedication to outstanding achievement in broadcasting.

News Talk 970 WKHM proudly serves Jackson, Michigan, with faithful broadcasting of local, regional, and national news. Committed to exceptional community service, the station focuses specifically on the issues most important to the people of Jackson. Additionally, WKHM provides the most comprehensive weather coverage in the area and also broadcasts Detroit Red Wings and the University of Michigan Wolverines sporting events.

Each year the Michigan Association of Broadcasters sponsors a competition to recognize outstanding achievement in broadcasting by Michigan radio and television stations. The contest was established to promote the utmost quality of reporting, community service, and production creativity. The winners are recipients of the highest honor—peer recognition.

This year's award for Market 3 went to News Talk 970 WKHM-AM for its continued excellence in broadcasting. The station was the recipient of the same award in 2005. In addition to Station of the Year, WKHM won in nine other categories including Investigative News, Special Broadcast Personality, and Newscast.

Madam Speaker, today I honor News Talk 970 WKHM for its continued service to the Jackson community. May others know of my high regard for this radio station's diligent reporting and enthusiastic service, as well as my best wishes for WKHM in the future.

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HONORING TREVOR ANDREW GAUERT

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 1, 2008*

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Trevor Andrew Gauert of Kansas City, Missouri. Stanton is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1447, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Trevor has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Trevor has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Trevor Andrew Gauert for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.