

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN COMMEMORATION OF PHILIP MORSE

HON. PETER DEUTSCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 13, 2001

Mr. DEUTSCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate a dear friend and distinguished citizen of South Florida, Mr. Philip Morse. Philip Morse's inspiring courage, successful business career, and generous philanthropic initiatives serve as a beacon of American achievement for the causes of peace, freedom, and humanity. Sadly, Mr. Morse passed away on March 9, 2001. Today, I wish to celebrate his life's achievements and mourn the passing of a great American.

Mr. Speaker, Philip Morse's life is a testament to the triumph of humanity over the greatest adversity, and the limitless opportunities earned by a hard-working American entrepreneur. Born as Ephraim Mushacski in Wolkowysch, Poland, Phil fled the 1939 Nazi invasions of his homeland and the horrors of the Holocaust. Traveling through Sweden, Russia, Japan, and Settle, he settled with relatives in New York City in 1940. Phil arrived in America as an impoverished refugee but through hard work and ingenuity, he realized his dreams of success and freedom. It was his unwavering commitment to the values of justice and liberty combined with his entrepreneurial and innovative spirit which lead to his great success in business.

Phil's training in the repair and reconditioning of industrial machinery led to the creation of the Morse Electro Products Corp. where Phil first revolutionized the sewing machine, then developed a new way to transform the cumbersome radio console into a compact stereo. This innovation greatly reduced the cost of stereo production, making stereos affordable for working Americans. In little time, the Morse Electro Products Corp. became a multi-million dollar company with factories in New York, Texas, and California, Phil's entrepreneurial enthusiasm and strong work ethic kept his business ventures successful throughout the twentieth century.

Mr. Morse's entrepreneurial spirit was equally matched by his commitment to the advancement of knowledge, peace, and freedom both in the United States and abroad. As a Holocaust refugee, Phil was a strong supporter of the Zionist movement and active promoter of business and cultural development in Israel. As a devoted member of his South Florida community, he was a founder of the Aventura Turnberry Jewish Center-Beth Jacob Synagogue and a member of the Beth Jacob's Board of Directors.

In addition, Phil has been honored internationally for his commitment to spreading the values and culture of Judaism. For his efforts to bring together people of all races, religions,

and ethnicity, the Anti-Defamation League awarded Phil the Torch of Liberty Award. In addition, for his visionary philanthropic leadership, he was awarded the Guardian of Israel Award by Shimon Peres. His care for both the spiritual and physical health of his community led to his founding of the Chair for Clinical Studies in Rheumatology at the Ben-Gurion University where he also served as a Board Member.

In short, Mr. Speaker, Philip Morse embodies the best of American ingenuity, devotion to community, and love of freedom and humanity. He was a pioneer of American industrial development, a virtual institution for South Florida's Jewish community, and internationally honored philanthropist. While we mourn his passing, Mr. Morse's profound legacy will be treasured by current and future generations.

IN HONOR OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF CENTRAL BANK OF KANSAS CITY

HON. KAREN MCCARTHY

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. MCCARTHY of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in tribute to a pillar of the Kansas City community, the Central Bank of Kansas City. This month marks the 50th anniversary of Central Bank's service to the residents and businesses of Northeast Kansas City.

Chartered in August of 1950, this financial institution has remained a stronghold in the community throughout the cultural and economic changes and growth that have occurred since it opened its doors. Through expansion and innovative services, Central Bank has demonstrated and continues to live up to its commitment and dedication to Northeast Kansas City.

The American Bankers Association Banking Journal considers Central Bank of Kansas City one of the top performing banks in its category. A leader in community development, the bank joined with Old Northeast, Inc. Community Development Corporation, in 1999, to construct thirty new homes in the Northeast Community for low and moderate income families. Central Bank has also partnered with the Kansas City Neighborhood Alliance and Bishop Sullivan Community Center in an effort to revitalize housing in the Blue Valley neighborhood. In addition to promoting housing and small business initiatives such as the First Step Fund designed to assist small business entrepreneurs, they serve on the Safe Neighborhood Grant Advisory Council, which addresses the quality of life for the residents.

Quality education is another priority of Central Bank. They participate in the "Bank at School" program which gives fifth grade stu-

dents basic bank training. They participate on various boards such as the national Academy Foundation's business partnership for American education.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in celebrating the 50th anniversary of Central Bank of Kansas City. Its outstanding leadership serves the community well. Its continuing commitment to Old Northeast assures the vitality of this historic neighborhood.

MONTEREY BAY MEDICAL SURGERY CENTER FIRST EVER IN THE NATION TO BE ACCREDITED FOR OFFICE-BASED SURGERY

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 13, 2001

Mr. FARR of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to brag a little. In fact, I rise today to brag a lot. Why? Because again my district is the site of cutting-edge advances in health care services and health care technology.

On March 15, the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO) will accredit the first office-based surgery practice in the nation. The Monterey Bay Medical Surgery Center and practice of Robert Mraule, D.D.S., M.D., and David Perrott, D.D.S., M.D., in Salinas, will be the first recipient of this standards-based accrediting process.

The Monterey Bay Medical Surgery Center was awarded office-based accreditation following a thorough on-site evaluation. The practice was evaluated on its compliance with no less than 146 standards that address key patient safety and quality issues, such as patient care, staffing, customer service, improving care and improving health, and responsible leadership.

The Monterey Bay Medical Surgery Center provides services for patients requiring surgical intervention, and care of oral and maxillofacial/cosmetic conditions. Digital radiography, anesthetic techniques and equipment, computerized patient education processes and electronic records are used there.

More than 8.3 million surgeries were performed last year in an estimated 41,000 office-based surgery sites across the United States. Experts predict the number will surpass those performed in hospitals in another year or two. This trend bespeaks the critical need for standards-based practices, like those developed by JCAHO, in order to protect patients and ensure only the highest quality of care from any office-based surgery practice to which they avail themselves.

As the nation's leading evaluator of safety and quality in healthcare organizations, JCAHO has more than 25 years' experience in promoting safe, high-quality care for patients

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