

of the original founders still come with their families to vacation every summer, staying in one of the many cabins dispersed throughout the park.

In the summer, the park offers 31 cabins for rent, a Cultural Center for social events and a large swimming pool for its Scandinavian members. Families descending from Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden make up the over 1,000 park membership. The park itself is one of 12 New Jersey parks that is within the Vasa Order of America. The Order is an American-Scandinavian fraternal society that was established as a way for Scandinavian peoples in the United States and Canada to meet each other and share a common heritage.

In addition to providing a vacation spot for Scandinavian immigrants and their families, the park hosts an annual Scandinavian Festival every year. This year will mark its 27th year. The festival features live Scandinavian music, dancing, children's activities, and medieval games. It is a fun way for members to not only get to know one another, but also to celebrate their rich Scandinavian heritage. The surrounding community is also invited to participate in the activities.

For the last 75 years, Vasa Park has upheld the tight knit Scandinavian presence that is so important to the citizens of Mount Olive. The Mount Olive community as a whole is proud to call Vasa Park their own.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating Vasa Park for 75 years of upholding Scandinavian tradition in Morris County, New Jersey.

105TH ANNIVERSARY OF HOLY TRINITY HUNGARIAN CHURCH

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 7, 2011

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride and enthusiasm that I rise today to honor the Holy Trinity Hungarian Church in East Chicago, Indiana, as the parish celebrates its 105th anniversary. On Saturday, September 24, 2011, a celebrated Mass will take place at Holy Trinity, which will be followed by a celebratory banquet to recognize this extraordinary occasion.

Around the turn of the 20th century, the Hungarian community in East Chicago, Indiana, with its deep religious traditions, embarked on a venture to start a church of its own. With this goal in mind, on July 4, 1904, a group of community members met in the home of Stephen Farkas on Alexander Avenue to discuss ideas for what would later become the Holy Trinity Hungarian Church. The cornerstone was laid for the first church building on November 11, 1906, followed by its dedication on the Feast of the Holy Trinity in 1907. The parish's first resident pastor, Father Oscar Szilagyi, arrived on Christmas Eve in 1907. Although regulations of the Religious Order prevented Father Szilagyi from remaining at the church for a longer period of time, he has the distinction of performing Holy Trinity's first marriage, baptism, and funeral.

Sadly, this building, as well as a second church, were lost to fires, but through the faith, hard work, and dedication of its leaders and congregation, the present church was constructed and was dedicated on May 22, 1921. After the church was rebuilt, the parish continued to grow. In 1922, Holy Trinity opened the doors to a new school, providing a much needed service for young people in the community. By 1927, several organizations had also formed, including: the Holy Rosary Circle, Altar Society, Holy Name Society, Knights of Holy Trinity, Children of Mary, and Young Ladies Sodality.

Although Holy Trinity has faced its share of struggles, the collective faith of the clergy and parishioners, and their commitment to the church, has allowed the parish to reach many milestones during its 105-year history. In February of 1957, the Diocese of Gary was established, and Holy Trinity joined other area Catholic parishes in welcoming its first bishop, the Most Reverend Andrew G. Grutka. On July 10, 2004, Holy Trinity experienced the most prestigious event in its history when the church was honored with a visit from Peter Cardinal Erdo, Primate of Hungary.

Another extraordinary event took place on May 1, 2005, when the present pastor, Father Alphonse Skerl, celebrated his 50th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood. For the past forty years, Father Skerl has served the parishioners of Holy Trinity. Under the leadership of Father Skerl, and because of the dedication of the parish members, 2011 has been a year of two more historic milestones, the 90th anniversary of the present church and the 105th anniversary of the parish.

Mr. Speaker, Holy Trinity Hungarian Church offers an invaluable service to its parishioners and community, providing numerous opportunities for all to join together to experience its rich heritage. I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in congratulating the clergy and congregation Holy Trinity Hungarian Church as they celebrate their 105th Anniversary. Throughout the years, these fine individuals have provided spiritual guidance to their community while honoring and preserving their faith and the traditions of the Hungarian people. Their devotion is worthy of our deepest admiration, and I am proud to serve as their Representative in Washington, DC.

CELEBRATING FORMER MAYOR OF THE CITY OF MANCHESTER EMILE BEAULIEU'S 80TH BIRTHDAY

HON. FRANK C. GUINTA

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 7, 2011

Mr. GUINTA. Mr. Speaker, on April 2, 2011 Emile Beaulieu will celebrate with his family and friends his 80th birthday. Mr. Beaulieu is a selfless public servant having served our nation, state, and local communities in various capacities for many years.

Known as an honest, warm, and generous man, Mr. Beaulieu's public service includes twenty years of service in the Air Force Reserves, two terms as Mayor of the City of Manchester, eight years serving as Welfare

Commissioner, past President of the Easter Seals Board, past president of Big Brother Big Sisters of Greater Manchester, and former member of the Jaycees.

Mr. Beaulieu is a long-standing advocate and leader of conservative values and principles. He has served in numerous leadership capacities in the New Hampshire Republican Party and continues to remain active in various political campaigns. However, Mr. Beaulieu's greatest joy and accomplishment is as a loving husband and father of six children, eight grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

This is a great day for Mr. Beaulieu, his wife Laurette, and his family and friends. I wish him the very best on his 80th birthday. This is truly a very joyous occasion.

CELEBRATING ARTS CLAYTON'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. DAVID SCOTT

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 7, 2011

Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Arts Clayton's 25th Anniversary. Since its opening in 1986, Arts Clayton has provided access to art and art education for my constituents in the 13th District of Georgia.

In 1999 Arts Clayton used funding from a HUD Community Development Block Grant to create a Mobile ArtVan to bring art directly to children from low-income families. This initiative is especially important in today's economic climate as school budgets continue to tighten.

In 2000 Arts Clayton extended their reach into the community by opening the Arts Clayton Gallery. This Gallery places a high premium on local art—accepting only Georgia artists. Those desiring to display their art must first meet with the Curators Committee to prove the quality and uniqueness of their work.

In addition to the artwork that is displayed year-round, the Arts Clayton Gallery also hosts various showcases throughout the year including a juried Fine Arts show in February and a juried Photography show in October. I am particularly thankful that the Gallery hosts the annual Congressional Art Competition for my district, the winners of which are displayed here in Washington, D.C.

I would also like to acknowledge the hard work and dedication Arts Clayton displayed when assisting my wife find art and jewelry for the First Lady's Luncheon. With their help, Alfredia found and selected a local Georgian artist to custom design jewelry for attendees and another artist who donated a beautiful quilt to then First Lady Laura Bush.

It is my greatest hope that Arts Clayton will continue to serve our community for many more years to come. Art is vital to a strong, vibrant society, and Arts Clayton has played a pivotal role bringing art into Clayton County, my Congressional District and the Greater Metro Atlanta area.

HONORING FIRST UNITED METH-
ODIST CHURCH OF PALESTINE,
TEXAS 175TH CELEBRATION

HON. JEB HENSARLING

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 7, 2011

Mr. HENSARLING. Mr. Speaker, I wish to recognize the Demisemiseptcentennial Celebration of the First United Methodist Church in Palestine, Texas.

On September 11, 2011, the First United Methodist Church of Palestine will celebrate 175 years of Methodism in Palestine and Anderson County, Texas as well as the 100th anniversary of its sanctuary and worship facilities. For 175 years evangelism, missionary service, youth development, Sunday school, Bible study, fellowship, and worship have been continually celebrated by the congregation from Fort Houston, through the Box home, Bascom Chapel, Centenary Church and now the First United Methodist Church.

As Thomas Jefferson said, "It is in our lives and not our words that our religion must be read," it is an honor to represent the parishioners of the First United Methodist Church of Palestine, Texas whose lives exude service and faith.

HONORING BRUCE FIEDLER

HON. JERRY McNERNEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 7, 2011

Mr. McNERNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the distinguished career of Mr. Bruce Fiedler, who, after 26 years, is retiring as the administrator for the non-profit Pleasanton Gardens senior housing facility.

Pleasanton Gardens, started in 1967, developed from the collaboration of four local churches—St. Augustine's Catholic Church, Lynnewood Methodist, First Baptist and Centerpointe Church. Mr. Fiedler joined Pleasanton Gardens in 1985 and he worked tirelessly for over two decades to create a home for our seniors while still finding time to serve the community.

Bruce Fiedler dedicated himself to making Pleasanton Gardens a caring home and family for its residents. He enlisted the support of local Rotary Club members to host events such as the annual Valentine's Day themed "Sweetheart Dinner." This year marked the 16th annual "Sweetheart Dinner," which dozens of seniors attended.

Mr. Fiedler also took part in many community initiatives. He served on the Housing Commission and the Human Services Commission for the City of Pleasanton. He participated in the task force that led the planning, financing and development of the Pleasanton Senior Center. He volunteered on the Wheels Senior and Disabled Passengers Advisory Committee, which designated bus routes and passenger shelters in Pleasanton, as well as the Alameda County Senior Needs Committee, which allocated funds for Dial-a-Ride and other senior services.

In 1992, Mr. Fiedler participated in a grassroots effort to make restaurants in the Tr-Val-

ley area smoke-free. During Mr. Fielder's leadership, Pleasanton Gardens also became a smoke-free facility. Since that time, he has spoken at seminars, both locally and nationally, on the dangers of secondhand smoke and how to make multiple housing units smoke-free.

Bruce Fiedler is a valued and respected member of our community who improved the lives of many. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Bruce Fiedler for his exceptional service to our seniors and our community.

SAN JACINTO MONUMENT: EVERY-
THING IS BIGGER AND BETTER
IN TEXAS

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 7, 2011

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, everything I know and love and about the State of Texas, including what we stand for, is due in part to General Sam Houston. We've celebrated his victory over Dictator Santa Anna at the Battle of San Jacinto for 175 years, and through the San Jacinto Monument, we celebrate his legacy as well.

We get our Texas pride from Sam Houston. Houston refused to be overrun by a dictator and fought for freedom and independence even when he was outnumbered 2 to 1. Houston's army was an odd, terrifying-looking bunch. They were all volunteers. Instead of regular uniforms, they were dressed in buckskins, with pistols in their belts, bowie knives, long muskets, and tomahawks. They came from numerous States and Mexico. The Tejanos were hungry for independence. So as not to confuse these Tejanos with Santa Anna's army, General Sam had Capitan Juan Sequin put a playing card in the head band of each Tejano so they could easily be recognized. The combat lasted but 18 minutes on April 21, 1836, but the legacy is timeless: Texas became a free, independent nation that day.

Houston and the Tejanos' legacy lives on through an obelisk soaring into the sky and crowned with a 34-foot star, the lone star of Texas. Built in 1936, one hundred years after the battle ended, the San Jacinto Monument looks like the Washington Monument, but of course, it's taller—15 feet to be exact. Just like the Texas State Capitol is bigger than the Capitol of the United States. As a child, I stood before the Monument, amazed at its size—a staggering 570 feet. It really felt like everything was bigger in Texas.

165 men built the Monument. The crew completed 6 feet of wall every day—an amazing feat when you consider the weight and height of the monument. Each stone weighed 500 pounds. (I'm sure the Ford Tough F-150 would have come in handy back then.) Weighing in at 70,300,000 pounds, the Monument is fittingly Texas big. Thanks to the crew's hard labor, the San Jacinto Monument is now recognized as a National Historic Civil Engineering Landmark.

This year, as we celebrate the 175th anniversary of Texas Independence, head east to those famous marshy banks of the San Jacinto to see the Monument and witness the telling story at the San Jacinto Day Festival

and BattleReenactment. We remember our past, knowing we were a nation once; and we have to smile knowing that sometimes we still act like an independent country. The Texas that we know and love would not exist had General Sam Houston and his men been defeated in 1836. They came from most of the States in the Union and many foreign countries—and they were all volunteers. Always remember Houston's Boys.

And that's just the way it is.

RECOGNIZING NOTRE DAME OF
MARYLAND UNIVERSITY FOR ITS
NEW DESIGNATION AS A UNI-
VERSITY

HON. JOHN P. SARBANES

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 7, 2011

Mr. SARBANES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Notre Dame of Maryland University on their new designation as a university.

Notre Dame has been a leader in educating women leaders since its founding on September 9, 1895. Founded by the School Sisters of Notre Dame, this University was the first Catholic college for women to offer a four-year baccalaureate degree. Over the past 116 years, the University has grown to offer both men and women undergraduate, graduate, and professional degrees. The University has also recently established schools for Arts and Sciences, Education, Nursing and Pharmacy, recognizing the growing need for these professions in the region and across the country. This successful institution not only values education, but also embraces the call for global outreach which was so valued by the founders and is captured in their motto, Veritatem Prosequimur, We Pursue Truth.

Education is critical not only to the success of Maryland, but to this great country. I am proud that Maryland is home to an educational institution such as Notre Dame of Maryland University and I know that this school will continue to prepare students to be critical thinkers and leaders of tomorrow.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to once again congratulate Notre Dame of Maryland University for its educational excellence and wish its continued success for the next 116 years.

IN HONOR OF DR. GLENNAH
TROCHET

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 7, 2011

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Glennah Trochet, who has been a tireless advocate of quality health care for more than 30 years. As she retires from her position as Sacramento County's Public Health Officer, I ask all of my colleagues to join me in thanking Dr. Trochet for her never-ending service to the Sacramento community.

For the last 12 years, Dr. Trochet has served as the Public Health Officer for Sacramento County. She has been instrumental in implementing and overseeing numerous key