

## TRIBUTE TO JUDY HELLMAN

**HON. DENNIS MOORE**

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 22, 2010*

Mr. MOORE of Kansas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Judy Hellman, who is retiring this spring from the Jewish Community Relations Bureau/American Jewish Committee of the greater Kansas City area. Judy and this agency have been most helpful to me during my time in Congress and were responsible for sponsoring my visit to Israel in 1999 during my first year in office. My remarks borrow very freely from a letter sent by JCRB/AJC Board Chair Michael Abrams in January 2010 when Judy made her plans public.

JCRB/AJC Associate Director Judy Hellman has devoted her professional career and her personal life to the work of justice and community relations, and to the Jewish Community Relations Bureau/American Jewish Committee, first as a volunteer, then as a member of the Board of Directors, and then as staff for decades before her "first" retirement over a decade ago. Shortly after that "retirement" she started helping in the office on one project, then another, then a couple days a week, and was soon once again an everyday devoted and passionate professional who doesn't stop accepting responsibilities and challenges.

Judy's contributions to the community are significant, and too numerous to mention. Her work to advocate that each person does not have to face injustice has touched countless lives and families. Decades ago she worked for fair housing in Kansas City, and was a leader in the movement to free Soviet Jews from religious persecution. Before the founding of the Midwest Center for Holocaust Education, Holocaust education was a mission of JCRB, for which Judy did extraordinary work.

Judy continues to be admired for her exemplary and prolific work in interfaith relations, her dedicated relationship work with educators, law enforcement, government and elected officials, and her work vigilantly combating hate groups. Judy has listened to, and discussed and worked with, hundreds of individuals and families regarding their issues, always with great compassion and empathy. Many have seen her on JCRB Agency videos poignantly talking about why she has worked for justice in the public square for the people of Israel, and in recent years been a role model in the community advocating on behalf of those suffering injustice in Africa.

For several decades, Judy and Rev. Dr. Robert Lee Hill have co-chaired the Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Interfaith Service every January. Judy has been a longtime officer of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, working with the Rev. Dr. Nelson "Fuzzy" Thompson. Judy has been recognized with many awards, and has asked that "this" retirement come with little fanfare. In Judy Hellman's case, her achievements are a monument to her work. Judy's life has been dedicated to working for justice. Judy would have devoted her time to working on these issues even if she had not been a staff member of a justice organization.

With a milestone birthday approaching, Judy has decided to give retirement yet another attempt. All who know Judy feel great admiration, gratitude, love, and respect for her. I

know that I look forward to continuing to work with Judy, soon as a retired and devoted community member, as she continues to work to make the greater Kansas City area a more just community.

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**THE CONGRESSIONAL YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL: A LEGACY OF SERVICE**
**HON. SAM JOHNSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 22, 2010*

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I ask my fellow colleagues to join me in congratulating the 2009–2010 Congressional Youth Advisory Council. This year 45 students from public, private, and home schools in grades 9 through 12 made their voices heard and made a difference in their communities, their country and their Congress. These students volunteered their time, effort, and talent to inform me about the important issues facing their generation. As young leaders within their communities and their schools, these students boldly represent the promise and the hope we all have for their very bright future.

President Ronald Reagan said, "Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same, or one day we will spend our sunset years telling our children and our children's children what it was once like in the United States where men were free."

To ensure that the blessing of freedom is passed from one generation to the next, the members of the CYAC spent time interviewing a veteran and documenting the experience for the "Preserving History Project." Today I'm proud to submit the brief summaries provided so the patriotic service of our dedicated veterans and the thoughtful work of the CYAC may be preserved for antiquity in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. A copy of each submitted student summary follows.

To each member of the Congressional Youth Advisory Council, thank you for making this year and this group a success. It is not a coincidence that this congressional tribute celebrates two generations of service. Each of you is trusted with the precious gift of freedom.

You are the voices of the future and I salute you. God bless you and God bless America.

The summary follows:

Robert James is a veteran of World War II. He entered the war in the Medical Corps and returned from war as a private first class in the Air Force. After graduating from U.T., Mr. James stayed in the Air Force Reserve for 30 years and retired as a Major. He still regularly visits a nearby base in Colorado, where he buys his groceries, works out, and shops for other needs. Robert James received multiple awards after returning home, including an Air Medal and a Distinguished Flying Cross. Mr. James' story should be preserved throughout history in addition to the thousands of other veterans that risked their lives for the safety of the United States. This interview with my grandfather was very moving and I gained a lot more insight and detail than I ever had before. I am happy to have been able to discuss such a

pivotal time in my grandfather's life and I hope my essay helps to somehow preserve some of his unique experiences so that they can last throughout generations of Americans. The conservation of the stories of our many veterans is very crucial and should be a goal of every American that has been kept alive by these honorable, selfless men and women.—Rebecca James

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**HONORING GEORGE GALLUP, JR.  
ON HIS 80TH BIRTHDAY**
**HON. STEVEN R. ROTHMAN**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 22, 2010*

Mr. ROTHMAN of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 80th birthday of George Gallup, Jr., the accomplished son of Dr. George Gallup, Sr., the founder of the renowned Gallup Poll.

George Jr. has followed in his father's footsteps; a close friend described George as a "political junkie," a characteristic that clearly runs in the family. It comes as no surprise that George has become so involved and intrigued by the political process, since he has either observed or participated in polling for his entire life. His father pioneered the random sampling technique, which has been used for decades to gauge public opinion on everything from presidential approval to the economy. He also founded the George H. Gallup International Institute, of which George Jr. is the current Chairman. In this role, George Jr. oversees preeminent economists, psychologists, and sociologists all over the world in their efforts to investigate what people think about the most pressing issues of the day.

George is from Princeton, New Jersey and has been a lifelong advocate for children's rights locally and nationally. He has made the world a safer place for kids through working closely with Child Lures Prevention, an organization which helps protect children from violence, drugs, and sexual abuse. He also wrote a passionate letter to President Obama in support of the organization and the admirable cause for which it fights.

George would agree that the influence of the Gallup Poll over the past 75 years has been much more than symbolic—the organization has provided our political leaders and lawmakers with objective, unbiased information about the ever-shifting values and expectations of the American people. In short, polling makes the government more responsive and accountable to the electorate.

Madam Speaker, I know that my colleagues will join me in honoring a man who has been instrumental in keeping our leaders honest and the American public informed.

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**RAISING AWARENESS AND SUPPORTING AN END TO VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN**
**HON. RUSS CARNAHAN**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CARNAHAN. Madam Speaker, I rise in solidarity with my colleagues who, this week,