

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RONNIE SHOWS

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 16, 1999

Mr. SHOWS. Mr. Speaker, because inclement weather delayed my connecting flight from Jackson, Mississippi, on Monday, June 14, 1999, I was unable to cast a recorded vote on rollcall No. 204.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 1400, the Bond Price Competition Improvement Act of 1999.

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. MARTIN
J. MURPHY, JR.**HON. TONY P. HALL**

OF OHIO

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Mr. HALL of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Dr. Martin J. Murphy, Jr. who is retiring this year after more than 35 years of dedicated work in the field of cancer research. Dr. Murphy began his remarkable career in the area of cancer research in the late Sixties, when, as a postdoctoral fellow, he joined some of the most prestigious academic institutions in the world. After leaving academia, in 1975, Dr. Murphy joined the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center as an Associate Member. There, Dr. Murphy became a Founding Director of the Hematology Training Program, a renowned cancer research program sponsored by the National Institutes of Health.

A laboratory founded by Dr. Murphy at the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Center later became the Hipple Cancer Research Center. This laboratory, under Dr. Murphy's leadership, provided an opportunity for cutting edge research on the molecular and genetic nature of cancer, as it afforded support to physicians and researchers by engaging the National Institutes of Health and various corporate and individual sponsors.

In 1979, Dr. Murphy brought the laboratory to Dayton, where it became part of the Wright State University School of Medicine. The Hipple Cancer Research Center developed into a prime cancer research facility due to Dr. Murphy's leadership and enthusiasm. Dr. Murphy's work also resulted in the establishment of the consortium of hospitals in the United States and Israel which developed clinical protocols for the vaccine treatment of patients with advanced melanoma. Dr. Murphy made seminal discoveries regarding the identity and characterization of the hematopoietic stem cells and the elucidation and purification of the molecules regulating the cell behavior.

While working relentlessly at the Hipple Center, Dr. Murphy founded Alpha Med Press, a non-profit publishing firm dedicated to the publication of world-class research articles in the area of cancer and AIDS research. Dr. Murphy's work in publishing, as well as his tenures at various universities in China, Latin America and South Africa show a dedication

to improving health care on a world-wide basis.

Mr. Speaker, I know my colleagues will join me in congratulating Dr. Martin J. Murphy, Jr. for the outstanding work he has done in the last 35 years, and wishing Dr. Murphy a healthy and productive retirement.

TRIBUTE TO DAVID RAAB

HON. STEVEN R. ROTHMAN

OF NEW JERSEY

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Mr. ROTHMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer my deep appreciation to a remarkable citizen of both America and Israel, David Raab of Teaneck, NJ, who will soon be moving to the State of Israel.

As so many people in the Jewish community in New Jersey and across the United States already know, David has been, for decades now, a tireless pro-Israel activist. And through the years, he has shown an almost magical ability to bring people together for the purpose of strengthening America's alliance with their number one ally in the Middle East, the State of Israel. For this, David Raab deserves the admiration and respect of all people who care deeply about the need to ensure the safety and security of Israel and her citizens.

I have known David as a dear personal friend and as an outstanding leader and member of a number of distinguished Jewish organizations. I have also known David as a devoted father and husband, a successful businessman, and an individual committed to making his community and neighborhood a better place to live. In all these respects, David has been supported by his loving wife Leah and his three children, Yitzhak, Aviel and Aliza.

As David and his family prepare to depart for Israel, I want to publicly thank him for the advice and counsel he has generously offered over the years to me and members of this august body on matters concerning Israel and the entire Middle East. Whether it was helping craft a strategy to secure justice for Israel at the United Nations, or helping Members of Congress focus on the need to transfer to the United States those Palestinians suspected of killing Americans in Israel, David's advice has always been highly valued by members of both the U.S. House of Representatives and Senate.

I will miss David and wish him the very best as he begins a new and exciting chapter of his life in the State of Israel.

HONORING MAYOR CHARLES
ROONEY, JR., OF SEA BRIGHT, N.J.**HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

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Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, in my home state of New Jersey, at this very moment, children and their parents are starting to pack for their weekend at the Jersey Shore. And they

are imagining the beautiful beaches and ocean waters that await them and all the fun and good memories that the coming weekend holds.

Most of these weekend visitors take the Jersey Shore for granted, not realizing that there are people who devoted their lives to protecting and maintaining the shoreline for all to enjoy. Foremost among these coastal champions was Charles Rooney, the mayor of Sea Bright, N.J., from 1988 until his death this year. This Sunday, June 20, the people of Sea Bright will rededicate Swing Bridge Park in Sea Bright, N.J., in his honor.

The Sea Bright residents who will attend know well how hard Mayor Rooney worked over a 20-year period—first as a Councilman and then as Mayor—to get the state and federal funds to protect Sea Bright from the many "Nor'easters" that threatened the lives and property of residents. Over the years, these seasonal storms, with their ferocious winds and pounding surf, robbed Sea Bright of its protective seawall and buffer beaches to the point that the town might not have survived another storm season.

My colleagues, you know more about Mayor Rooney and Sea Bright than you realize, because it was to Sea Bright that the New York and national television stations would go for some fearsome footage whenever a hurricane came up the East Coast. Each time, I would talk to a very concerned Mayor Rooney on the phone and later meet him on a tour of the damage and we would agree to press harder and speed up the schedule to repair the seawall and reconstruct the beaches. And, colleagues, it was your vote, year-after-year that helped us finally make the repairs that resulted in the completion of the multi-million dollar Army Corps of Engineers Shore Protection Project along much of the coastline of my district.

Charles Rooney was a man who served his community like no other I know. His eight years as union representative in the Steel Workers Union helped prepare him for the leadership and coalition building skills he would later utilize as Councilman and Mayor. He served as president of the local chamber of commerce and established the senior citizens club, the borough recreation center and the youth program. In November, he was inducted into the League Municipalities "Mayors' Hall of Fame" and in January into the "Elected Officials Hall of Fame" for having served more than 20 years in local government.

There was an amazing personal side to Charles Rooney. He had tremendous character and was himself a character. He used to say that when he took office, the town of Sea Bright was famous for having twenty-one liquor licenses and to reverse the common attitude of "let's party in Sea Bright," somebody had to be tough. It was that toughness that turned Sea Bright back into a beautiful family resort as it was during the glory days at the turn of the century.

It was also his political toughness, combined with his middle-aged entry into long distance running that gave him the nickname of "Iron Man Rooney." Starting at the age of 48, he ran in 17 career marathons, inspired by another shore legend, Dr. George Sheehan, "The Running Doc" of Rumson. Mayor Rooney ran the entire length of the New Jersey