

and other careers. I ask that you join with me today to honor Ms. Judith L. Fitzgerald. It is with great admiration and appreciation that I congratulate her on this well-deserved honor and wish her many more years of success.

HONORING FLOYD VANDERHOEF

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 26, 2013

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Floyd VanDerhoef for his service to our nation and his honorary membership into the 12th Armored Division Memorial Museum's Board of Directors.

Floyd served as a first lieutenant and captain in A Company, 56th Armored Infantry Battalion. Floyd's battalion was one of the first units in Patton's First Army to cross over the Rhine into Germany, where it helped liberate between 40,000–50,000 prisoners held en route to the Dachau concentration camp.

Following his service, Floyd remained close with the veterans who served alongside him, and he was instrumental in establishing the 12th Armored Division Memorial Museum in Abilene, Texas. He donated his own memorabilia and even paid for gold stars on the museum's floor to honor his fallen comrades.

It is important for all of us to take a moment and say thank you to our veterans like Floyd VanDerhoef who sacrificed for our country and our freedom. From the time of our nation's founding to today, these brave men and women have earned the enduring gratitude of our nation, and we honor their selfless service.

I am honored to recognize Floyd VanDerhoef for his service to our nation and for his commitment to honor his fellow veterans.

REMEMBERING THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 26, 2013

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, with Orthodox Christians across the world observing Holy Week next week, it is only fitting that today we remember a time in history that tested the will and character of the Armenian people.

Like the earliest Christians, the Armenians proved themselves not only survivors of persecution, but also masters of their destinies.

I have been a strong supporter of Armenia and of the Armenia Genocide resolution, which recognizes the massacre of 1.5 million innocent Armenian men, women and children at the hands of the Ottoman Empire as genocide.

These atrocities should not be ignored whether they took place in the early 20th century by the Ottomans, the mid-20th century by the Third Reich, or now with the ongoing violence in the Nuba Mountains and Burma.

Genocide is a scourge on the human race and must be acknowledged as such.

As we continue to seek the truth, a final acknowledgement of the horrific events that took place so long ago, I will always stand in solidarity with the Armenian people.

IN RECOGNITION OF TEMPLE BETH AHM'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 26, 2013

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Temple Beth Ahm as members gather to celebrate its 50th anniversary. Since its humble beginnings, the congregation has grown structurally and in membership, while continuing to provide outstanding spiritual guidance to the community.

Temple Beth Ahm traces its roots back to a community committed to its Jewish values. They established the Strathmore-at-Matawan Jewish Center as an organization for meetings, worship, education and activities. These events were held at various locations throughout the town, including members' homes, schools and fire houses. The organization affiliated with United Synagogue of America in 1963 and continued to grow in membership. In 1968 it completed the construction of its synagogue and changed its name to Temple Beth Ahm, the House of the People, as individuals from surrounding communities began to join.

Temple Beth Ahm continued to grow as it established a Hebrew School, preschool and theater group and its social groups expanded activities held at the temple. Over the years, other congregations merged with Temple Beth Ahm—The United Hebrew Congregation of Keyport in 1974 and Temple Ohav Shalom of Sayreville in 2002. Each of the mergers brought not only additional membership, but also Judaica and other objects and assets that enhanced the synagogue. It expanded its construction, adding classrooms and a permanent sanctuary in 1983 and later expanding its library and building a chapel.

Throughout its 50 year history, Temple Beth Ahm has also expanded its vision. In 1973 it elected its first female president and followed Rabbinical Assembly procedure to open roles of ritual aspects to women. In 2011 it hired its first female Rabbi, Lisa Malik.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Temple Beth Ahm on its 50th Anniversary. Its service to the community is truly deserving of this body's recognition.

HONORING THE REVEREND MONSIGNOR FRANCIS MANIOLA ON HIS 100TH BIRTHDAY AND THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF HIS ORDINATION

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 26, 2013

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Reverend Monsignor Francis Maniola on his 100th birthday and the 75th anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood. I am happy to have joined him in celebrating these milestones at St. Symphorosa, the Catholic parish on the Southwest Side of Chicago that he has served for 45 years.

Monsignor Maniola was originally appointed Pastor of St. Symphorosa Parish in 1968. Responding to changes in Catholic parishes that were mandated by the bishops of the Second

Vatican Council, Father Maniola sought to increase Parish involvement both spiritually and socially. He led the establishment of new groups and liturgical ministries at St. Symphorosa such as the popular Super Club, a senior citizens group with weekly events and activities, as well as support groups like the Widow and Widowers Club. I fondly remember Monsignor Maniola as the Pastor of the parish throughout my eight years at St. Symphorosa School.

Although he retired in 1981 with the title "Pastor Emeritus," his leadership and commitment to the Parish have continued to be felt in the community.

At 100 years of age, Monsignor Maniola is in good health and high spirits. As an avid baseball fan, he enjoys watching Cubs and White Sox games. He also enjoys solving crossword and Sudoku puzzles. He remains deeply spiritual, and maintains an active role in the Parish.

Today I express my admiration of Monsignor Maniola's devotion to St. Symphorosa, and honor his lifetime of achievements. I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing Monsignor Maniola well as he celebrates his 100th birthday and the 75th anniversary of his Ordination, and to thank him for his service.

LOWER BUCKS COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 26, 2013

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Lower Bucks County Chamber of Commerce for 50 years of outstanding service to the business community in Pennsylvania's 8th District.

The Lower Bucks County Chamber of Commerce was founded in the hopes to advance the values of free enterprise, and since 1963 has dedicated itself to enhancing and promoting business in the Lower Bucks County region. Incorporating more than 1000 member companies, today the LBCCC has earned the accreditation by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

As a lifelong resident of Bucks County, I greatly admire the work being done by the Lower Bucks County Chamber of Commerce. Their commitment to representing small, medium and large businesses and firms is commendable, and I am honored to represent the chamber in Washington, along with several member businesses that have maintained membership for all 50 years, Begley, Carlin & Mandio, LLP, Bucks County Courier Times, Bucks County Technical High School, Burton & Browse LLP, The Dow Chemical Company, Farruggio's Bristol & Philadelphia, Auto Express, First Federal of Bucks County, First National Bank and Trust, Company of Newtown, General Machine Products Company, Inc., Hellyer Performing Arts Center, Inc., Intercounty Media Group, Hal Lefcourt, APR, Lucisano Brothers, Inc., PECO, Pennsbury School District, United States Steel Corporation, United Way of Bucks County, and WBCB Radio Station (1490 AM).

I am pleased to congratulate the Lower Bucks County Chamber of Commerce and recognize those member companies who have