

Olive Whitmore is a cherished treasure for her family, friends, and community. Her spark, friendly smile, kindness and caring for others has touched countless Clevelanders who have had the honor of knowing her. Olive is a young 100, demonstrating that one's positive attitude and perseverance throughout one's life can carry you a long, long way. Olive Whitmore is loved by many.

My fellow colleagues, please join me in honoring Ms. Olive Whitmore on this momentous occasion of her 100th birthday.

“TRIAL” OF IRANIAN JEWS IS A
CASE OF RELIGIOUS PERSECUTION

HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 11, 2000

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express outrage over the sentences handed down on July 1st in Iran against ten of thirteen Iranian Jews who were recently put on trial in that country. These people, who were charged with the crime of practicing their religion, were unfairly imprisoned for over a year while waiting for the Iranian government to conduct its trial. Now they have been found guilty in a sham legal proceeding.

The trial—if it can be called a trial—was political intimidation not a judicial proceeding. This is a court with no jury, and one which holds its trials behind closed doors with the “judge” serving as both prosecutor and judge. The defendants were not able to choose their own representation in court.

Furthermore, the thirteen individuals were not even indicted on the original charges that were brought against them. Originally the thirteen were arrested for teaching Hebrew and holding religious classes, and on these charges they were detained for over a year before being tried by the Iranian Revolutionary Court. It is significant that after detaining these innocent people on these trumped up charges for over a year, the Court was unable to provide any evidence other than the coerced confessions of the detainees.

Mr. Speaker, I also wish to call the attention of my colleagues in the Congress to the actions of President Clinton, Secretary Albright and other Administration officials, as well as other governments who successfully pressured the Iranian government to hand down jail terms instead of death sentences. Since the Islamic revolution in 1979, seventeen Jews have been executed, and if not for the forceful action of the White House, the Department of State, and other governments, that number would surely now be twenty-seven. While I want to express appreciation for these actions, I urge our Administration and other governments to maintain continued pressure to urge the Iranian government to overturn this decision of the Revolutionary Court and free these wrongly imprisoned victims.

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN HONOR OF DAVE GRESKY

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 11, 2000

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in tribute to Dave Gresky, co-captain of the baseball team at St. Ignatius High School in Ohio. Dave has been selected by the Cleveland Plain Dealer as a member of their All-Star baseball team for the Spring 2000 season. In addition to this considerable honor, Dave Gresky was chosen as the MVP of the All-Star team as well.

As a co-captain of the St. Ignatius Wildcats, Dave Gresky led the team to a 25-6 record, and to their first appearance in a state championship baseball game. Gresky batted .452 during the regular season as a senior right fielder, and he set single season records in three categories for St. Ignatius with 50 hits, 10 home runs, and 51 runs batted in. His notable contributions to the team earned him a baseball scholarship to Northwestern University. In addition, Gresky was selected by the Florida Marlins in the 22nd round of the amateur draft in June.

Dave Gresky's athletic accomplishments do not end on the baseball diamond, however. He also led the St. Ignatius Wildcats football team to a record eighth Division I state title when he scored the clinching touchdown in the championship game.

Recognition by the Cleveland Plain Dealer of Dave's accomplishments is an amazing honor because it acknowledges the hours of sacrifice and patience needed to cultivate stamina and perseverance, as well as excellence in teamwork and cooperation. More importantly, I am inspired by his motivation, poise, and good sportsmanship on and off the playing field. Clearly, he is the quintessential model of grace under pressure. He is truly remarkable. I know that Dave has much to offer. I look forward to offering more congratulations to this promising athlete in the future.

My fellow colleagues, please join me in honoring Dave Gresky, an impressive right fielder and dedicated young athlete, for his outstanding achievements in sports.

MEMORIAL TRIBUTE OF THE
HONORABLE JOE A. GONSALVES

HON. GRACE F. NAPOLITANO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 11, 2000

Mrs. NAPOLITANO. Mr. Speaker, it is with deep sadness that I announce the passing of my very dear friend and colleague, the Honorable Joe A. Gonsalves, former Member of the California State Assembly representing the 66th Assembly District which includes several of the cities and communities in my 34th Congressional District. Mr. Gonsalves died Friday, July 7, 2000 at his Gold River, California home.

Joe A. Gonsalves was a true exemplification of the fulfillment of the American ideal and the California dream. The son of Joaquim and

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Elvira Gonsalves, Portuguese Immigrants from the island of Terceira in the Azores, Joe was born on October 13, 1919 in Holtville, California. From the humblest beginnings in the farming region of the Imperial Valley, the Gonsalves family moved first to Whittier, then settled in Artesia, where they began the first of several dairy farms. In time, each Gonsalves son would own and operate his own dairy farm and through dint of hard work and steady growth, would become the basis of the families prosperity. Joe attended local schools and graduated from Excelsior High School in Norwalk, California. The Gonsalves family were among the founders of Holy Family Catholic Parish and Our Lady of Fatima Catholic School in Artesia.

When the new City of Dairy Valley, later to become the City of Cerritos, was incorporated in 1958, Joe Gonsalves was elected to the first City Council and served two terms as Mayor. When a new legislative district was formed in Southeast Los Angeles County following the 1961 reapportionment, Joe A. Gonsalves won election to the California State Assembly in the 1962 General Election, becoming the first legislator ever elected from Portuguese descent. When all but a small handful of state legislators were part-time Joe Gonsalves sold his dairy interests and became a Full-Time Legislator and moved his family north to the state Capitol in Sacramento. There he began to build a remarkable record of achievement during California's golden era of growth and progress.

Serving with political titans including legendary Speaker Jesse M. Unruh and Governor Edmund G. “Pat” Brown, Joe Gonsalves authored landmark legislation including the law that created a more equitable configuration of the state's important dairy industry benefiting the independent farmers. His diligence, skill and personality were rewarded with his appointment as Chairman of the powerful Assembly Rules Committee, Joint Committee on Rules, and later the Revenue and Taxation Committee. His leadership on the State Allocation Board and the Assembly Education Committee produced substantial increases in funding for local school districts.

Following his distinguished service of twelve years in state office, Joe began the third chapter of his professional career by establishing his own company to provide professional legislative representation. He soon became one of the Capitol's most highly respected and influential lobbyists. Later, he was joined by his son Anthony D. Gonsalves in the firm that would be called Joe A. Gonsalves & Son. The Gonsalves lobbying firm represented a blue chip roster of interests including the Port of Long Beach, the Del Mar Thoroughbred Club, the Oak Tree Racing Association, the California Dairymen's Association, the Portuguese government, and over forty incorporated California cities. The firm expanded to include a third generation of Gonsalves advocates when Joe's grandson Jason Gonsalves joined the company.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud and honored by the wonderful friendship I enjoyed with this unique and outstanding gentleman. He was a wise and trusted advisor to me during my service as a City Councilwoman, Mayor and Member of the California Assembly. Joe