

the Salvadoran American/Latino Community in the United States.

In 1996, Randy joined the California League of Conservation Voters as a new voter organizer, working to increase Latino voter turnout and educate new voters on environmental issues. He also became a regular editorial contributor on educational, environmental and political dealings to *La Opinion*, the largest Spanish newspaper in the United States.

After gaining considerable experience with the Southern California media industry, Randy joined my staff last year as the Communications Director. Given his personal knowledge with immigration issues, he also tackled this important issue for my Congressional office, including serving as my staff liaison to the Congressional Hispanic Caucus.

For the past eight months, Randy has helped to ensure that immigrants in the 31st Congressional District are afforded the rights to which they are entitled. He has also worked to make sure that all of the residents of my district are informed about the important work that we do here in Washington, D.C. Now, I wish him the best of luck as he returns to Los Angeles, to his community and to his dear fiancée.

TRIBUTE TO JOHN MEZZALINGUA
AND CENTRAL NEW YORK BASED
PPC ON ACHIEVING SIGNIFICANT
MILESTONES

HON. JAMES T. WALSH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, August 1, 2001

Mr. WALSH. Mr. Speaker, this month, one of the pioneering firms in the field of telecommunications equipment productions, PPC, will celebrate the completion of its 60th year in operation and its owner and founder, John Mezzalingua, will celebrate his 97th birthday on August 30th.

As an infant, John Mezzalingua immigrated to Central New York with his mother from Italy. At the age of 17, Mr. Mezzalingua began to work in an iron foundry with his father and soon expanded the family greenhouse and floral business to include a trucking service. During the Great Depression, Mr. Mezzalingua saved enough money to purchase automatic machinery and headed a production products company known as PPC. It grew to become one of the world's largest producers of cable connector products.

When the Magnavox Corporation purchased PPC, Mr. Mezzalingua retired. When the Netherlands-based North American Philips Corporation bought Magnavox in 1974, it decided to exit the connector business. Mr. Mezzalingua, nearing the age of 80, and his son Dan repurchased the company to keep its jobs in Central New York.

Today, John Mezzalingua Associates, Incorporated, the parent company of PPC, is headquartered and operates three plants in Central New York where it designs and manufactures connectors, traps and filters, and fiber optics products for telecommunications firms worldwide. It has additional manufacturing plants in Denmark and St. Kitts and maintains research operations in Switzerland.

On behalf of the people of New York's 25th Congressional District, it is my honor to congratulate Mr. John Mezzalingua on his 97th birthday and PPC on its 60 years in Central New York. We wish the very best for Mr. Mezzalingua, his family, and his company.

CONGRATULATING SAM AND SHIRLEY SHEFTS ON THEIR 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

HON. JAMES P. McGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, August 1, 2001

Mr. McGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to Sam and Shirley Shefts as they celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. Sam was born in 1929, in the midst of the Great Depression in the Bronx, New York. At the age of 19, he married the beautiful girl next door, Shirley Yshoel. Both having been raised in poverty by immigrant parents, their marriage started out with nothing but love and the traditions of family.

Together they built a life of countless successes. Sam served in the National Guard for 12 years. Shirley maintained a warm and nurturing home, first in the Bronx, then in East Meadow, NY as they raised their three daughters, Janet, Mindy and Nancy. They both taught the girls, mostly by example, the values of hard work, religion, education, charity and appreciation of the goodness of life and nature. Though they could not afford to attend college themselves, they made it possible for all three of the girls.

Working side by side with his brothers, Sam provided for the family in the business and craft of carved glass. The "Shefts" signature could be found on glass murals throughout the country, including fine restaurants such as Tavern on the Green and the Russian Tea Room in New York City and the Old Ebbitt Grill in Washington DC. Once the children were grown, Shirley worked at an art gallery. She also was a volunteer with honors with the United Order of True Sisters, an organization that provides support to families affected by cancer.

Now living in Boynton Beach, Florida, Shirley and Sam Shefts continue to be active and vibrant members of their community and their synagogue. This year, their daughters and son-in-law will proudly honor their golden anniversary with a party, bringing together their brothers and sisters, nieces & nephews, cousins and dear friends in a wonderful celebration of their 50 years together.

Mr. Speaker, I know that all of my colleagues in this House join me in paying tribute to this wonderful couple on this happy occasion.

IN HONOR OF DR. JIM D. ROLLINS

HON. ASA HUTCHINSON

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, August 1, 2001

Mr. HUTCHINSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Jim D. Rollins, the Super-

intendent of the Springdale Public School District in Springdale, Arkansas.

On August 23, 2001, the Springdale School District will hold its annual back-to-school celebration and rally. This year's celebration is particularly special as it will commemorate the beginning of Dr. Rollins's 20th year as Springdale Schools Superintendent.

Dr. Rollins has a long and distinguished career working to educate the youth of Arkansas. He began teaching science to students at Ridgeroad Junior High School in North Little Rock, Arkansas. Eventually, he moved across town to take the helm as Principal of Lake-wood Junior High School. Years later, he accepted a position in Springdale as Director of Secondary Education, before becoming Superintendent, a position he has held since the early 1980's.

Along with the aforementioned accomplishments, Dr. Rollins has held executive positions in a number of professional organizations including the Arkansas Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development and the Board of Directors of Northwest Arkansas Education Service Cooperative. He was selected to be a member of the Arkansas Governor's Task Force on Youth at Risk and received the Arkansas Superintendent of the Year Award in 1992.

I congratulate Dr. Rollins for his 20 years of dedication and service to the students of the Springdale School District. I am confident that he will continue to be successful in molding the lives of our nation's future.

A PROCLAMATION CELEBRATING
THE MARRIAGE OF MICHAEL
AND ROBYN SHAHEEN

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, August 1, 2001

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, I commend the following article to my colleagues:

Whereas, on June 30, 2001 Robyn Horner and Michael Shaheen joined together into the blessed union of holy matrimony, and;

Whereas, they began on that day, witnessed by God, a journey together that will lead them to the path of all of life's joys,

Therefore, I ask my colleagues to join with me in congratulating them and wishing them the very best that life has to offer.

THE EIGHTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF
THE BIRTHDAY OF DR. ANDREI
SAKHAROV

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, August 1, 2001

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, on May 21 of this year human rights advocates in Russia and all over the world marked the 80th anniversary of the birth of celebrated scientist and human rights advocate, Dr. Andrei Sakharov.

As a Soviet scientist and citizen of the world, Andrei Sakharov combined a brilliant intellect with a deep concern for humanity. He