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TRIBUTE TO THE PRESIDENT OF
HOFSTRA UNIVERSITY, DR.
JAMES SHUART

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 7, 2001

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise in recognition of Hofstra University President Dr. James Shuart's unique and lifelong commitment to Nassau County.

Our community is indebted to Dr. Shuart. His lifelong relationship with Hofstra University alone is notable. Not only did he attend the University for undergraduate and graduate studies, but he joined the University staff and rose steadily through the ranks. For 42 years, Dr. Shuart has served Hofstra University as an integral staff member, from his initial position as an admissions officer until his appointment to University President 25 years ago.

Dr. Shuart's term as Hofstra President benefitted both the University and the outlying community. While Dr. Shuart brought technological innovations to the campus for both students and staff, he brought national recognition to the University for its art museum and arboretum. Today, Nassau residents can take advantage of the campus' art galleries and exhibitions, outdoor sculptures and more than 7,000 trees. They can attend lectures, conferences and symposia on a variety of topics and enjoy dozens of concerts and plays performed in campus theaters.

Yet Dr. Shuart's tenure at Hofstra is just part of what makes him invaluable to our community. His work to improve our children's education on the local and state levels has set him apart from other educators. He has been involved in Nassau government consistently since 1971. Throughout the years, Dr. Shuart has consistently volunteered for a variety of community service organizations. His interest in the public good has made Dr. Shuart a role model for our children, their parents, indeed all of us.

I consider myself to be a better person because of my friendship with Dr. Shuart. He has shown me what comes with commitment and years of hard work. Dr. James Shuart exemplifies how one person can make a difference, one person can change a community.

We are lucky to have Dr. James Shuart in Nassau County.

A TRIBUTE TO DAVID H.
TANTLEFF

HON. NITA M. LOWEY

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Mrs. LOWEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in tribute to David H. Tantleff, who will be honored on Wednesday, June 6, by the Westchester Jewish Conference. Mr. Tantleff has demonstrated a tremendous commitment to

his local community, and especially to his synagogue, Congregation Anshe Sholom in New Rochelle, NY.

Since receiving his B.A. from Brooklyn College in history and political science, and M.A. degrees in Secondary Education and Political Science from Long Island University and the New School for Social Research, Mr. Tantleff has taught in New York City's public school system.

On top of his over 30-year commitment to his teaching career. Mr. Tantleff has performed extraordinary service for the Jewish Community, sitting on the boards of directors of two synagogues, organizing services and holiday celebrations, sounding the shofar on the high holidays, serving as cantor every week, and planning educational and religious workshops. Just recently, Mr. Tantleff arranged for Rabbi Ely J. Rosenzweig of Congregation Anshe Sholom to deliver the opening prayer here on the floor of the House of Representatives, accompanied by an enthusiastic group from his congregation.

Mr. Tantleff's commitment to his community is rivaled only by his love and dedication to his two children, Adam and Debra. We all look forward to their futures, as they will surely follow in their father's footsteps and prove to be outstanding citizens. It is my privilege to congratulate David Tantleff on this special occasion.

A TRIBUTE TO REV. DR. HAROLD
G.S. KING SENIOR MINISTER OF
WAYZATA COMMUNITY CHURCH
FOR 20 YEARS—A GREAT MIN-
NESOTAN AND DISTINGUISHED
MINISTER

HON. JIM RAMSTAD

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. RAMSTAD. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to a great Minnesotan who has devoted his life to ministering to others and has made a huge difference in the lives of the people of our Wayzata, Minnesota community.

The Rev. Dr. Harold G. S. King, Senior Minister Emeritus of Wayzata Community Church, is one of our nation's best and brightest theologians and religious leaders. Dr. King is truly deserving of special recognition. On Sunday, the members of Wayzata Community Church and Dr. King's many friends and supporters will celebrate the life accomplishments of this great servant leader with a special ceremony reflecting his distinguished career.

Mr. Speaker, when Dr. King retired, he described his role in the life of the church as that of a "general practitioner." Of course, Dr. King was much more than that, but his great humility and commitment to service are captured perfectly in that simple title. Dr. King's greatness was reflected in all three major areas of a minister's work: pastoral, teaching and leadership.

A graduate of Harvard Divinity School, Dr. King served as Senior Minister of Wayzata Community Church from 1957 to 1977. He served only two churches during his four decades in the ministry which, in itself, is a true distinction among clergy.

A real visionary, Dr. King's long-range planning for Wayzata Community Church made it fertile ground for the tremendous explosion in membership, teaching and outreach programs that marked his two decades with the church. Mission Festival, Koinonia groups and the Advent Workshop were all initiated by Dr. King.

Under Dr. King's leadership, membership and church staff doubled. Educational offerings for all ages boomed. Ecumenicism blossomed with other area churches, and pioneering efforts were launched to help people in need.

The church spire that is a landmark in the Wayzata community was just the tip of Dr. King's inspiring building efforts, which included expanded church school space, the Wakefield Chapel, the Witcher Colonnade, and the Shirley King Parlor which is appropriately named after his late wife.

Dr. King's building efforts with bricks and mortar were only exceeded by his building efforts with the human spirit. Dr. King has comforted all of us fortunate enough to have been members of his flock. His compassion and wise counsel have steered many of us safely along the rocky shores of tragedy and loss. It's difficult to find the words to adequately describe my appreciation for all Dr. King has done for all the members of our congregation and community.

Dr. King was known to us in the congregation as the "Great Encourager." He is deeply sensitive to other people and their hearts and minds, and he has a special ability to relate to others on an intimate basis. We also know Dr. King as the "Hugging Minister." He distributes his hugs without hesitation and they do a world of good!

In addition, we celebrate and appreciate the ministry of Dr. King because he made his sermons relevant and memorable. He talked about what was going on in real people's lives. Judiciously employing humor and scripture, Dr. King's messages eloquently and profoundly delivered the word of God.

Mr. Speaker, Dr. King continues to be a guiding light in so many ways, just as his family has been a beacon in our church for three generations. Dr. King's father was a minister and college president, and his son is also a minister in the United Church of Christ. In addition, Dr. King's wonderful wife and partner, Estelle, has been an active member and lay leader in our church for many years.

Jake Beard, a good friend and a noted historian in our community, once asked Dr. King what he would say if he had to write a note for future generations. Dr. King responded: "God works for good with those who love him."

Mr. Speaker, our church family and our community love Dr. Harold King and we thank him from the bottom of our hearts for working with all of us for good through God.

Thank you, Dr. King, and may God bless you and Estelle and your family, just as your life continues to be a blessing for all of us.