

Today I honor Mr. Winestock not only for his distinguished career, but also for his service that extends far beyond the meaning of his title. In addition to his responsibilities as Senior Vice President of U.S. Operations, Mr. Winestock served as the coordinator of UPS Corporate Schools, the company's management training program, and participated in the UPS Community Internship Program at the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga. In addition to his numerous career accomplishments, Mr. Winestock sits on the Board of Directors of the National Urban League and also is a trustee of the MARCH Foundation.

I am truly honored to be able to call Mr. Winestock a fellow Georgian. His hard work and dedication are rare traits. I thank him for his years of service and I wish him luck and Godspeed in the next phase of his life.

TRIBUTE TO SGT. MICHAEL
ESPOSITO

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 18, 2009

Mr. ISRAEL. Madam Speaker, Today I honor the service and memory of Sgt. Michael Esposito, of Brentwood New York. On March 18th, 2004 Sgt. Esposito led his unit into a hostile compound, hoping to neutralize the threat from within. Working to secure the facility, Sgt. Esposito cleared three rooms, exposing himself to incredible danger by leading from the front of his team. Despite the presence of hostile fire, Michael approached a previously unidentified area, remaining ahead of his men. Sadly, the enemy engaged as he advanced, inflicting a mortal wound on Michael, and a grievous injury on all who knew him.

Sgt. Esposito's team—inspired by his courage and leadership—achieved their objective in the wake of tragedy. Assuming the lead position, as he so often did, Michael displayed the heroism that remains an inspiration to his fellow platoon members. On that day, and always, Michael displayed a willingness to put the welfare of others before his own. Through selfless acts of leadership, he provided an example to which all of us should aspire.

For Michael's bravery, sacrifice, and service, I am deeply thankful. For his enduring commitment to defending our safety and ideals, we are all deeply indebted.

On this, the five-year anniversary of Michael's tragic passing, the words of a brother in arms speak volumes about his character. His platoon leader, 1st Lieutenant James Howell, said of Sgt. Esposito "[he] was one of the most selfless leaders I have ever known . . . The platoon, and especially all of his men, took his loss hard. It is impossible to forget a leader like Michael Esposito."

A soldier, a friend, and a man of immense integrity, Michael will always retain a firm grasp on our memories. Today, our nation remembers the tragic loss of a cherished citizen, fallen hero, beloved brother, and adored son. Dedicated in his commitment to country and lasting in his impact on those blessed to have called him friend, Michael is and will forever be, sorely missed.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE WOMEN'S
ISSUES NETWORK OF THE
PANCYPRIAN ASSOCIATION

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

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Mrs. MALONEY. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the Women's Issues Network (WIN) of the Pancyprian Association of America. This month WIN honors Joanna Savvides as Woman of the Year and Evi Rafti and Eleftheria Saittis as Members of the Year at its annual dinner-dance.

Founded in 1996, WIN works on behalf of the Cypriot-American community to pave the way to success for future generations of Hellenic Americans and to promote Cypriot culture. WIN sponsors numerous cultural, health and educational programs, including breast and cervical cancer screenings for uninsured women. Additionally, WIN is committed to ending the decades-long Turkish occupation of Cyprus. This year, WIN honors the distinguished international entrepreneur Joanna Savvides. Born in Cyprus, Joanna immigrated with her family to America in 1980. She has served as President of the World Trade Center of Greater Philadelphia since its foundation in October 2002. Under her leadership, the non-profit helped 400 small and medium-sized companies expand on the international level, contributing to a surge in the volume of goods exported by businesses in New Jersey and Pennsylvania. She also serves as an adjunct professor at St. Joseph's University in Philadelphia. Renowned for her cross cultural and international business expertise, she is frequently sought after as a lecturer. Joanna serves as the President of the Cyprus Society of Greater Philadelphia and was a founder and director of the Cypriot Dancers of Greater Philadelphia. An accomplished linguist, her knowledge of six languages has proven invaluable in international trade. Joanna's achievements have been honored by many organizations. The Philadelphia Business Journal recognized her with the Women of Distinction Award. She has also been honored with the Global Business Award from the United Nations Association of Greater Philadelphia, the Global Leadership Award from the Consular Corps Association of Philadelphia, the Heritage Preservation Award from the Cyprus Society of Greater Philadelphia, and the Artemis Award from the European American Business Council. More than these many honors, however, Joanna cherishes her husband, George, and her children, Andreas and Renos.

WIN honors Evi Rafti as its Member of the Year for her efforts to further knowledge, understanding, and appreciation of Cypriot culture. Born the youngest of six children in Mosfiloti, Larnaca, she studied at Academia Thileon in Nicosia. Shortly after marrying her husband Christos, they immigrated to New York in 1969. Evi has retained a strong commitment to Cypriot culture as an active member of the vibrant Cypriot-American community in our nation's greatest city. During her years of volunteering, she has helped plan numerous special events such as parades, charity and non-profit fundraisers, and demonstrations. Over the past ten years, she has also served as a dedicated member of the Board of

Directors of the Pancyprian Dance Group. The mother of three children, Panayiota, Tatiana, and Stavro, she has instilled in them a love of Cypriot culture by inspiring their participation in the Pancyprian Dance Group and youth groups, and the Eleftheria soccer team.

WIN honors Eleftheria Saittis as Member of the Year for her dedication to the Cypriot community. Born in the village of Agios Theodoros Karpasias (now under Turkish occupation), she graduated with a diploma in fashion design from the Professional School New Horizon in Famagusta. To continue her education, Eleftheria immigrated to New York. Her family joined her after the Turkish invasion of Cyprus in 1974. Eleftheria is a dedicated and generous member of the Cyprian community. She devotes much of her time and energy to serving on the Pancyprian Dance Group's Board of Directors. She also works as a teacher's aide for the New York City Department of Education. She is devoted to her husband, Michalis, and her children, Prodromos, Konstantine and Konstantina. One of her proudest moments occurred when she graduated from the City University of New York with her granddaughter Evangelia in attendance.

Madam Speaker, I request that my esteemed colleagues join me in paying tribute to the Women's Issues Network of the Pancyprian Association of America and its distinguished honorees, Joanna Savvides, Evi Rafti, and Eleftheria Saittis.

HONORING MRS. MARY ELLEN
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HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

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Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor my friend and colleague, Mrs. Mary Ellen Mendelsohn, upon her retirement from the Federal Government. Public service is one of the most honorable and important professions an individual can choose. Mrs. Mendelsohn is at the top of her profession, working on campaigns and in government offices for more than 25 years.

Mrs. Mendelsohn earned her degree at Boston University and later went on to become District Director to former US Congressman Robert Mrazek. She later worked as Mr. Mrazek's Deputy Campaign Director during his bid for the United States Senate.

Mrs. Mendelsohn later became the President, MC Communications, a Public Relations and Intergovernmental Affairs Firm, assisting clients like the Town of Huntington, Child Abuse Prevention Services of Long Island, Housing All Americans, and the Columbia University Department of Oral History obtain grants from the public and private sector. All the while, she simultaneously and effectively managed campaigns for Hynes for New York State Attorney General and raised funds for New York State Assemblyman Thomas DiNapoli.

After successfully assisting Brooklyn DA Charles J. Hynes, Mrs. Mendelsohn was appointed the Director, Government and Community Affairs, Office of the District Attorney, Kings County, New York. She remained in this