

Julius A. Stratton "Champion of the Coast" Award, and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration has named him a National Marine Sanctuaries Environmental Hero. Douglas has also participated in an advisory role on President Clinton's U.S. Panel on Ocean Exploration, the National Academy of Sciences Committee on Science and Policy for the Coastal Ocean, and many others.

Throughout my tenure in the House of Representatives, I have had the special honor of calling Peter Douglas a constituent and a friend. A longtime resident of Marin County, Douglas has been a powerful advocate for the priorities that Marin residents hold dear and a staunch promoter of my legislation to extend federal Marine Sanctuary protection to the Sonoma coast. He has also had a hand in public service at the local level, co-founding community nonprofits and co-chairing one of California's first successful campaigns to enact a parcel tax to support local public schools.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in recognizing a man who has made immense contributions to our environment, a man whose tireless advocacy has expanded the meaning of the public good. Peter Douglas's work has encouraged us to celebrate and protect the richness of our natural surroundings, and his legacy lives on in the unrivaled beauty of the coastline that defines California.

ON THE OCCASION OF THE  
FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE OF MICHIGAN'S  
SIXTH ANNUAL  
WALK4FRIENDSHIP

### HON. GARY C. PETERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 12, 2011*

Mr. PETERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Friendship Circle of Michigan as it holds its sixth annual Walk4Friendship.

Founded on the noble ideal that every person, regardless of physical and mental ability, deserves to have a loving and supportive environment, the Friendship Circle has become an important support network for individuals with special needs and their families.

In its seventeen years of existence, the Friendship Circle has expanded to cover more than eighty locations across twenty-two states and seven countries. Annually, over twenty-five hundred students with special needs in the metro Detroit area benefit from the specialized learning environment the Circle provides.

While there are many benefits to the Friendship Circle's members that are intangible, there are many numbers that sum the critical support it provides. Nine, the number of essential life skills which are taught to circle members at two hundred schools over fifty-four districts across Southeast Michigan. Seventeen, the number of customized lessons which are used to teach circle members important life skills. Eleven, the number of real-life environments at the Friendship Circle's Weinberg Village where members can practice and perfect their lessons to become productive members of the community. Nine-hundred, the number of volunteers in the metro Detroit region who have devoted time in 2011 to continuing to make the Friendship Circle's mission possible. And most importantly, one,

the founder of Friendship Circle, Rabbi Levi Shemtov, whose bold vision, righteous determination and commitment to his article of faith have made this program possible.

This year, as the Friendship Circle celebrates its sixth annual Walk4Friendship, we are reminded that our Nation is only as strong as the most vulnerable among us. With over five thousand participants expected this year, this 5k walk will continue to raise much needed resources and continue to raise the awareness community necessary to ensure that the Friendship Circle and its mission will endure.

Mr. Speaker, the Friendship Circle, along with its thousands of supporters in Southeast Michigan, has done so much to strengthen the lives of individuals with special needs and provide crucial support to their families. I am so pleased at the continuing success of the Friendship Circle in fulfilling its mission and look forward to continuing my work with it and its members as we move forward.

MARKING THE 10-YEAR  
ANNIVERSARY OF 9/11

### HON. LEONARD LANCE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 12, 2011*

Mr. LANCE. Mr. Speaker, the 21st Century began, for all intents and purposes, on September 11, 2001. It did not begin well.

The war against terrorism is among the greatest public policy challenges of our generation. The deceased were casualties of war to the same extent as any person serving on the battlefield. But the terrorists made no distinction between members of the armed forces and civilians. The terrorists made no distinction between small children, infants and adults. They killed their victims at will.

We in New Jersey lost roughly 700 people, second only to the state of New York. I stated on the floor of the New Jersey State Legislature 10 years ago and I repeat here today on the floor of the United States House of Representatives that it will take the genius and the tenacity of a free society to overcome the scourge of terrorism, but overcome it we shall.

We have made much progress in the last 10 years, but Mr. Speaker, more progress needs to be made.

On December 8, 1941, speaking here in the house of the people, the House of Representatives, Franklin Roosevelt said famously that "No matter how long it may take us to overcome this premeditated invasion, the American people in their righteous might will win through to absolute victory."

That is as true today regarding the war against terror. as it was when Franklin Roosevelt spoke it about World War II so many years ago.

In one of the subsequent stanzas of "America the Beautiful" the author, Katherine Bates, wrote of "Thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears," but of course that is not true. Human tears are still shed based upon what happened on 9/11 and alabaster cities gleam not as brightly based upon the horrific acts of the terrorists.

At the National Cathedral on September 14, 2001, the President of the United States, George W. Bush, said this: "There are prayers that help us last through the day or endure the

night. There are prayers of friends and strangers that give us strength for the journey, and there are prayers that yield our will to a will greater than our own. This world He created is of moral design. Grief and tragedy and hatred are only for a time. Goodness, remembrance and love have no end, and the Lord of life holds all who die and all who mourn."

The President went on to state at the conclusion of his remarks words that I believe are from the St. Paul's Epistle to Romans. The President said, "As we have been assured, neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities, nor powers nor things present nor things to come nor height nor death can separate us from God's love."

Mr. Speaker, this weekend we honor the memories of those who were lost on 9/11. We also honor the brave first responders to the horrific acts of a decade ago, and recall the tremendous heroism and self-sacrifice of so many in New York, at the Pentagon and on an airplane over Western Pennsylvania.

May God bless all of those who died on 9/11 and their families, those who bravely responded to the tragedy, and those who ever put on the Nation's uniform to serve and protect us from the dangers we have faced and continue to face.

And, Mr. Speaker, may God continue to bless the United States of America.

TO COMMEMORATE THE LEADERSHIP OF RACHEL YOSKOWITZ AT JEWISH FAMILY SERVICES OF DETROIT

### HON. GARY C. PETERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 12, 2011*

Mr. PETERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate my friend, Mrs. Rachel Yoskowitz, as she departs from Jewish Family Services of Detroit and for her lifetime of work and advocacy in the realm of public health.

Rachel has had a long and auspicious career with a record of strengthening public health and wellness, not only in the greater Detroit area, but across the country. Her decades of work in the field of public health span every niche of that realm, from instructing healthcare professionals, to directing non-profit health-related advocacy groups, to directing state public health programs. Over this time she has cultivated a breadth and depth of knowledge which have made her a leader in the public health arena taking part in the state and national task forces, crafting and implementing statewide programs for adolescent health during her time with the Delaware Department of Health and Social Services and writing many successful public and private grants to develop sustainability of programs she has created.

During her time in Southeast Michigan, Rachel has worked primarily with Jewish Family Services, an agency of the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Detroit. For the first 10 years she directed the Immigration and Citizenship program at JFS. Under her direction, JFS assisted recently arrived immigrants with assimilation and acculturation into metro Detroit, particularly senior citizens. Additionally, the program provided continuing support to new residents in all stages of the immigration process.