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the date of the enactment of this Act.
the end of the 3-month period beginning on
made by subsection (a) shall take effect at

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blossomed into a San Francisco institution that
is celebrating its 150th Anniversary.

Having overseen the construction of the Church, Fr. Maginnis now set his sights on
new projects, and soon founded both the St. Vincent School for Girls and the St. Patrick’s
School for Boys. Both schools were taught by the Daughters of Charity from Emmitsburg,
Maryland, and served the Parish until 1964.

Mr. Speaker, for the first fifty-four years after
its founding, Saint Patrick’s Parish knew only
one pastor, Father John Maginnis. Fr.
Maginnis was succeeded by the Reverend
Monsignor John Rogers in 1905. Shortly
thereafter, the San Francisco earthquake and
fire of 1906 struck, and the Church was re-
duced to rubble. This catastrophe of biblical
size was daunted faith and endurance of people
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gers began the reconstruction of the Church.
The reconstruction was completed and the
Church was rededicated in 1914. An impres-
sive brick structure, Saint Patrick’s Church still
stands majestic as a living memorial to the
unchanted faith and endurance of people who
gave of themselves in times of personal hard-
ship to build this institution.

Mr. Speaker, for the last century and a half
years Saint Patrick’s Parish has provided for
the spiritual needs of the community, as well
as run programs to aid the elderly, youth, and
the marginalized. I ask all my colleagues to
join me in honoring Saint Patrick’s Parish in
marking their sesquicentennial.

Tribute to Saint Patrick’s
Parish in San Francisco, CA

HON. TOM LANTOS
OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, April 3, 2001

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I invite my col-
leagues to join today to pay tribute to a Saint
Patrick’s Parish in San Francisco, California,
which is celebrating its 150th Anniversary.
From its humble beginnings the Parish has
blossomed into a San Francisco institution that
has weathered wars, troubled times, and the
occasional earthquake. Despite those hard-
ships, for the last 150 years Saint Patrick’s
Parish has remained a structure of faith for its
parishioners.

Shortly after Fr. John Maginnis celebrated
the first mass in a rented hall on June 9,
1851, a temporary Church was constructed,
and Saint Patrick’s had established a foot hold
in San Francisco. During this time, California
was experiencing the Gold Rush, which
brought the proliferation of industry and com-
merce to the area, and resulted in the popu-
lation of San Francisco growing rapidly.

The Parish responded to this expansion by pur-
chasing a lot on Mission Street, between Third
and Fourth Streets and started construction of
a magnificent new Church. After two years,
construction was completed, and the new
Church was dedicated on March 17, 1872 at
which time the Catholic population of the par-
ish was estimated at 30,000 parishioners.

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Tribute to Dave McElhatton

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Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I invite my col-
leagues to join me today in paying tribute to a
distinguished 50-year career in broadcast jour-
nalism. We wish Dave and his wife, Karen, a
retirement replete with richly deserved good
health and happiness.

HONORING KELVIN TORBERT
HON. DALE E. KILDEE
OF MICHIGAN
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, April 3, 2001

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to
congratulate and acknowledge the accom-
plishments of Kelvin Torbert, a senior at Flint
Northwestern High School. Kelvin was chosen