

BENEDICTION DELIVERED BY
RABBI ISRAEL ZOBERMAN AT
THE DEDICATION OF THE JEW-
ISH WAR VETERANS MONUMENT
IN VIRGINIA BEACH ON VET-
ERANS DAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2010

HON. GLENN C. NYE

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2010

Mr. NYE. Madam Speaker, I submit the following.

Adonai Eloheinu, Adonai Our God, M'kor Chayim U'vracha, Infinite Source of Life's Blessings,

Dear Veterans, Families, Donors, Friends, Zeh Ha'Yom Asa Adonai, Nagila V'nismecha Vo! This is the awaiting day the Lord has granted us, that we may find joy and meaning in it!

Tenderly, tearfully and triumphantly we recall our very own fighting Jewish men and women in uniform who alongside fellow Americans from all backgrounds and walks of life, and to the last full measure of devotion, borrowing a phrase from President Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg Address—served and sacrificed, secured and saved on behalf of our great and grateful nation, a flourishing democracy which has been a tower of strength to a weary and vulnerable world as well as a steadfast beacon of Shalom's flickering lights of hope, harmony and healing.

Our cherished kin, some with their long-loving and supportive families here on this festive Veterans Day of the Jewish War Veterans Monument Dedication, have proudly, patriotically and profoundly responded to freedom's far-reaching sacred call from these golden shores to the most noble of duties in defense of all we hold precious. Their selfless acts of unflinching heroism and exemplary conduct under harrowing circumstances brought genuine honor and lasting glory, sanctifying God's holy name.

This significant monument is an essential addition to the beautiful grounds of the Reba and Sam Sandler Campus of the Tidewater Jewish Community in the unique region of Hampton Roads, home to the nation's largest cluster of military installations. The monument, linked by design to the Helen G. Gifford Holocaust Memorial Garden, is forever an inspiring testimony to unforgettable brethren, the dead and the living, who participated in the monumental liberation of the surviving remnant, myself included, of European Jewry from the threat of total extinction by humanity's foes.

At the approaching Chanuka celebration, we salute our veterans who like the Maccabees of old, through wondrous deeds and abundant sacrifices of a faithful spirit, have bequeathed unto us all the inseparable twin gifts of life and liberty.

“Minesharing Kalu
M'arayot Gaveru
They were swifter than eagles,
They were stronger than lions!
Eich Naflu Giborim
B'tock Hamilchama—
How have the mighty fallen
In the thick of battle”
Second Samuel 1:23, 25
And humbly let us say, Amen.

Rabbi Israel Zoberman is the spiritual leader of Congregation Beth Chaverim in Virginia Beach and president of the Hampton Roads

Board of Rabbis and Cantors. He was born in Kazakhstan in 1945 to Polish Holocaust survivors.

IN HONOR AND RECOGNITION OF
REVEREND DR. ROLAND HAYES
CROWDER

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of Reverend Dr. Roland Hayes Crowder on the occasion of his 45th anniversary as pastor of the Second Calvary Missionary Baptist Church in Cleveland, Ohio and his 60th anniversary of ministering to those in need.

Reverend Crowder was educated in the Jefferson County Schools in Birmingham, Alabama. He was raised with the values of faith, family, hard work and service to community. He graduated from Malone College and Ashland Theological Seminary, where he earned a doctoral degree in theology.

After college, Reverend Crowder accepted the call to ministry, and on November 8th, 1950, he preached his first sermon at East Mount Zion Baptist Church in Cleveland, Ohio. In 1965, Reverend Crowder accepted the position of pastor of the Second Calvary Missionary Baptist Church. His leadership led to an increase in church membership, the creation of new outreach programs and the construction of a multi-purpose church facility.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honor and recognition of the Reverend Dr. Roland Hayes Crowder, whose 60-year ministry and 45 years as a pastor reflect missions of healing, hope and faith. Reverend Crowder's compassionate service and dedicated leadership continues to bring light and strength to countless individuals and families.

HONORING MR. JAMES KLUTTZ,
THE FORMER PRESIDENT OF
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE TYBEE ISLAND HISTORICAL
SOCIETY

HON. JACK KINGSTON

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2010

Mr. KINGSTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. James Kluttz, the former President of the Board of Directors of the Tybee Island Historical Society. During his twenty years of leadership, the Tybee Island Historical Society's membership grew from two hundred to over one thousand, and the Society raised funds to restore the entire seven building Tybee Island Light Station and surrounding plots of land essential to preserving historic views from the Station. Due to Mr. Kluttz's efforts, the Station received local, state, and national awards as well as international publicity. The increased spotlight and the strengthening of the Tybee Island Light Station's historical preservation bona fides resulted in the transfer of the Station from the Federal Government to the Tybee Island Historical Society—one of the first to occur under

the National Historic Lighthouse Preservation Act of 2000.

Moreover, due to Mr. Kluttz's twenty-year dedication, the Tybee Island Lighthouse was included in the Southeast Lighthouse Stamp series and the Station was been nominated for National Landmark Status. Visitation to the Station and Museum has gone from several thousand annual visitors to over 170,000, greatly benefitting the local economy.

Mr. Kluttz's work did not end with the Lighthouse. Under his direction, the Historical Society helped acquire and restore buildings and historic field guns at Fort Screven, as well as a “raised cottage” that reflects Tybee Island's unique social, cultural, and architectural heritage.

Mr. James Kluttz is a model citizen, having served on countless boards and committed hundreds of personal hours towards the preservation of the atmosphere of Tybee Island, and I believe that no one could have done a better job. The citizens of Tybee Island owe him much thanks and gratitude, and on this day we wish him the best in all his future activities and endeavors.

CELEBRATING THE 35TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE RAYMOND AND
MIRIAM KLEIN JCC

HON. ALLYSON Y. SCHWARTZ

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2010

Ms. SCHWARTZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Raymond and Miriam Klein JCC on its milestone 35th anniversary. Located in Northeast Philadelphia, the Raymond and Miriam Klein JCC is a multifaceted community center committed to a strategic mission of serving the versatile needs of the surrounding Jewish community. The Klein JCC is a living example of Tikkun Olam—repairing the world—right here in our community.

Since 1975, when the Klein Branch opened its doors, it has been a community center, an educational center, and a constant source of support and enrichment for the Jewish community. Located on a 20 acre lot and featuring a theatre, 2 swimming pools, a gym, and classrooms, the JCC provides childcare, immigration counseling, and summer camp, as well as athletic and aquatic fitness programs.

But Klein JCC is much more than a center that provides entertainment and recreation. Throughout the decades, the Klein JCC has adapted its mission to meet the changing needs of its neighbors and has reemerged as a fully functioning social services agency. Today, the Klein JCC provides critical quality services to our youngest members of the community through pre-school and kindergarten while providing a lifeline to our most seasoned senior citizens. Education for the very young as well as courses for those over the age of 90 are all available in the same facility. And through the Mitzvah food project, volunteers deliver food and other necessities to those in the community who are in need, reaching out to help regardless of religion, race, gender, or age.

Madam Speaker, I am so proud to represent in congress an institution that has so faithfully and ably served the Jewish community for so many years. I am honored that the Raymond

and Miriam Klein JCC has always welcomed me with open arms. I ask that my colleagues join me in wishing a heartfelt Mazel Tov to the Raymond and Miriam Klein JCC Board of Directors both past and present, supporters, clients and friends on an impressive 35 year history and for continued success in a new century.

IN HONOR OF DIANNE CHURCH

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2010

Mr. FARR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the remarkable public service career of Dianne Church. After forty-two years with the Federal Government, Dianne is retiring from her position as an Economic Development Administration, EDA, regional representative. Over the course of the past eighteen years, Dianne has played an instrumental role in helping the communities of the Monterey Bay Area recover from earthquake, flood, recession, and the largest military base closure in U.S. history. During that time, I have had the great fortune of working with Dianne and developing a wonderful working friendship with her. So it is with particular pleasure that I join my colleagues on the floor of the House today to recognize Dianne's work to make my constituents' corner of the world a better place.

Dianne was born on April 22, 1944, in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, to Francis and Violet Church. She attended local public schools, discovered a love for music through her church choir, and spent summers with her family at the beach on the North Carolina's Outer Banks. She later attended the George Washington University in Washington, D.C.,

While in Washington, D.C. she began a ten year career on Capitol Hill, working for a number of distinguished lawmakers, including: Rep. FLOYD HICKS (WA), Sen. MIKE GRAVEL (AK), Rep. DON YOUNG (AK), Rep. JOHN CONYERS (MI), and the Senate Labor Committee. She helped staff Senator Gravel when he read the Pentagon Papers on television and met Daniel Ellsberg.

In 1977, Dianne left Capitol Hill to go to work in the EDA Congressional Liaison office. In 1980, she took a job as a public works project officer in EDA's Seattle Regional Office. Dianne quickly gained a reputation for volunteering for projects in the most remote and out of the way places, especially in Alaska. During those early years in Seattle, Dianne completed her B.A. degree at Western Washington University and later an MPA degree at Seattle University, taking classes at night while working full time for EDA. While working in Seattle, she met Steve Johnston, a fellow EDA employee. Dianne and Steve married in 1987.

In 1997, she began the best job of her career as EDA's economic development representative for California's Central Coast. She initially represented fourteen Central California counties, including the Monterey, Santa Cruz, and San Benito Counties that form the core of my district. She had already been working on the redevelopment of Fort Ord following its 1994 closure. In all, Dianne helped steer over \$95 million towards infrastructure and other key redevelopment needs, including over \$60

million for the creation of a new California State University in the heart of Fort Ord.

Madam Speaker, I know I speak for the whole House in honoring Dianne Church for her years of visionary public service. At a time when it is fashionable to cast doubt on the federal role in economic development, Dianne's legacy of roads, buildings, revitalized downtowns, a whole new university, and all the jobs to build and fill them, bears witness to the vital role that our collective investment in civilization can play.

HONORING THE LIFE AND
ACHIEVEMENTS OF TENNESSEE
STATE REPRESENTATIVE ULYSSES
JONES, JR.

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2010

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Ulysses Jones, Jr. A public servant throughout his career, Mr. Jones worked as a paramedic with the Memphis Fire Department for 37 years, where he rose to the rank of battalion chief. Ulysses continued to serve by becoming Tennessee's 98th District State Representative representing the North Memphis community for 23 years. He was born in Memphis, Tennessee on June 7, 1951 to the late Ulysses Jones, Sr. and Marjorie Nicholas Jones. Ulysses Jones, Jr. graduated from North Side High School and went on to attend the University of Memphis and Tennessee State University.

Ulysses Jones, Jr. was oftentimes faced with challenging moments during his tenure as a paramedic. On August 16, 1977, Ulysses and a colleague were called to Graceland to revive Elvis Presley, but to no avail. Ulysses later noted that he identified with the legendary entertainer who despite living in public housing projects, worked hard to make a better life for himself. Ulysses thought nothing of putting his life on the line to save others and he took that same attitude of public service to the state legislature when he was elected to the Tennessee House of Representatives.

Ulysses Jones, Jr. was first elected to the Tennessee General Assembly in 1986. For nearly a quarter of a century, he was a voice for working men and women in Shelby County. He stood by his convictions on issues that mattered most to him, including improving schools, expanding college scholarships and equal pay for all. Ulysses aspired to do the right thing for all people regardless of race, creed or political affiliation.

Mr. Jones was an effective lawmaker for Tennessee. His vocal and active opposition to the "Tiny Towns" bill led to one of his most notable accomplishments in the Tennessee legislature. This legislation, which initially passed and was signed into state law, allowed small communities, and in one contested battle, an apartment building, to incorporate to avoid paying property taxes. Less than a year after being signed into law, the Tennessee Supreme Court struck down the law citing constitutional violations.

Ulysses worked hard on not just his legislative agenda but on other Members' bills including mine. He cosponsored the "Tennessee Lottery for Education," a bill I spon-

sored and worked on for nearly 20 years. After being signed into law, Ulysses took the reins and served as the Co-Chair of the Joint Lottery Oversight Committee and was a member of the House Tennessee Education Lottery Corporation.

While in the Tennessee House of Representatives, Ulysses Jones served as the Chair of the House Ethics Committee, Chair of the House State and Local Government Committee and the 2nd Vice President of the National Black Caucus of State Legislators. He was a member of the House Education Committee, K-12 Subcommittee, Local Government Subcommittee, Joint Select Education Oversight Committee and the Tennessee Commemorative Women's Suffrage Commission. Ulysses also co-authored state Enterprise Zone legislation for Tennessee.

Mr. Jones was also actively involved in his community. He served as Chairman of both the Tennessee African-American Male Task Force and the Governor's Minority Business Development Advisory Committee. He sat on the Board of Directors for the Fire Fighter Investment Group and was the President of the Pioneer Black Fire Fighters. Ulysses was a member of the YMCA Black Achievers and was a catalyst for the Development of the North Memphis Inner City Community Development Corporation.

Ulysses Jones, Jr. passed away on November 9, 2010 at the age of 59. Ulysses Jones, Jr. is survived by his daughter Victoria and son Ulysses III. His commitment to helping people throughout his life will be remembered by the countless number of lives he touched. His was a life well lived.

REMEMBERING JANICE BALL
FISHER

HON. MIKE PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2010

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a kind-hearted and generous woman who will forever be remembered by the community in my home state of Indiana. The snow fell quietly on an early November morning as a community gathered at First Presbyterian Church to remember the first lady of east central Indiana, Janice Ball Fisher. She was the daughter of the distinguished Edmund B. and Bertha Ball who founded Ball Corporation, and whose generous donations significantly benefited Ball State University and Ball Memorial Hospital.

Janice was raised in Muncie and later graduated from Mount Vernon College in Washington, D.C. In 1940 she married John Fisher in Leland, Michigan, though they later moved back to Janice's hometown. The Fishers will always be remembered for their leadership in the community and their giving hearts. Together, they donated millions of dollars to further educational institutions around the state such as Ball State University, DePauw University, and Indiana University.

Those who knew Janice will remember her most for her dedication to faith and family. Her greatest joy was to be surrounded by loved ones, and she greatly enjoyed bringing her children and grandchildren along on adventures across the country and throughout the