

War II era. The first wave of immigrants left Russia after the civil war in the early 1920's and settled in France and Yugoslavia. Following World War II, many of these Russian immigrants left war-torn Europe and headed for the United States. A second wave of immigration came when a number of displaced Russian citizens chose to make a new start in the U.S. rather than return to the Soviet Union for repatriation. Of the thousands of Russian citizens who came to America in the 1940's, many chose Cleveland, Ohio as the city where they would begin their new lives.

Once settled in Cleveland, these Russian immigrants joined together in an admirable effort to preserve their valued Russian tradition, language, culture, and Orthodoxy. They took their first bold steps toward carrying on their Russian heritage in 1950 with the founding of the Russian American Cultural Society of Cleveland and the St. Sergius of Radonesh Russian Orthodox Church.

Due to the strong ethnic bond which the Cultural Society provided, its activity and membership grew exponentially. The society's most active years came under the region of Mr. G. Mesernicky, who was president during the 1960's and 70's. Under his leadership, the society operated a Russian language school, a radio program, a newsletter, and a youth group. It is clear that the society has succeeded in achieving its commendable goal of preserving Russian tradition in the city of Cleveland. To this day, they continue to bring Russian-Americans together for various cultural and social events, including picnics, concerts, lectures, plays, and most notably, the annual Tatiana Ball.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my fellow colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me today in congratulating the Russian American Cultural Society on its Golden Anniversary. They have made a lasting contribution to the city of Cleveland, and I wish them many more years of continued success.

#### MEMORIAL TRIBUTE TO THE LATE CONGRESSMAN SIDNEY YATES

### HON. WAYNE T. GILCREST

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 13, 2000*

Mr. GILCREST. Mr. Speaker, Sid Yates—his tenure in Congress embodied knowledge, humility, and tolerance, the pillars that support the essence of democracy.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. HEATHER WILSON

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 13, 2000*

Mrs. WILSON. Mr. Speaker, on October 10, 2000, I was unavoidably delayed in traveling to Washington, DC, as a result of a mechanical problem with an airplane. As a result, I was unable to attend three votes.

Had I been present, I would have voted: "Yea" on rollcall vote No. 519, the Pipeline

Safety Improvement Act (S. 2438); "yea" on rollcall vote No. 520, allowing for the contribution of certain rollover distributions to accounts in the Thrift Savings Plan and to eliminate certain waiting period requirements for participating in the Thrift Savings Plan (H.R. 208); "yea" on rollcall vote No. 521, the Lupus Research and Care Amendments (H.R. 762).

#### CONFERENCE REPORT ON S. 2796, WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 2000

SPEECH OF

### HON. BILL PASCHELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 3, 2000*

Mr. PASCHELL. Mr. Speaker, I wish today to thank Congressman BOB FRANKS and Congressman BOB MENENDEZ for including critical flood control research funding in the 2000 Water Resources Development Act for the State of New Jersey.

This issue is a matter of great importance to each of our districts and all of our constituents. Our home state is confronted with an array of complex challenges related to the environment and economic development. However, one issue in particular, the over development of land, is of special concern because of its impact on our watersheds and floodplains, and economic activity throughout the state.

As many of my colleagues already know, this past August vast parts of northern New Jersey were devastated by flooding caused by severe rainfall. The resulting natural disaster threatened countless homes, bridges and roads, not to mention the health, safety and welfare of area residents. The total figure for damages in Sussex and Morris Counties has been estimated at over \$50 million, and area residents are still fighting to restore some degree of normalcy to their lives.

While the threat of future floods continues to plague the region, one New Jersey institution is taking concrete steps to prevent another catastrophe. The New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT) has been studying the challenges posed by flooding and stormwater flows for some time, and is interested in forming a multi-agency federal partnership to continue this important research.

NJIT is one of our state's premier research institutions and is uniquely equipped to carry out this critical stormwater research. The university has a long and distinguished tradition of responding to difficult public-policy challenges such as environmental emissions standards, aircraft noise, traffic congestion and alternative energy.

More broadly, NJIT has demonstrated an institutional ability to direct its intellectual resources to the examination of problems beyond academia, and its commitment to research allows it to serve as a resource for unbiased technological information and analysis.

An excellent opportunity for NJIT to partner with the federal government and solve the difficult problem of flood control has presented itself in the 2000 Water Resources Development Act (WRDA).

At the request of Congressman BOB FRANKS and Congressman BOB MENENDEZ, the final

version of this important legislation includes a provision directing the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to develop and implement a stormwater flood control project in New Jersey and report back to Congress within three years on its progress.

While the Corps of Engineers is familiar with this problem at the national level, it does not have the firsthand knowledge and experience in New Jersey that NJIT has accrued in its 119 years of service. I know that Congressman FRANKS and MENENDEZ have already submitted statements requesting NJIT participate in this important research, and I urge the Army Corps to agree to their proposal. Including NJIT's expertise and experience in this research effort is a logical step and would greatly benefit the Army Corps, as well as significantly improve the project's chances of success.

I urge the New York District of Corps of Engineers to work closely with my colleagues and me to ensure NJIT's full participation in this study. By working together, we can create a nexus between the considerable flood control expertise of the Army Corps and NJIT, and finally solve this difficult problem for the people of New Jersey. I hope my colleagues will support efforts towards this end.

#### HONORING MURRAY LENDER ON HIS 70TH BIRTHDAY

### HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 13, 2000*

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I pay tribute to a community leader, a philanthropist, a humanitarian, and a great friend, Murray Lender, on the occasion of his 70th birthday.

Murray's father, Harry Lender, introduced bagels to the people of this country. Murray continued that tradition as chairman of Lender's Bagel Bakery, the world's largest bagel bakery. He revolutionized the bagel industry when he began the process of freezing bagels in the late 1950s, bringing to life his father's dream of "a bagel on every table." His astute business sense was recognized by the National Frozen Food Association, which inducted him into the Frozen Food Hall of Fame, only the sixth person to be so honored. He also received the International Deli-Bakery Association's Hall of Fame Award and has been selected Man of the Year by numerous industry associations. But these achievements are dwarfed by what Murray has done for the people of Greater New Haven, of Connecticut, and of his country through his myriad of philanthropic and humanitarian works.

Murray's efforts in New Haven have truly been exceptional. He and his family have given generously of their time and resources to Quinnipiac University. Murray was given the Distinguished Alumnus Award in 1991. His family's efforts have provided students with a top-notch business program that allows students to benefit from the practical knowledge, business acumen, and impressive record of success that Murray and his family have achieved. In 1997, Murray was awarded an

honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from his alma mater, Quinnipiac College. He currently serves on the Board of Trustees of Quinnipiac, where his contributions to that institution continue. In addition, he serves as co-chair of the Yale University School of Medicine Cardiovascular Research Fund.

Murray has also had a tremendous impact on our community through his work with a variety of service organizations including the New Haven Jewish Community Center, the American Heart Association, the Leukemia Society of America and the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation. While he built an incredibly successful business, Murray contributed not just money but, more notably, his time, to these worthy efforts.

Murray has also been an active member of our nation's Jewish community, participating in numerous events, contributing time and financial resources, and forwarding the cause of peace in the Middle East. The Anti-Defamation League has bestowed upon him its highest honor, the Torch of Liberty Award, in recognition of a profound record of public service.

In every way, Murray has been an outstanding citizen and community member. He serves as a role model to us all. He has had a profound effect on our community and our nation. I am honored to join his brother, Marvin; his sons, Harris, Carl and Jay; along with other family members and friends; in wishing him many more years of health and happiness. Happy birthday Murray.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE SHREWSBURY HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL TEAM

**HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 13, 2000*

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, today I join the community of Shrewsbury, Massachusetts in celebrating the outstanding accomplishments and performance of the Shrewsbury High School Colonials Baseball team. Their remarkable season came to an abrupt end on June 19th with their defeat in the Division 1 State Championship game. This defeat, however, could not detract from their magical season.

The mentality of the Colonials' baseball team can be summed up in a common idiom: "comback kids." Nevertheless, there is nothing "common" about this group of distinguished young men. Driven by the passionate leadership of Coach Dave Niro, the Colonials surprised many teams this year with late-inning rallies, strong defense and incredible hitting. As a matter of fact, four of their last six victories were of the come-from-behind variety. It was this "never-say-die" attitude that lifted the spirits and performance of the Shrewsbury High School Baseball team to a level that very few anticipated.

Teamwork was the key to the Colonials' highly successful season. Led on the field by co-captains Catcher Jimmy Board and First Baseman Jamie Buonomo, every player performed as if each game were his last: the sensational play of outfielders Shayne Barnes,

Tommy Crossman, and Tim Kilroy; the outstanding defense of infielders Jon Bacott, Alex Biaz, Ryan Bigda, Bill Orfalea, and Andy Morano; the mastery of pitchers Shawn Walker, Lee Diamantopoulos, Brenda Slavin and Mike Sigismondo; the clutch hitting by designated hitter Matt Vaccaro; and the numerous contributions by players Bob Roddy, Nick Dion, Matt Amdur, Todd Cooksey, Tim Ford, and Brian Merchant. Also, special recognition must be extended to the coaches of this team: the aforementioned head Coach Dave Niro, and assistants P.J. O'Connell and Jay Costa.

It is with tremendous pride that I recognize the members of the Shrewsbury High School Colonials Baseball team for an unforgettable season. These outstanding young men make me so very proud. I congratulate them on their accomplishment and wish them the best of luck in the years to come.

IN HONOR OF THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF HELEN OSK LEINHARDT

**HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 13, 2000*

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Helen Osk Leinhardt, who will turn 100 years old on December 28, 2000. Ms. Leinhardt will celebrate her birthday alongside her son, Walter, her six grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

Ms. Leinhardt is quite an extraordinary woman. Born on December 28, 1900, the end of the first year of the 20th Century, Ms. Leinhardt was educated in New York City public schools and eventually became a teacher. She taught first and second grade in Brooklyn, New York for more than 30 years. A working mother at a time when it was still rare for women to work outside the home, Ms. Leinhardt raised two children, Walter and Alice. Alice unfortunately died three years ago. Throughout Alice's illness, Ms. Leinhardt, who was then in her late nineties, repeatedly walked the entire 40 blocks to and from the hospital to visit her daughter.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to acknowledge the dedication and pioneering efforts of Ms. Helen Osk Leinhardt. A working mother whose great enthusiasm inspired a generation of students, Ms. Leinhardt is truly an inspiration to us all.

IN HONOR OF JOAN OLSEN

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 13, 2000*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, today I pay respect to Joan Olsen, who passed away recently at the age of 59 after battling with cancer. Mrs. Olsen was an outstanding citizen of the community of St. Colman's Church since 1987. She wholeheartedly involved herself in the education and computer assistance of the St. Colman's Church and community.

Joan grew up in Lakewood, but settled in Fairview Park after her marriage to Neal Olsen

in 1967. Joan was drawn to St. Colman's Church in 1987 while researching her Irish genealogy. From the moment she joined St. Colman's Church, she was an active member and participant in the Parish and community. From her work experience between 1992 and 1994 in helping to computerize the Cuyahoga County Archive Records, Joan decided to computerize the Parish files. In 1995, she realized the importance of computer education and resolved to help the community obtain computers and to teach computer classes. Knowing that the community could not afford computers or computer classes, she contacted many businesses and was able to acquire newer model computers for the neighborhood. The computer lab was eventually placed in the parish school building, where Joan gave free computer classes to anyone interested. In addition to her computer classes, Joan taught Bible classes at St. Colman's Parish. She immersed herself further into the community when she offered to install computers in the homes of families.

Outside of the St. Colman's Parish community, Joan helped organize the West Side Community Computer Center. She did all of the networking and attended out-of-town conferences in preparation for the opening of the Center. Once again, she provided free computer classes.

Joan had many talents and interests, which she generously shared with her family, friends, and community. She taught knitting and weaving to the neighborhood children in addition to her already existing computer classes.

I am heartened to hear that the computer lab at St. Colman's Parish will be formally dedicated to Joan very soon. A woman of her caliber will be remembered not only in the minds and hearts of the St. Colman community citizens, but also by the new dedication of the computer lab. Joan Olsen has been a keystone to the community. Her absence will be greatly missed.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in expressing my deepest condolences to Joan's family and many friends, and honoring the memory of Joan Olsen.

HONORING LARRY McBRIDE—

**HON. SCOTT McINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 13, 2000*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this moment to recognize an outstanding educator and administrator, Larry McBride of Rifle, Colorado. For the past twenty years Larry has served the Re-2 School District in the capacity of Associate Superintendent. Larry and his colleague Lennard Eckhardt are both retiring at the end of the school year. His contributions to the students and faculty of Re-2 School District are immeasurable and I would like to pay tribute to his service.

Larry was born in Tulsa, Oklahoma, attending high school at South High School in Denver. He enrolled at Fort Lewis College in Durango, Colorado and graduated with a degree in Social Sciences. Larry's plans of attending medical school were cut short as the country