

At the outset of the Second World War, women were perceived as intellectually and physically inferior to their male counterparts. This stigma was well established throughout Air Force culture. Consequently, women were strictly prohibited from flying combat missions. Instead, women were limited to serving in non-combat roles. With this background, WASP was created to allow women to fly as service pilots. Unlike their uniformed sisters, WASP was created as a civilian division. In fact, WASP was the only women's military branch in WWII not to receive congressional approval.

Women service pilots were mainly used as auxiliary pilots. By serving in this capacity, the women pilots released qualified men to fly in combat. WASPs were limited to the North American front. Their duties also included ferrying airplanes, towing targets, and training men to be pilots, navigators, gunners and bombardiers. In a two-year period, the women of the Air Force service pilot's organization flew over sixty million miles and delivered 12,652 airplanes domestically. Thirty-eight of these brave women, who received no military benefits, sacrificed their lives serving our country.

Helen and the women of WASP defied the accepted belief that females should be relegated to remedial tasks. These civilian soldiers boasted higher admittance standards and a graduation percentage that surpassed their male counterparts. As the war continued, WASP played a pivotal role in our efforts to defeat the axis powers. More importantly, these brave women proved to their skeptics that women were fully capable of operating aircraft during wartime. They matched, if not exceeded, male performance. In his closing address to the last WASP graduating class General Henry "Hap" Arnold, a one-time cynic, offered his praise, "You and nine hundred of your sisters have shown that you can fly wingtip to wingtip with your brothers. If there ever was a doubt in anyone's mind that women can become skillful pilots, the WASP have dispelled that doubt."

Helen's service facilitated the transition of women into the Air Force and, ultimately, redefined the female role in the military. Her efforts allowed the military to fully appreciate a woman's capability and iron will. Like her champions Earhart and Cochran, Helen refused to allow the perpetuation of female mediocrity. Her service defied expectations and generated opportunities for generations of young women to follow. Her perseverance symbolizes the female spirit and the grit that is embodied in the Congressional Gold Medal.

Madam Speaker, Helen Snapp continues her lifetime of exceptional accomplishment. Helen continues to advocate on behalf of local women pilots and possesses a fond admiration for female astronauts. Helen continues to see her old flying companions when she can. It is only fitting that Helen Snapp now share this distinguished honor with the same pioneer that inspired her ambition, Charles Lindbergh.

TRIBUTE TO JUDITH  
SCHUMACHER-TILTON

**HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 14, 2009*

Mr. PASCRELL. Madam Speaker, I would like to call to your attention an outstanding

community member, Judith Schumacher-Tilton. She will be honored on September 11, 2009 as the John I. Crecco Foundation's Woman of the Year for her many achievements not only in business but also in the greater community.

It is only fitting that she be honored in this, the permanent record of the greatest freely elected body on earth, for she has a long history of dedication and commitment to the New Jersey community and to the American dream.

Judith Schumacher-Tilton is a Dealer Principal of Tilton Automotive Group, Gearhart Chevrolet and Schumacher Chevrolet. She has been a part of the General Motors Women's Retail Network since its inception and was recently elected to represent the Northeast for the General Motors Women's Retail Network.

Judith attended the University of Vermont with her husband Stephen, majoring in education. While raising her children, she was actively involved in educational fundraising activities as well as many community organizations. Her path soon changed though. When faced with the responsibility of running the family business after the deaths of her father and brother, it was her greatest wish to create a wonderful legacy in their memory. She has accomplished that dream by keeping the business strong and growing over the last 10 years. In 2005, Judith was chosen Business Person of the Year by the local PBA and community. The following year, she was chosen to serve on the Chevrolet New York L.M.A. Board.

While accomplishing all of these professional goals, she has still made time to help her community in many other ways. She is a past board member of the Sussex County Red Cross. She currently serves as a board member for the Montclair State University Foundation, the Boys and Girls Club of Clifton, the Passionist Ministry, the Passaic County 200 Club Trustees, the Chilton Hospital Foundation and is an advisory board member for Lakeland Bank. Long before the issue of domestic violence was brought to the forefront, Judith had a deep concern for women who she felt suffered in silence. She was approached by the Little Falls Chief of Police to become a part of the Domestic Violence Response Team for the Passaic County Women's Shelter, and was accepted into an extensive training program where she became certified and soon spent any extra hours she had working to help with this important cause.

Recently, Judith has devoted her support and positive input to the automotive industry, especially General Motors, as our Nation passes through difficult economic times. She has offered her expertise in numerous television and radio interviews, and her comments have been quoted in both local and national newspapers.

Judith is a member of the Metropolitan Golf Association, playing golf for the Upper Montclair Country Club. She and her husband Stephen have three grown children, two sons, Stephen Jr., who is married to Lisa, and Kenneth, who is married to Laura. Their daughter Margaret is married to Michael Magaldi. Judith and Stephen, Sr. are also the proud grandparents of Steven Tilton, III, Jake, Julia, William and Sienna.

The job of a United States Congressman involves much that is rewarding, yet nothing compares to recognizing the dedication and

service of people like Judith Schumacher-Tilton.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you join our colleagues, everyone at the John I. Crecco Foundation, Judith's family and friends, and me in recognizing Judith Schumacher-Tilton's exceptional life and career.

HONORING ROBERT AND IRWIN  
GOODMAN

**HON. TAMMY BALDWIN**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 14, 2009*

Ms. BALDWIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the lifelong philanthropy of Robert and Irwin Goodman of Madison, Wisconsin. Irwin's death in August was mourned by his brother, Bob, their extended family, and an entire community touched in ways big and small by the Goodman brothers' generosity.

Astute businessmen, Bob and Irv saw their business not as an end in itself, but as a means to nurture the minds, bodies, and spirits of their neighbors. They lived frugally, spoke softly, and gave continually and in great measure, guided by the lessons and love of their parents, Harry and Belle.

Gifted athletes, Bob and Irv were health conscious long before fitness became fashionable. Their philanthropy helps kids learn to swim, seniors to exercise, families to eat healthfully, and women to compete on a level and luminous playing field.

From the University of Wisconsin to Edgewood College, the Red Cross to Rotary, HospiceCare to Meriter Hospital, the first community swimming pool to a new community center, the imprint of Bob and Irv's generosity is felt by in every corner of the greater Madison community. And while some bricks and mortar bear their name, vast numbers of beneficiaries will never know of their largesse. The Goodman brothers would rather bring light to the dark corners of society than stand in the spotlight themselves.

Steadfast members and supporters of Madison's Jewish Community, Bob and Irv's lifelong devotion to helping others of all backgrounds is grounded in the Jewish tradition of "tikkun olam," (repairing the world) inherited, they say, from their beloved mother.

Bob and Irv Goodman shared far more than a bloodline. They shared an abiding commitment to each other and to their adopted hometown. I join the greater Madison community in honoring their life's work and loving spirit.

INTRODUCTION OF THE SCREEN  
ACT

**HON. RICHARD E. NEAL**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 14, 2009*

Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Supporting Colorectal Examination and Education Now (SCREEN) Act. This legislation will remove barriers to one of the most effective preventive health screenings available, saving lives and reducing health care costs in the process. I