

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RON KIND

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 11, 2009

Mr. KIND. Madam Speaker, I was unable to have my vote recorded on the House floor on Thursday, May 7, 2009, due to a family commitment. Had I been present, I would have voted in favor of H.R. 1728, the Mortgage Reform and Anti-Predatory Lending Act (Roll No. 242).

JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

HON. MICHAEL A. ARCURI

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 11, 2009

Mr. ARCURI. Madam Speaker, I am proud to rise today in recognition of Jewish American Heritage Month. This month provides an important opportunity to reflect on the diverse ways in which Jewish Americans have contributed to the vitality of our nation and the preservation of our values.

The history of the Jewish American community begins in 1654, the year that 23 Jewish refugees from Recife, Brazil, fleeing persecution by the Portuguese Inquisition, arrived in the harbor of New Amsterdam, now known as New York. Although not the first Jews to come ashore in North America, they were the first to attain rights afforded to other settlers, including the right to own property, to erect a house of worship and to engage fully in the political process.

Free to worship and participate in civic life, the Jewish community in the United States has since thrived. Over the past 355 years, the achievements of Jewish Americans in areas such as science, law, literature, entertainment and public service have enriched our country and helped to propel our nation into the 21st century. Their deep devotion to faith and family has strengthened the fabric of our nation and set an example for all.

Madam Speaker, I call on all Americans to join this month in celebrating the history, culture and contributions of the Jewish American community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RUBÉN HINOJOSA

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 11, 2009

Mr. HINOJOSA. Madam Speaker, on Thursday, May 7, 2009, I was unavoidably detained from voting on several amendments to, and final passage of, H.R. 1728, the Mortgage Reform and Anti-Predatory Lending Act.

Had I been present for those votes on the floor of the House of Representatives, I would have voted the following way: on Rollcall No. 238, I would have voted "aye"; on Rollcall No. 239, I would have voted "nay"; on Rollcall No. 240, I would have voted "nay"; on Rollcall No. 241, I would have voted "nay"; and on Rollcall No. 242, I would have voted "aye."

HONORING THE HILL HEALTH CENTER ON THEIR 40TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 11, 2009

Ms. DELAURO. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to join all of those gathered in celebration of the 40th Anniversary of the Hill Health Center—a private, non-profit community health center—the first of its kind in the State of Connecticut—which provides some of our most vulnerable citizens with the medical, dental, and behavioral health services. This is a very special milestone for this outstanding institution.

Too often, those children, families, and individuals most in need do not have access to critical healthcare programs and services. Now operating in eighteen locations and serving eight cities and towns, the Hill Health Center has become an irreplaceable asset to our community. Affiliated with both Yale-New Haven Hospital and the Hospital of Saint Raphael, the Center's staff includes internists, pediatricians, OB/GYNs, psychiatrists, psychologists, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, nurse midwives, registered nurses, LPNs, certified medical technologists, certified phlebotomists, social workers, nutritionists, registered dietitians, dentists and dental hygienists. The Center also operates six school-based health and dental centers. The Hill Health Center provides comprehensive, affordable care to hundreds of children and families—helping to ensure that every resident, regardless of age, income, or insurance coverage, has access to quality health care.

As we gather to celebrate this remarkable milestone, we also take a moment to reflect on the history of the Center and pay tribute to a man who was the driving force behind its success for more than thirty years; my dear friend and one of New Haven's most respected community leaders, the late Cornell Scott. His tireless efforts literally changed the face of healthcare in our community and across the nation. I had the privilege of working with Scotty over the years and I was in constant awe of his endless energy. Though he is no longer with us, Scotty continues to be an inspiration to so many and his vision, through the good work at the Hill Health Center—continues to make a real difference in the lives of others.

The Hill Health Center has and continues to be an invaluable resource to our community.

Providing programs ranging from outreach to the homeless to Birth-to-Three services for developmentally disabled children and from school-based health centers to a child and family guidance clinic, the Center's many services significantly increase the quality of life for countless individuals and families. As the first of its kind in Connecticut and one of the first in the country, the Hill Health Center has provided a model for care that has been successfully replicated and built upon across Connecticut and the nation.

The Center and its remarkable staff have made all the difference in our community and I have no doubt that they will continue in their good work for many years to come. I could not be more proud to rise today to extend my sincere congratulations to the Hill Health Center and all of its staff and supporters—both past and present—as they celebrate their 40th Anniversary.

HONORING THE DISTINGUISHED PRIESTLY AND SACRAMENTAL SERVICE OF REVEREND MONSIGNOR EDWIN JAMES PETERSEN

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 11, 2009

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the distinguished priestly and sacramental service of Reverend Monsignor Edwin James Petersen. After 50 years, Reverend Monsignor Petersen is retiring as Monsignor with the Diocese of Fresno, California.

Edwin James Petersen was born on November 8, 1933 in Los Angeles, California to Edwin Clarence Petersen and Maryellen A. Underwood. As a young man, Rev. Msgr. Petersen attended Randsburg Elementary School in Randsburg, California. His high school and college education was obtained at the Pontifical College Josephinum in Worthington, Ohio. Between 1961 and 1963, he attended Fresno State College in Fresno, California where he obtained his Masters of Art degree. In 1970, Edwin James Petersen was invited to study at the prestigious American College in Louvain, Belgium where he received his Masters of Art in Theology.

Rev. Msgr. Petersen has been appointed to serve many of our Valley churches beginning as early as June 1959 at St. Mary's in Cutler, California as an administrator. Shortly thereafter, he was appointed as an assistant at the Shrine of St. Therese's in Fresno where he spent several years working with the parishioners. Over the course of the next decade, Rev. Msgr. Petersen spent time as an administrator at Our Lady of Sorrows in Parlier, and then became a part of the parish families of St. Patrick's, Our Lady of Mercy, and Sacred Heart, all located in the community of Merced. Between 1974 and 2000 he was a valued and revered Pastor at Our Lady of Mercy, St. Anthony's of Padua and the Shrine of St. Therese.

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Always an advocate on behalf of those in need, Rev. Msgr. Petersen was appointed by all of the California Bishops to work as a Public Policy Advocate with the California Catholic Conference in our great State's capital of Sacramento. This work allowed him to effectively provide a strong compassionate voice for the traditionally underserved on a wide variety of issues.

Throughout his lifetime of service, Reverend Monsignor James Petersen has become a highly respected leader who has always demonstrated sincere commitment to the Diocese of Fresno. As he prepares to retire and embark upon new endeavors of interest to him, we thank him for his unselfish service and wish him the best of luck for the future.

TRIBUTE TO DR. HELEN GRAVES

HON. PATRICK J. KENNEDY

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 11, 2009

Mr. KENNEDY. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Dr. Helen Graves, an extraordinary woman who passed away April 21, 2009 at the age of 84. She was a noted and celebrated innovator in the field of experiential education and a devoted, civic-minded citizen of humanity.

Born February 21, 1925 in Pittsburgh, IL, Dr. Graves grew up in Southern Illinois, later deciding to study social science at Southern Illinois University. Upon receipt of a bachelor's degree, she acquired a masters degree from the University of Minnesota and later a Ph.D. from Wayne State University, at age 50.

During her career, Dr. Graves was instrumental in the development of young minds, preparing them for future civic duty and awareness. She established the first comparative political internship program in the Canadian House of Commons in 1984 and established the Washington Internship program, which she oversaw for 20 years. At the University of Michigan Dearborn, where she served as a professor from 1975–2006, she helped found the Women's Commission, which celebrated its thirtieth anniversary in 2006. She also earned the university's 1980 Distinguished Junior Faculty Award, 1989 Sara G. Power Award, and 1993 Outstanding Service Award. Dr. Graves established a number of new courses in the curriculum, including Women's Politics and the Law and Canadian Politics. From 1992–1995, she sat on the Screening Committee of the Fulbright Program for Canadian Awards.

Dr. Graves was recognized by the Canadian House of Commons in 1993, elected delegate to the Democratic Convention 1998, and appointed in 1984 and reappointed in 1986 by Governor James Blanchard to the Michigan Women's Commission. She was the first woman president of the Michigan Conference of Political Scientists 2004 and the Washington Center for Civic Education 2003. Dr. Graves' Michigan Internship Program was recognized by the Michigan House and Senate, and she nominated to the Michigan's Women Hall of Fame 2003.

The legacy that Dr. Graves leaves is an eternal reminder of the great work one is capable of accomplishing when answering the call of service to the fellow man. Her endless

commitment will be remembered, and her legacy lives on.

60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THREE BROTHERS BAKERY

HON. JOHN ABNEY CULBERSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 11, 2009

Mr. CULBERSON. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor a Houston institution, Three Brothers Bakery, on the occasion of its 60th anniversary. On this day in 1949, brothers Sigmund, Sol, and Max Jucker opened Three Brothers Bakery on Holman Street in Houston, Texas. They started with nothing but their hands to mix the dough—a literal interpretation of the term “handmade.” Eventually word spread around Houston about their delicious baked goods, and their hard work and determination paid off when they moved the bakery to its current location on South Braeswood in May of 1960.

The story of Sigmund, Sol, and Max Jucker is a tribute to the qualities that make America great. In 1941, the brothers and their family were sent to Nazi concentration camps. The three brothers and older sister survived the Nazi atrocities and on their liberation day, May 8th, 1945, the three brothers were actually all together in the same camp due to the ingenuity of their older sister, Jennie. Later they all immigrated to America, where their entrepreneurial spirit took hold and they continued the family tradition of baking which began around 1825. The three brothers were the fourth generation of bakers in the Jucker family. Using the family recipes to make rye, pumpernickel, challa, strudels and other Eastern European style baked goods, the brothers were soon rewarded with the a large and loyal customer base at Three Brothers Bakery.

Three Brothers Bakery continued to serve the Houston area until it was forced to close temporarily after Hurricane Ike, the third most costly storm in American history. The family—Sigmund, Sol's widow Estelle, and the fifth generation of Juckers, Robert and his wife Janice—could have taken the insurance money and closed the bakery permanently, but their deep commitment to the community and the family's baking history compelled them to rebuild and continue using the recipes passed down by their family for nearly 200 years, in addition to all the other pastries and beautiful, delicious cakes created for Americans.

Congratulations to Three Brothers Bakery for the last 60 years, and best wishes for the years to come.

HONORING JACK KEMP

HON. SOLOMON P. ORTIZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 11, 2009

Mr. ORTIZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a great friend, Jack Kemp.

I had the honor and privilege of meeting Jack Kemp when he was a member of the U.S. House of Representatives in the mid-80s during the Iran-Contra Affair. I was deeply

saddened to hear of his passing on Sunday, May 2, 2009.

He and I traveled with U.S. Rep. JACK MURTHA, then-U.S. Rep. Jim Wright, then-U.S. Rep. Bill Richardson and Alberto Bustamante to Central America during the Contra War.

I can say that Jack was a very decent man, who was committed and dedicated to representing not only the people in his district of New York, but all the people in this country.

In the late-80s, when Jack was named Secretary of Housing and Urban Development under President George H.W. Bush's administration, I had an opportunity to visit with him as we discussed policy and the development of housing in this nation, including South Texas. He was very receptive to what I had to say and took the time from his very busy schedule to hear me out, which made him one of a kind.

I clearly recall a very special moment in my life, when I, along with my staff, was flying on a commercial flight from Houston to Corpus Christi, Texas. We met Jack at the Houston airport and he noticed we were flying on a commercial plane. I remember him telling me, “You don't have to fly commercial—I have a chartered jet—come with me.”

Jack was on his way to speak at a Republican Convention in Corpus Christi, and when we arrived there, other members of the Republican Party saw he was accompanied by a member of the Democratic Party and joked, “What are you doing with this guy?”

That was the type of person he was—a considerate individual. And although we were from opposite parties, he was very respectful of my views of the governmental system as I was respectful of his.

Long before Jack was ever elected to public office, I knew of him from Robert “Bobby” Smith, a former football player of the Buffalo Bills who was born in Corpus Christi. Jack, who also played for the Buffalo Bills, and Bobby were good friends.

I want to offer my sincere condolences to Jack's wife, Joanne, and his children, Jeff Jennifer, Judith, and Jimmy. You remain in my prayers as your husband and father goes on to be with the Lord.

Jack's passing leaves us all in mourning; however, I, as well as those who loved him, know he will forever remain in our hearts and spirit.

I ask my colleagues to join me in remembering Jack.

A BLANK CHECK FOR MUBARAK

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 11, 2009

Mr. WOLF. Madam Speaker, I would like to bring to the attention of my colleagues an editorial that appeared in The Washington Post last week. The United States should not continue to give unconditional foreign military financing to the Egyptian government, as long as the regime continues to disregard the fundamental principles of human dignity. This undermines not only our values as a nation, but our credibility as a global leader on issues such as human rights and democracy.

[From the Washington Post, May 7, 2009]

NO QUESTIONS ASKED

Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates earned modest headlines in the United States this

week for playing down the possibility of a “grand bargain” with Iran after a meeting with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak. But al-Jazeera, the leading media outlet of the Arab Middle East, focused on an entirely different piece of news out of Mr. Gates’ Cairo news conference. Asked whether U.S. aid to Egypt would be linked in the future to democracy or human rights, the Pentagon chief answered that “foreign military financing” for Mr. Mubarak’s autocracy “should be without conditions. And that is our sustained position.”

The Obama administration, which has rushed to embrace Egypt’s 81-year-old strongman, would do well to consider why al-Jazeera—not known for pro-American sympathies—would choose to trumpet that report. The Obama administration’s policy assumes that the Bush administration’s attempts to promote democratic reforms in Egypt produced yet another case of damaged ties and bad public relations to remedy, such as Guantanamo Bay or the war in Iraq. So Mr. Gates, like Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton before him, heaped praise on Mr. Mubarak while making clear that the new administration will not trouble him about his systematic and often violent repression of the country’s liberal politicians, bloggers and human rights activists.

Yet, as al-Jazeera well understands, Mr. Mubarak and his fellow Arab autocrats are widely despised across the region—and the United States is blamed for unconditionally propping them up. In fact, Mr. Bush won credit from many Egyptians for pressing for democratic change; he was criticized because he failed to follow through. Now, Arabs around the region are learning that the Obama administration is returning to the old U.S. policy of ignoring human rights abuses by Arab dictators in exchange for their cooperation on security matters—that is, the same policy that produced the Middle East of Osama bin Laden, Hamas and Saddam Hussein.

The pullback is not only rhetorical. Funding for democracy promotion in Egypt has been slashed from \$50 million to \$20 million this year. The State Department has agreed to Egyptian demands not to use economic aid to fund civil society organizations not approved by the government. As a result, U.S. funding for pro-democracy and human rights groups will drop by about 70 percent. Meanwhile, Democrats on the House Appropriations Committee this week inserted \$260 million in fresh security assistance for Egypt into a supplemental appropriations bill, along with \$50 million for border security. No conditions were attached.

What will all this appeasement buy from Mr. Mubarak? The Egyptian ruler continues to pledge to stop arms trafficking to Hamas in Gaza, and to fail to do so. He keeps a cold peace with Israel, withholds an ambassador from Iraq and, as Mr. Gates tacitly acknowledged, opposes any broad rapprochement between the United States and Iran. He is grooming his son to succeed him, a step that could entrench Egypt’s autocracy for decades more—or maybe produce an Islamic revolution. Does all that really merit unconditional U.S. support?

IN TRIBUTE TO PERRY LUNTZ

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 11, 2009

Mrs. MALONEY. Madam Speaker, with great sadness and affection, I rise to pay trib-

ute to a dear friend, Perry Luntz, who passed away in April. Perry was an author, journalist and marketer who served on his community board, became President of his local political club and actively participated in numerous political campaigns. I was privileged to have known him, and I will miss him deeply.

Perry was a lifelong civic activist. He served for many years as a member of Community Board 6 in Manhattan, and was President of the Eleanor Roosevelt Democratic Club. Perry was actively involved in numerous political campaigns, including Freddy Ferrer’s two unsuccessful runs for Mayor of the City of New York and Eugene Nickerson’s campaign for county executive in Nassau County (Nickerson served from 1962 to 1970 and was the only Democrat to win that office until 2001). Perry was also a volunteer literacy teacher. During the Vietnam War, he participated in several protests and had the misfortune to be tear-gassed at a rally in Washington, DC.

Public service was Perry’s passion, but his career was as a journalist and marketing specialist. In one way or another, Perry was involved with the beverage alcohol business for most of his adult life. For more than a decade, he served as Director of Marketing Communications (a term he coined) for Seagram Distillers, and subsequently worked on the creative side of several advertising agencies, including a stint as a creative director of a Young & Rubicam division. For several years he headed his own marketing communications agency. For more than 20 years Perry was publisher and editor of “Beverage Alcohol Market Report,” an international e-letter for beer, wine, and spirits executives. He was Senior Editor and columnist for the Beverage Media groups of trade magazines.

Perry believed in moderation, maintaining that spirits should be appreciated for their gustatory delights. When he was interviewed about Irish whiskey he admonished: “It’s supposed to be enjoyed, to be savored. It’s not meant to be guzzled.” Perry served as Chair of The Wine Media Guild and was a member of the Society of Professional Journalists. At age 80, in November 2007, Perry published his first book, *Whiskey and Spirits for Dummies*, which has been translated into both German and Spanish. The book takes readers on a journey into the rich heritage and diverse taste profiles of different spirits from around the globe, tracing the origins of whiskey, rum, brandy, vodka, gin and tequila, among others, explaining how they are made, and showing the reader how to evaluate, serve and enjoy them.

Tragically, while suffering from lung cancer and a broken hip, Perry contracted Legionnaire’s Disease at a skilled nursing/subacute rehabilitation facility where he was recuperating. As required by law, the New York City Department of Health has reported his illness to the New York State Department of Health, which oversees such facilities. When I first met Perry, he was deeply involved in efforts to improve conditions at a variety of facilities in my district, and he always had a profound sense of empathy for the disadvantaged. It would, therefore, be particularly fitting for so dedicated an activist if his last illness were to become the impetus for improved conditions at nursing homes in general.

Born in Brooklyn in 1927, Perry graduated from Boys High (now known as Boys and Girls High) and went on to earn a degree in mar-

keting from New York University. Perry served with the 473rd Air Service Group in Berlin at the end of World War II and was awarded the Army of Occupation Medal and the World War II Victory Medal. Perry is survived by his wife Carol Ann Rinzier, two sons, Ira and Russell, and two grandchildren, Eli and Ari. His son, Lloyd, predeceased him.

Madam Speaker, I ask my distinguished colleagues to join me in recognizing the many achievements of Perry Luntz, an informative author and journalist, creative ad man, committed community activist and exceptional human being who cared deeply about his community and sought to improve the world around him. He will be profoundly missed.

HONORING THE LOUISIANA HONORAIR VETERANS

HON. JOHN FLEMING

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 11, 2009

Mr FLEMING. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor a very special group from Northwest Louisiana.

On April 11, 2009 a group of 104 veterans and their guardians flew to Washington with a very special program. Louisiana HonorAir is providing the opportunity for these Louisiana veterans to visit Washington, DC on a chartered flight, free of charge. For many, this will be the first and only opportunity to visit the memorials created in their honor. These brave men and women, from my home state of Louisiana, deserve the thanks of a grateful nation for everything they have sacrificed for our freedom.

Today I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring these great Americans and thank them for their unselfish service.

James L. Adams, William P. Atkins, Joe B. Aulds, Fred Winston Baily, Charles Baird, Howard G. Barnett, Ed J. Barras, John E. Blanchard, Charles E. Brister, Joseph J. Brocato, Chester C. Bums, Billy G. Cantrell, J. C. Carlin, C. C. Carpenter, Edmond H. Chandler, Jr., LaVon E. Chandler, Waylon H. Chandler, Fred L. Cheek, Steve K. Cheek, Ralph J. Cooper, Luther R. Couch, William R. Cutler, Golan A. Davis, Heuy G. Davis, William E. Davis; and

George W. Davison, Lee Day, Ellison DeMoss, Donald R. Downs, Herschel M. Downs, George Forrest Dunn, Herman H. Edwards, Ray C. Ellerd, John M. Farrar, Theodor Finkbeiner, Noble E. Flenniken, James M. Gatner, Clyde E. Gilber, Challie Bruce Griggs, August E. Hayden, Raymond L. Heck, Clem V. Henderson, Sr., Marvin Higginbotham, Eugene L. Hill, Harry J. Hilman, Fahy E. Hodge, Howard Holder, Joseph F. Hood, John L. Horton, Gordon M. Hughes; and

James M. Hunter, William F. Hunter, W.E. Jacobs, Robert Johnson, Emmett F. Jones, Gaston V. Jones, Dudley J. Kemper, Raymond Kleeman, William T. Knowles, Douglas E. Lane, Vernon Y. Leach, S.E. Lee, Elmer C. Lolley, C.W. Loyd, Hilton Lytle, Elzie R. Mains, Horace H. Maxwell, Harold L. McBeth, William McElroy, Dan B. McKay, James H. McQuiller, Jesse L. Means, Floyd S. Mercer, Anthony John Miciotto, Roy A. Miciotto; and

Ollie Mitchell, Charles B. Moore, Danny R. Moore, Howard E. Morris, Calvin E. Morrison, Miles G. Murphy, James M. Newsom, George G. Nolan, Charles F. North, Raymond

L. Odom, John S. Palmer, John Parker, Billy B. Parks, George M. Pearce, Felix P. Pinnix, Francis A. Plauché, Eileen Rahm, Wallace T. Rascoe, James O. Rawls, James L. Revells, John M. Rust, Gerald D. Sanderson, Frank P. Sartori, Paul Sartori, Orvis U. Sigler; and

Joe D. Simpson, Lonell L. Smith, William H. Smith, Leroy Solice, James C. Spencer, Jackson W. Stine, James H. Stronger, Garrard M. Stump, Terry B. Trammell, Henry G. Ward, Billy R. Weeks, Thomas R. Wells, Arvis L. Wiley, Otis Wilkerson, Roger C. Wilkinson, Kenneth C. Wood, Neil A. Yarborough.

MICHAEL A. MAZELLA, JR.

HON. MICHAEL E. McMAHON

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 11, 2009

Mr. McMAHON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Michael A. Mazella, Jr., a principal, teacher, and alumnus of the St. Ann School in the Dongan Hills community of Staten Island, New York who has touched the lives of thousands of Staten Island children.

Born and raised in Dongan Hills by his mother Lee Mazella and his father, the late Michael Mazella, Michael Mazella, Jr. was a member of the first graduating class of the St. Ann School, the former Augustinian Academy on Grymes Hill and St. John's University.

Mr. Mazella taught 7th and 8th grade classes at St. Ann School for over 17 years before becoming its first principal who was not a member of the clergy. He has served as principal for the past 22 years. Besides his work as principal and classroom teacher, Mr. Mazella has also served as a gym instructor for St. Ann's 6th, 7th and 8th grade students, the boys' varsity basketball coach, and a moderator of the St. Ann's Parish Christian Youth Organization sports program.

As principal, Mr. Mazella has worked hard to bolster St. Ann's academic programs, spearheading efforts to re-establish the school's kindergarten program and institute requirements for foreign language, art and music appreciation, and computer science. He also played a central role in the effort to secure and maintain the school's Middle States accreditation.

Principal Mazella has also supervised two major renovation projects at the St. Ann School. In 1992, the school added a wing to house a new pre-school, the computer center, a library, and a faculty room. And in 2005, in commemoration of the school's Golden Jubilee, Principal Mazella oversaw a key modernization effort that provided St. Ann students with state of the art lighting, Smart Boards, new desks and chairs, and air-conditioning.

Mike Mazella's achievements as a principal and teacher have been widely recognized far beyond the confines of St. Ann's Parish. He is the recipient of numerous awards including: Outstanding Elementary Teacher of America in 1975, the Jack Anglin Memorial Trophy, the Maurice Wollin Award, Staten Island Teacher of the Year in 1984, the Distinguished Graduate Award in 1991 from the N.C.E.A., and the Medal of Honor from the Catechetical Office of the Archdiocese of New York.

In addition to his lifetime of dedication and 40 years of service to St. Ann School, Mike Mazella has been a positive influence on the lives of countless Dongan Hills public school

children, serving as a CCD program coordinator for over 30 years.

Outside of his professional life, Michael Mazella is a devoted family man, married to Pamela Smith of West Brighton for almost 40 years. He is the father of three children, Michael, Julie and Jessica and the beloved grandfather of Ryan, Justin, Erik, Georgia, and Keira.

Michael Mazella will retire from his role as principal of the St. Ann School this June when the academic year comes to a close. He will leave behind a legacy of service to St. Ann's and the larger Staten Island community, having improved the lives of thousands of children through his work as teacher, coach, principal, mentor, and role model. Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in commending Michael A. Mazella, Jr. and his extraordinary contributions to Staten Island and the St. Ann School.

HONORING THE CENTRAL CONNECTICUT COAST YMCA ON THEIR 150TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 11, 2009

Ms. DELAURO. Madam Speaker, I am honored to have this opportunity to rise and extend my sincere congratulations to the Central Connecticut Coast YMCA as they celebrate their 150th Anniversary—a remarkable milestone for an outstanding organization.

The Central Connecticut Coast YMCA has become an institution in the Greater New Haven community. What began as the effort of a small group of local businessmen has today grown into an organization with twelve branches, serving more than 75,000 people in twenty-five communities. The Central Connecticut Coast YMCA offers a myriad of programs for children, families, as well as adults—continuing in their founders' vision of identifying and addressing unmet needs within the community. Although the work of the YMCA has changed over the years, from teaching English to immigrants at the turn of the 20th century to teaching values to modern day youth, they continue to provide programs and services that enrich the community and enhance the quality of life for all.

The Central Connecticut Coast YMCA has a vision for the community—to advocate for those whose voices are seldom heard, improve neighborhoods, and build strong kids, strong families, and strong communities. From after-school childcare to summer camp and preschool programs to year-round swim lessons for all ages, the CCC YMCA offers our young people programs designed to help them develop strong foundations on which to build their future success. The CCC YMCA has created parent-child fitness classes to encourage families to exercise together, youth sports programs with parents interacting as coaches as well as cheering from the sidelines, and have most recently begun programs promoting and supporting healthy family lifestyles. The Central Connecticut Coast YMCA has created an environment where families have the opportunity to spend quality time together.

The Central Connecticut Coast YMCA is also a strong partner in providing a continuum

of care to individuals and families who have become homeless. It is the largest provider of supportive housing in Fairfield County and operates the only family emergency shelter in the City of Bridgeport. In just this past year alone, they provided housing to 892 individuals, including more than 400 children. And they are providing so much more than simply shelter from the elements and a place to lay one's head. Their supportive services include case management, job training, and continuing education classes. It is through this holistic approach that so many in need are finding the resources necessary to rebuild their lives, provide for their families, and contribute to the community.

For one hundred-fifty years, the Central Connecticut Coast YMCA has been there for our children and families. Its great success would not be possible without the dedication and commitment of its Board of Directors, Managers, Trustees, staff and volunteers—past and present—who remain vigilant in their mission. Their compassion, generosity, and vision have guided this organization and I am proud to have this opportunity to extend my deepest thanks and appreciation to them for all of their good work.

Today, as the Central Connecticut Coast YMCA celebrates its 150th Anniversary, I am pleased to rise not only congratulate the organization on this remarkable milestone, but thank them for the many invaluable contributions they have made which have gone a long way in shaping the very character of our community. Congratulations and best wishes for many more years of continued success!

COMMENDING SISTER M. THERESE ANTONE

HON. PATRICK J. KENNEDY

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 11, 2009

Mr. KENNEDY. Madam Speaker, on behalf of the constituents of the State of Rhode Island and the students of Salve Regina University, I would like to acknowledge and commend Sister M. Therese Antone. She is currently fulfilling a fifteen-year tenure as the sixth president of Salve Regina University in Newport, and she will assume a role as the first Chancellor of the University on July 1.

Under the direction of Sister Therese Antone, Salve Regina University has impacted and improved the academic and economic vigor of the State of Rhode Island. Sister Therese has brought the issues of higher education, business ethics, healthcare and social justice to the forefront as a community leader and statewide representative. Sister Therese has been invaluable to Salve Regina University and the State of Rhode Island.

The diligent work of Sister Therese has had a profound impact on the lives of thousands. Her continued involvement and leadership at Salve Regina University will remain a paramount asset to the further development of higher education. I hereby recognize Sister M. Therese Antone for her service, achievement and dedication to the dynamic advancement of academia.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, May 12, 2009 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

MAY 13

Time to be announced
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
Business meeting to consider any pending nominations.
Room to be announced

9 a.m.
Foreign Relations
To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Philip J. Crowley, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs, and Judith A. McHale, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary for Public Diplomacy, both of the Department of State.
SD-419

9:45 a.m.
Appropriations
Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2010 for the Department of Labor.
SD-138

10 a.m.
Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Competitiveness, Innovation, and Export Promotion Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine tourism in troubled times.
SR-253

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
Economic Policy Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine manufacturing and the credit crisis.
SD-538

Energy and Natural Resources
Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.
SD-366

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
To hold hearings to examine the D.C. Opportunity Scholarship Program, focusing on preserving school choice for all.
SD-342

Judiciary
Administrative Oversight and the Courts Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine torture and the Office of Legal Counsel in the Bush Administration.
SD-226

Rules and Administration
To hold hearings to examine problems for military and overseas voters, focusing on why many soldiers and their families cannot vote.
SR-301

10:30 a.m.
Foreign Relations
To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Daniel Benjamin, of the District of Columbia, to be Coordinator for Counterterrorism, with the rank and status of Ambassador at Large.
SD-419

Appropriations
Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine proposed budget request for fiscal year 2010 for the Environmental Protection Agency.
SD-124

2 p.m.
Appropriations
Homeland Security Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine proposed budget request for fiscal year 2010 for the Department of Homeland Security.
SD-192

2:15 p.m.
Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Aviation Operations, Safety, and Security Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine reauthorization of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), focusing on perspectives of aviation stakeholders.
SR-253

Small Business and Entrepreneurship
To hold hearings to examine small business financing, focusing on a progress report on Recovery Act implementation and alternative sources of financing.
SR-428A

2:30 p.m.
Foreign Relations
African Affairs Subcommittee
International Operations and Organizations, Human Rights, Democracy and Global Women's Issues Subcommittee
To hold joint hearings to examine confronting rape and other forms of violence against women in conflict zones.
SD-419

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Peter M. Rogoff, of Virginia, to be Federal Transit Administrator, Federal Transit Administration, Department of Transportation.
SD-538

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Florence Y. Pan, of the District of Columbia, and Marisa J. Demeo, of the District of Columbia, both to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, and David Heyman, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security.
SD-342

MAY 14

Time to be announced
Indian Affairs
Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.
SD-628

9:30 a.m.
Armed Services
To hold hearings to examine proposed defense authorization request for fiscal year 2010 for the Future Years Defense Program.
SD-106

9:45 a.m.
Foreign Relations
To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Jeffrey D. Feltman, of Ohio, to be Assistant Secretary for Near Eastern Affairs, and Robert Orris Blake, Jr., of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary for South Asian Affairs, both of the Department of State.
SD-419

10 a.m.
Environment and Public Works
Business meeting to consider S. 1005, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act and the Safe Drinking Water Act to improve water and wastewater infrastructure in the United States, S. 849, to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to conduct a study on black carbon emissions, H.R. 80, to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to treat nonhuman primates as prohibited wildlife species under that Act, to make corrections in the provisions relating to captive wildlife offenses under that Act, H.R. 388, to assist in the conservation of cranes by supporting and providing, through projects of persons and organizations with expertise in crane conservation, financial resources for the conservation programs of countries the activities of which directly or indirectly affect cranes and the ecosystems of cranes, S. 529, to assist in the conservation of rare fields and rare canids by supporting and providing financial resources for the conservation programs of countries within the range of rare felid and rare canid populations and projects of persons with demonstrated expertise in the conservation of rare felid and rare canid populations, H.R. 813, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 306 East Main Street in Elizabeth City, North Carolina, as the "J. Herbert W. Small Federal Building and United States Courthouse", H.R. 837, to designate the Federal building located at 799 United Nations Plaza in New York, New York, as the "Ronald H. Brown United States Mission to the United Nations Building"; and Army Corps of Engineers Study Resolution: Miles City and Vicinity, Montana.
SD-406

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
To hold hearings to examine delivery reform, focusing on the roles of primary and specialty care in innovative new delivery models.
SD-430

10:30 a.m.
Appropriations
Defense Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine the proposed budget request for fiscal year 2010 for national intelligence program and military intelligence program.
SVC-217

2 p.m.
Appropriations
Business meeting to markup proposed budget request for fiscal year 2009 supplemental for Iraq, Afghanistan, Pakistan, and the pandemic flu.
SD-106

Foreign Relations
To hold hearings to examine the Middle East, focusing on the road to peace.
SD-419

2:30 p.m.
Energy and Natural Resources
To hold hearings to examine S. 1013, the Department of Energy Carbon Capture

and Sequestration Program Amend-
ments Act of 2009.

SD-366

Intelligence

To hold closed hearings to examine cer-
tain intelligence matters.

S-407, Capitol

MAY 15

9:30 p.m.

Homeland Security and Governmental Af-
fairs

To hold hearings to examine the nomina-
tion of Robert M. Groves, of Michigan,
to be Director of the Census, Depart-
ment of Commerce.

SD-342

MAY 19

9:30 a.m.

Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the Depart-
ment of the Army proposed defense au-
thorization request for fiscal year 2010
and the Future Years Defense Pro-
gram.

SH-216

10 a.m.

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Business meeting to consider S. 982, to
protect the public health by providing
the Food and Drug Administration
with certain authority to regulate to-
bacco products, and any pending nomi-
nations.

SD-430

2:30 p.m.

Homeland Security and Governmental Af-
fairs

Oversight of Government Management, the
Federal Workforce, and the District of
Columbia Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine public
health challenges in our nation's cap-
ital.

SD-342

MAY 21

9:30 a.m.

Veterans' Affairs

Business meeting to markup pending leg-
islation.

SR-418