Klein has long been an active member of Temple Beth Ahavath Sholom and serves as its Treasurer. In addition, Myron has taken a leading role in the Temple’s fundraising efforts and serves as the Chairman of the Goods and Services Auction which has raised thousands of dollars for the Temple.

Each of today’s honorees has long been known as innovators and beacon's of good will to all those with whom they come into contact. Through their dedicated efforts, they have each helped to improve my constituents' quality of life. In recognition of their many accomplishments on behalf of my constituents, I offer my congratulations on their being honored by Temple Beth Ahavath Sholom.

STEPHEN M. BARROUK HONORED

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI
OF PENNSYLVANIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, May 24, 1999

Mr. KANJORSKI, Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a distinguished community leader and my good friend, Mr. Stephen M. Barrouk. In June, Leadership Wilkes-Barre will honor Steve with the group’s 1999 Distinguished Leadership Award. I am pleased and proud to have been asked to participate in this richly-deserving well-deserved award.

A native of Wilkes-Barre, Steve graduated from E.L. Meyers High School. He earned a B.A. degree in Urban Studies/Economics and a Master’s Degree in Public Administration from the University of Pittsburgh. Steve went on to serve in the Department of City Development in Pittsburgh and later as the Deputy Director of the Allegheny County Department of Development. He also served as Executive Director of the Allegheny Industrial Hospital and Higher Education Authorities.

Steve returned to Northeastern Pennsylvania to become the President/CEO of the Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Business and Industry and its affiliates, the Greater Wilkes-Barre Industrial Fund and the Greater Wilke-Barre Chamber of Commerce. He is also a member of the Luzerne County Convention Authority, the Pennsylvania Economic Development Association, the American Chamber of Commerce Executives, and the Industrial Development Research Council.

Steve serves on the board of the Economic Development Council of Northeastern Pennsylvania, the United Way of Wyoming Valley, the Ethics Institute, Blue Cross of Northeastern Pennsylvania, and the Downtown Task Force of Wilkes-Barre. Steve also serves on the board of the Earth Conservancy, a non-profit, charitable organization that is restoring, preserving, and developing more than 17,000 acres of land throughout Luzerne County previously owned by a bankrupt coal company. He also played an important role in helping to win an American Heritage River designation for the Upper Susquehanna-Lackawanna Waterways.

I have worked closely with Steve on countless projects to improve the quality of life for Northeastern Pennsylvania. Despite the enormity of the challenges he has faced on complex projects such as restoring the former Pomeroy’s building in downtown Wilkes-Barre, creating a new sports area/convention center, and the daily work of attracting new industries to our area, Steve has always shown the utmost devotion to the community. He leads his organization with the highest level of professionalism.

Over the past several years, I have enjoyed working with Steve Barrouk to promote economic development in Northeastern Pennsylvania. Steve’s efforts have literally helped create thousands of jobs in the Wyoming Valley. I am pleased to join Leadership Wilkes-Barre in thanking Steve Barrouk for his efforts. Luzerne County will undoubtedly benefit from his further labors in the years ahead.

ANGEL CRUELTY LEGISLATION

HON. ELTON GALLEGLY
OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, May 24, 1999

Mr. GALLEGLY. Mr. Speaker, criminals should not profit from illegal acts. That is why I introduced H.R. 1887 last week that will ban illegal, disgusting acts that are occurring nationwide.

People around the country are making “crush videos.” The videos feature women crushing small animals with their feet while wearing spiked heels. The videos are sold nationwide to people who enjoy this type of所谓的“foot fetish.” and sellers of the video are making millions of dollars.

The acts of animals cruelty featured in the video are illegal under state law. However, according to District Attorney Michael Bradbury of Ventura County, California, it is difficult to prosecute these acts under state animal cruelty laws. First, a District Attorney must identify the individual in the video. This is a difficult task given the fact that most of the time, only the actress’ legs are shown. Second, it is difficult to prove that the act featured in the video occurred with in the statute of limitations. Third, local animal cruelty laws do not prohibit the production, sale, or possession of the video. There are also no federal laws that could be used to prosecute the individuals.

Sick criminals are taking advantage of the loopholes in the local law and the lack of federal law on animal cruelty videos. This is a serious problem. Thousands of these videos are being sold. Thousands of dollars are being made. By not closing these loopholes and allowing this sick behavior, we are encouraging people to profit from violating the state animal cruelty laws. This must be stopped!

H.R. 1887 will put a stop to this offensive behavior. This legislation is narrowly tailored to prohibit the creation, sale or possession of a depiction of animal cruelty in interstate commerce for commercial gain. H.R. 1887 does not preempt state laws on animal cruelty. Rather, it incorporates the animal cruelty law of the state where the offense occurs.

I urge all of my colleagues to join me in pursuing this legislation which will put an end to profiling from these disgusting criminal acts. Please contact Wendy Wiseman of my staff at 5-5811 to cosponsor H.R. 1887.

COMMEMORATING THE LEADERSHIP OF EAST SIDE SCOUT-MASTER DAN NELSON

HON. BRUCE F. VENTO
OF MINNESOTA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, May 24, 1999

Mr. VENTO. Mr. Speaker, we must recognize outstanding efforts by individuals that are...