

in New Ulm, Minnesota, as a national symbol of contributions of Americans of German heritage, introduced by the gentleman from Minnesota, Mr. MINGE, I would have voted "yea."

On H. Con. Res. 296, expressing the sense of Congress regarding the necessity to expedite the settlement process for discrimination claims against the Department of Agriculture brought by African-American farmers, introduced by the gentleman from Arkansas, Mr. DICKEY, I would have voted "nay."

IN HONOR OF THE CONFERRAL OF
PAPAL HONORS ON REVEREND
MONSIGNOR FREDERICK EID

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 9, 2000

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, today I honor Reverend Monsignor Frederick M. Eid for being named a Prelate of Honor of His Holiness, Pope John Paul II, a remarkable accomplishment. His conferral of Papal honors is the crowning achievement in a long and illustrious career dedicated to the Catholic faith and the Archdiocese of Newark, New Jersey.

Throughout his life and career, Reverend Monsignor Eid demonstrated a willingness to reach out to his community in a meaningful way, and he has enriched the lives of many through his efforts to foster spiritual growth.

Reverend Monsignor Eid officially began his extraordinary dedication to church and community the day he was ordained to the priesthood of the Archdiocese of Newark on May 31, 1947. His many assignments for the Archdiocese of Newark include: St. Michael's Church, Union City, New Jersey; the Missionary Archdiocese of Tegucigalpa, Honduras; the Black Mission of Holy Spirit, Orange, New Jersey; St. Peter Chaver, Montclair, New Jersey; St. Mary's Church and High School, Jersey City, New Jersey; and Our Lady of Grace, Hoboken, New Jersey. In addition, he was chosen as chaplain of the Hoboken P.B.A., the Hoboken Fire Department, and the Hoboken Volunteer Ambulance Corps. He is also the chairman of the Child Placement Review Board of the Superior Court of Hudson County, New Jersey.

At Our Lady of Grace, Reverend Monsignor Eid was called upon to form a center for Hispanic culture. He answered the call by developing a Spanish liturgy instruction center for children and youth. I myself attended Our Lady of Grace in kindergarten, several years before he arrived.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me as I honor Reverend Monsignor Frederick Eid for all he has accomplished in a life devoted to faith and community.

HONORING REVEREND ROGER
POHL

HON. DEBBIE STABENOW

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 9, 2000

Ms. STABENOW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to Reverend Roger Pohl

who has been called to become the new director of the Ecumenical Center and International Residence (ECIR) at the University of Michigan.

Reverend Pohl currently is senior minister of the Pilgrim Congregational United Church of Christ in Lansing, Michigan. He serves on the Human Relations Board of the City of Lansing and as chairperson of the community's Alliance Against Hate. A 1969 graduate of Yale University Divinity School, Reverend Pohl has demonstrated immeasurable dedication to both domestic and international cooperation and understanding.

This is a time to both say goodbye to a dear friend on behalf of our Lansing church home and community as well as to extend warm heartfelt congratulations on his new job. The campus ministry that Reverend Pohl will lead has three main objectives: (1) to facilitate global education in the hope that peace may prevail; (2) to promote the ethical and religious bases for enduring friendships; and (3) to be an international community where people of the world may learn to live together and care for one another.

Furthering international understanding, global friendship, and interfaith dialogue are areas in which Reverend Pohl indisputably has a wealth of knowledge, experience, and longstanding commitment.

I thank Reverend Pohl for the example he has set for people across the globe and wish him continued success as he prepares for this worthy journey of multicultural leadership.

IN MEMORY OF MYRA LENARD

HON. ROBERT A. BORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 9, 2000

Mr. BORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I honor the loving memory of Myra Lenard, who passed away on May 1, 2000.

Since I was first elected to the United States Congress, I worked with Myra to promote freedom and democracy in Poland, particularly during its time under the former communist regime. Mrs. Lenard's mission for Poland and for many Polish Americans was to seek help and support for their native land. She dedicated her entire body of knowledge to the advancement of Poland to make it a more democratic nation. She was a true champion of democracy and a liberator of freedom. Today, I cherish the memory of our friendship.

Casimira (Myra) Lenard was born in Poland and immigrated to Chicago with her parents. She became an active member in Polonia through her membership in the Polish National Alliance. She later became President of the Polish Women's Civic Club promoting scholarships for students of Polish heritage and advocating civic responsibility.

In 1962 Myra's husband, Casimir (now retired U.S. Army Colonel), was assigned to the Pentagon and the family moved to the Washington, DC area. From 1962 to 1972, she oversaw the management of nine Washington, DC offices, and by 1972 she became owner of three personnel consulting firms. She was twice elected to the office of President of the

Capital Area Personnel Services Association initiating a successful lobbying effort for Title 7, Civil Rights Act of 1964, and for the advancement of equal employment opportunities. Later she served on the Board of the National Employment Association in Public Relations and for three years was the Chairperson of the Ethics Committee covering a five-state area on the East Coast.

Even with a very busy business schedule she managed to contribute her time to many charitable undertakings. The most notable of her undertakings occurred after the withdrawal of the U.S. Forces from Vietnam. She established a special office to find "fee free" employment for hundreds of Vietnamese refugees. Within a few months, her project was so successful that the city government called upon her expertise to develop a similar project for the District of Columbia. By 1975, her efforts earned her the "President's Award" from her peers for "Outstanding Service and Singular Contribution to the Community and to the Private Placement of Industry." Her determination continued to prevail with her assistance to the Solidarity movement in Poland.

After leaving the placement industry in 1981, she assumed the position of Executive Director of the Polish American Congress (PAC) in Washington, DC. She continued to work with the Solidarity movement by coordinating the "Solidarity Express," a train made up of twenty-two railroad cars with relief goods valued at \$7 million. This was recognized as the premier publicized undertaking by the PAC Charitable Foundation (PACCF). She honored the first anniversary of Solidarity by organizing PAC to create the "Solidarity Convoy" of thirty-two forty-foot container trucks from 32 states, of relief cargo, valued over \$10 million. Without losing sight of her mission, she persisted in expanding PAC and PACCF contacts with the Administration, the Department of State, the U.S. Congress and other government agencies, closely monitoring Capitol Hill activity related to Poland. Within a few years, PAC was able to lobby strongly for the Immigration Reform Act of 1986 and the Support of Eastern European Democracy Act of 1989 (SEED ACT) with appropriations set aside for Poland.

Finally, Mrs. Lenard received various awards such as: "The PAC Charitable Foundation Appreciation Award," the "Distinguished Service Award" from the Illinois Division of the Polish American Congress, the "Champion of Democracy" from the College of Democracy for her outstanding leadership towards the Solidarity movement, "The National Citizen of the Year" by the Polish-American Eagle of Buffalo, and the "Commander's Cross Order of Merit with Star" from the President of Poland which is the highest foreign civilian award bestowed by the Polish government. All of these awards truly embody Mrs. Lenard's ambition and determination for what is right and just both nationally and internationally.

Mr. Speaker, Mrs. Casimira (Myra) Lenard will always be remembered for her dedication and devotion to civic responsibility for her native Poland and for the United States. I offer her memory, family, and friends my best wishes for the advancement of freedom throughout the world.