

"Motown," it was Barry Gordy who made the "Motown Sound" come alive and made Detroit a major entertainment capital in the United States. People are still "Dancin' in the Streets" in Detroit and throughout the country to sounds of The Supremes, The Temptations, The Four Tops, Smokey Robinson and the Miracles, the Jackson Five and many more Motown Artists. Detroit is also home to the Queen of Soul, Ms. Aretha Franklin. Now, how's that for a little "R-E-S-P-E-C-T."

Mr. Speaker, there are many more wonderful things about my City, and they are listed in legislation that I, Mr. CONYERS and the entire Michigan Congressional Delegation are introducing today commemorating and congratulating the City of Detroit on the occasion of its tricentennial. I am also gratified to note that similar legislation will be introduced in the Other Body.

In offering this legislation, I am pleased that it has the support of the entire Michigan Congressional Delegation. I thank my Michigan colleagues for their support, and I urge my colleagues in the House to support the passage of this resolution.

TO AUTHORIZE THE AMERICAN FRIENDS OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC TO ESTABLISH A MEMORIAL IN HONOR OF TOMAS GARRIGUE MASARYK, THE FIRST PRESIDENT OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC, H.R. 1161

HON. BENJAMIN A. GILMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 22, 2001

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce a bill that will authorize the American Friends of the Czech Republic to establish a memorial in our nation's capital to honor Tomas Garrigue Masaryk, the first president of Czechoslovakia. This bill celebrates his life's achievements and his quest for democracy, peace, freedom, and humanity. The statue of Mr. Masaryk will immortalize a good friend of the United States and a pioneer for world democracy. Tomas Masaryk exemplifies the democratic ideal best expressed by his words, "Not with violence but with love, not with sword but with plough, not with blood but with work, not with death but with life—that is the answer of Czech genius, the meaning of our history and the heritage of our ancestors."

Mr. Speaker, Tomas Garrigue Masaryk, the first president of Czechoslovakia, stands out in history as the best embodiment of the close ties between the United States and Czechoslovakia. He knew America from personal first-hand experience from repeated trips as a philosopher, scholar and teacher, spread over four decades. He taught at major universities in the United States, and he married a young woman from Brooklyn, NY, Charlotte Garrigue, and carried her name as his own. For four decades he saw America progress from pioneer beginnings to the role of a world leader. Masaryk's relationship with America is best illustrated by his writing, speeches, interviews, articles and letters found in our national archives—notably the Library of Congress

Masaryk's relationships with Secretary of State Lansing, Colonel House and most notably President Woodrow Wilson, led to the recognition by the United States of a free Czechoslovakia in 1918. For six months Masaryk traveled throughout the United States writing the Joint Declaration of Independence from Austria that was signed in Philadelphia and issued in Washington on October 18, 1918, where he was declared the President of Czechoslovakia.

Today, Masaryk stands as a symbol of the politics of morality and the purpose of a true nation state. A steadfast disciple of Wilson, Lincoln and Jefferson it is befitting that he be honored as a world leader and friend of the United States by a monument to his work.

Mr. Speaker, I want to point out that Tomas Masaryk was among the few Czech intellectuals who vigorously attacked the ritual murder trial of a Jew, Leopold Hilsnor in 1899, and resulted in the release from prison of Mr. Hilsnor in 1916. Under his presidency the overwhelming majority of Czechoslovakian Jews preferred to stay in Czechoslovakia because they felt secure in the new state under his humanitarian and liberal regime. The American Jewish Committee singled out President Masaryk in its report on Czech-Israeli Relations hailing him as a man "who supported openly the Zionist idea and became the first president of a state who ever visited the pre-war Palestine. Streets and squares in Israel are named after him as well as a kibbutz."

My legislation authorizes that a memorial sculpture to Tomas Masaryk be established in a park, just steps away from the location of the former Hotel Powhattan, on Pennsylvania Ave, N.W. where President Masaryk at one time resided and met with officials of the Woodrow Wilson Administration. It is a fitting site to remember this champion of democracy.

Mr. Speaker, I want to bring to the attention of my colleagues that this bill will not cost the taxpayer nor the U.S. government any monies but, rather, all expenses for the memorial will be borne by the American Friends of the Czech Republic.

I want to express my appreciation to Milton Cerny, President of the American Friends of the Czech Republic, his distinguished Directors, Advisors and Sponsoring Organization for the support of this legislation. Accordingly, I urge my colleagues to cosponsor this bill, and pass the legislation during this session of Congress. Please join with me in paying tribute and homage to Tomas Masaryk, an outstanding champion of democracy.

A BILL To authorize the American Friends of the Czech Republic to establish a memorial to honor Tomas G. Masaryk in the District of Columbia.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH MEMORIAL.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The American Friends of the Czech Republic is authorized to establish a memorial to honor Tomas G. Masaryk on the Federal land in the District of Columbia described in subsection (b).

(b) LOCATION OF MEMORIAL.—The Federal land referred to in subsection (a) is the triangle of land in the District of Columbia that is bordered by 19th Street, NW., H

Street, NW., and Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., and designated as plot number 30 in area II on the map numbered 869/86501 and dated May 1, 1986, and which is located across H Street, NW., from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

(c) COMPLIANCE WITH STANDARDS FOR COMMEMORATIVE WORKS.—The establishment of the memorial shall be in accordance with the Commemorative Works Act (40 U.S.C. 1001 et seq.).

(d) LIMITATION ON PAYMENT OF EXPENSES.—The United States Government shall not pay any expense for the establishment of the memorial.

TRIBUTE TO SHELLY LIVINGSTON

HON. HENRY J. HYDE

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HYDE. Mr. Speaker, Today I bring attention to a valuable member of my International Relations Committee staff, Shelly Livingston, who is retiring tomorrow. Shelly has worked on the Committee for over 25 years, serving under six chairmen. When Shelly started with the Committee in 1974, Thomas "Doc" Morgan was Chairman. Clem Zablocki, Dante Fascell, Lee Hamilton, and BEN GILMAN were fortunate to have Shelly work for them. In her capacity as our fiscal and budget administrator, she has been invaluable in her knowledge of the House rules, and the complexities of everything from personnel procedures and health care options to payroll and travel vouchers.

Actually, Shelly started her career here on Capitol Hill right out of college in 1973 working as a Capitol tour guide—one of the "red coats" as she likes to refer to her former position.

She has served as treasurer for the U.S.-Mexico Interparliamentary Group for over 20 years, and many members know her from having traveled with her.

Without Shelly's hard work and dedication, we would not have our state-of-the-art audio visual main committee hearing room. Shelly spent many long hours ensuring that this major renovation project ran smoothly.

Shelly has been indispensable in putting together the bi-annual committee budget since 1980. She has a keen mind for numbers, and has been able to work in a bipartisan manner with all members and staff. Her expertise and institutional memory will be missed.

Shelly is a die-hard Texan, who is going to retire tomorrow and spend the next couple of years travelling around the world. We thank her for her service and dedication to this institution, and I know I speak for many on both sides of the aisle when I say we will miss her witty humor and loyal friendship.

We wish her well, and know that with her great love for the arts, she will be doing interesting work in the future.