

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

COMMENDING CLARA ROEDL ON
CELEBRATING HER 100TH BIRTH-
DAY

HON. TODD C. YOUNG

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 25, 2013

Mr. YOUNG of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to congratulate Mrs. Clara Roedl on her upcoming 100th birthday, and to celebrate her life's devotion to her faith, family, and friends. Clara says those Three F's, along with kindness to others, are the secret to her longevity. Furthermore, I would like to thank her for being such a positive role model to her fellow Hoosiers, teaching us all a thing or two about important things in life.

As a father of four young children, I share Clara's views about faith, family, and friends, and I firmly believe these values are the cornerstone of the Hoosier mindset. She loves to tell stories of her childhood on a farm, and through them she imparts many lessons to friends and family alike about those shared values and traditions. I am truly moved by the example she sets for those around her, and I know that the community in her hometown of Nashville joins me in this sentiment.

A little more about Clara: She is the proud mother of two sons, Frank and Fred, who both have loving wives and families of their own. She also has three grandsons and two granddaughters, all of whom she loves dearly. Her commitments to family and faith go hand-in-hand: As a devout Catholic, one of her greatest pleasures comes when she is praying the Rosary with her devoted daughter-in-law, Mary Beth.

So today I commend Clara for being an outstanding Hoosier and teaching family, friends, and anyone willing to listen about how to live a long, happy, and virtuous life. I wish her only the best as she celebrates her 100th birthday, and thank her again for being a living testimony to our state's traditions and values.

RECOGNIZING MR. FRED GRETSCH

HON. JACK KINGSTON

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. Fred W. Gretsch, a nationally recognized music industry specialist and businessman, on the 130th anniversary of his family's historic business, The Gretsch Company.

Fred's great-grandfather, Friedrich Gretsch, started The Gretsch Company in 1883, making banjos, drums and tambourines in Brooklyn, New York. Over a span of 130 years, The Gretsch Company has grown into an international business and produces some of the world's finest drums and guitars.

In 1967, The Gretsch Company was sold to the Baldwin Music Company, but without the family dedication and perseverance that drove the business for so many decades, the company began to falter. Fred Gretsch repurchased his family business in 1985 and moved operations to Savannah, Georgia, where the revitalized company began to offer new, vintage-styled Gretsch guitars and classic Gretsch drums. The new products were immediately successful, and the company once again became a leader in the musical instrument industry.

Because of Mr. Gretsch's tireless dedication to his family business and the music industry, The Gretsch Company is celebrating a significant milestone that many small businesses never reach. I am happy to congratulate Mr. Fred Gretsch and his wife, Dinah, on this accomplishment.

TRIBUTE TO ROBERT AND KATH-
LEEN MORCIO ON THEIR 50TH
WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Robert and Kathleen Morcio, of Cheektowaga, on their 50th wedding anniversary.

The couple was wed on July 7, 1963 in a ceremony at St. Bonaventure Church in West Seneca, NY. Tim Russert, of Meet the Press fame, served as an altar boy at the wedding.

Robert and Kathleen, or Bob and Kitty as they are known, raised four children, Robert, Joseph, Ronald, and Cynthia, and now have six grandchildren: Taylor, Samantha, Michael, Adam, Ryan, and Riley. They reside in Cheektowaga and have been active members of Our Lady of Czestochowa parish for over 40 years.

Bob attended South Park High School and continued his education at Bryant & Stratton's business management program and Cornell University's management training program. After serving in the U.S. Army as a missile technician, Bob began a long career in manufacturing, working his way up the ladder from a pressman at a printing company to plant and production supervisor. Bob retired from International Imaging in 2001 as Senior Production Supervisor. He also was a volunteer fireman at Doyle Hose Company II, serving as chief for four years.

Kitty is a licensed beautician and entrepreneur. She started her own beauty shop, Coiffure de Joy, over 35 years ago in Cheektowaga. During the time her husband was a volunteer fireman, Kitty served as Vice President of the Ladies Auxiliary at the same fire company.

Mr. Speaker, it is a great honor for me to have the opportunity to offer my utmost con-

gratulations to the Morcios and their family on this joyous occasion. I ask my colleagues to join me to acknowledge their achievement and to pass on our best wishes.

HONORING HONEY AND SOL NEIER

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, Honey and Sol Neier have been members of Anshe Sholom for almost 40 years, since they moved to New Rochelle as newlyweds. They knew Anshe Sholom was a special place from their first Yom Kippur when Rabbi Philip Weinberger performed a Brit Milah on the bimah.

Honey was born and raised in the Bronx. Her father was born in Poland and moved here as a young man. Her mother was born and raised in New York. Honey was born and raised in the Bronx where she attended public schools. She graduated from Hunter College and earned her Master's Degree from New York University. She began teaching at I.S. 131 in the Bronx and after a few years became a guidance counselor.

Sol was born in Germany, the son of Holocaust survivors from Poland. He came to the United States with his parents at the age of 3, and he too grew up in the Bronx where he also attended public schools. He graduated from the Columbia University School of Pharmacy and opened the Ace Pharmacy of Riverdale. With Honey's help, he and operated this well-respected family business for many years.

Honey and Sol are blessed with three children: Michelle, a doctor, and Joshua and Renee. They are extremely excited and proud for the family has been expanding. Michelle and her husband, Dr. Jonathan Schor are the parents of Juliette, 3, and Rebecca, 10 months. Renee was married last September to Jacob Reuben. Honey and Sol have been privileged to celebrate many family simchas in the shul including baby namings, a bar mitzvah and many others.

Honey and Sol have been tireless volunteers at Anshe Sholom. Honey first volunteered with the Sisterhood. She then joined the Board of Trustees, where she serves as Vice President. She has performed many tasks at the shul from arranging Kiddushim, to serving on the rabbinic search committee. Sol has been by her side throughout, accompanying her to events, supporting her many endeavors and volunteering on numerous occasions. He often joins the morning Minyanaires before heading to work for the day.

I am proud to join with Anshe Sholom in honoring Honey and Sol Neier for their many years of helping the shul. I, the congregation and Honey and Sol look forward to many more simchas and wonderful days for Honey and Sol with the Anshe Sholom family.

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