

completely accessible with the addition of an elevator. A new Outreach Program at Southeast Community College in Lincoln has begun, so that students at this community college also feel they are part of a campus ministry program.

The building—the Lutheran Student Center—is the symbol and the physical setting for a ministry that cannot be measured in words. Many a lonesome freshman has found friendships at the Center. Many students with counseling needs, or doubts, or problems have found help at the Center. Many couples have met and married at the Center. Many a faith has been strengthened through worship at the Center.

I am honored to pay tribute to the Lutheran Student Center and to a lifetime of work and love and concern by Pastor Pete—Pastor Alvin Petersen. One person truly can make a difference in this world!

IN HONOR OF REV. FR. DENNIS R.
O'GRADY

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 23, 2001

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor Rev. Fr. Dennis R. O'Grady on the 40th Anniversary of his Ordination as Priest, and also on his 20th Anniversary as Pastor of St. Michael's Church in Cleveland, Ohio.

Rev. O'Grady began his distinguished and proud career shortly after his Ordination on May 20, 1961. In June of that same year he became the Assistant at St. Vincent Parish in Akron, Ohio where he spent five years before becoming Assistant at St. Michael's in June of 1966. Rev. O'Grady's honored service to the community continued by becoming a Member of the Diocesan Pastoral Team For the Spanish-speaking and serving in the Hispanic Ministry as Associate Pastor at Blessed Sacrament Parish in Cleveland, Ohio. Throughout his forty years of service, Rev. O'Grady has accomplished great feats within his religion. His tremendous faith and giving nature has brought hope and joy to the lives of thousands.

Mr. Speaker, Rev. O'Grady represents the very best of Cleveland, and his outstanding service to mankind deserves the highest of praise.

I ask my distinguished colleagues to join in rising to celebrate the incredible accomplishments of Rev. O'Grady, and honor his forty years of service to his church, his faith, and the community.

HONORING COUNCILMAN GENE
'IGGY' GARISON

HON. GENE GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 23, 2001

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Pasadena City Councilman Gene "Iggy" Garison and to thank him for his

distinguished service. Councilman Garison was first elected to the Pasadena City Council in 1993, served as Mayor Pro Tem from 1996 to 1997 and is currently serving his fourth two-year term. He is a dedicated and committed public servant, and his constituents are fortunate to have him as their representative.

Councilman Garison was born in 1942 and has lived in Pasadena for nearly 30 years. Despite recent health problems, he continues to be a driving force in Pasadena. He has touched the lives of so many people and has made numerous civic contributions. As a small gesture of the communities appreciation, the San Jacinto Day Foundation recently decided that the city's annual Strawberry Festival would be dedicated to Iggy Garison.

As a member of the City Council, Garison has been responsible for many improvements in Pasadena. His accomplishments include the revitalization of North Pasadena, the Capitan Theatre and the Corrigan Center. During his tenure, he has worked hard to reduce crime and to improve the city's infrastructure, particularly streets, sidewalks and sewer lines. Councilman Garison has also promoted the demolition of abandoned and deteriorated structures and continues his efforts to reduce flooding.

Iggy Garison has always welcomed opportunities to be of service to his country and his community. He served in the United States Air Force and the Air National Guard. He was a valuable member of the Pasadena Police Department. He was a distinguished volunteer firefighter. And he was an investigator for Constable George Larkin.

Councilman Garison is a member of the Houston Fire Museum board, the San Jacinto Foundation, the American Legion, the Elks Lodge, the National Guard Association, the Harris County Mayor and Council Association, the National League of Cities, the Texas Municipal League, the Association of Federal, State and Municipal Employees Local 1550, and the 100 Club.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the citizens of Pasadena, I would like to thank Gene "Iggy" Garison, as well as his wife, Susie; his son, John, his stepdaughter, Tammy; his stepson, Sam; and his grandson, Tyler for their dedication, service and commitment to the City of Pasadena. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring this distinguished man.

HONORING THE BAYSIDE JEWISH
CENTER'S 75TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. GARY L. ACKERMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 23, 2001

Mr. ACKERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring the Bayside Jewish Center on the occasion of its 75th Anniversary.

It was in late 1926 that a small number of Jewish residents in the Bayside West community of Queens, NY, began to meet in a store on 32nd Avenue near 201st Street, made available by Isaac Muss, father of past Honorary President Charles J. Muss. Around the same time, a group of Jewish residents in the

central Bayside area rented a loft and began to meet on the third floor above some stores on Bell Boulevard.

During the next seven years, the activities and participation grew steadily. In 1934, Rabbi Ariol Hyams became the spiritual leader of the Bayside West Jewish Center. Because interest had increased substantially, the space available to the members was no longer sufficient. Thus, they joined together with the group at the Center on Bell Boulevard to found and incorporate the Bayside Jewish Center. This was 1935.

It was not until 1960, after many trials and tribulations in respect to finding a permanent place for the center, when the traditional and formal dedication of the new Bayside Jewish Center building was held. Immediately following the dedication of the facility, the Bayside Jewish Center became the main center of community service, a veritable beehive of activity.

Many great personalities have attended meetings and functions at the Center including President Jimmy Carter, Vice President Hubert Humphrey, Senator Jacob Javitz, Senator Wayne Morse, Mayor John Lindsay, Mayor Robert Wagner, numerous Members of the House of Representatives, First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt, Cantor Moshe Kousavitsky and President Norman Lamm of Yeshiva University.

The Center supported many well known causes such as the United Jewish Appeal, Bonds for Israel, Yeshiva University, and other worthy institutions. The Center was the founder of several local organizations as well, such as the Clergy Club of Bayside and the Council of Churches and Synagogues.

One of the great accomplishments of the Bayside Jewish Center was the founding of the Etz Chayim Youth Organization. This organization has brought together over two hundred teenagers to hold their Sabbath Services in the Junior Ballroom of the Center, followed by lunches on each Sabbath or holiday. Etz Chayim can also take credit for weekend Shabbatons, sponsored by Yeshiva University on an annual basis and attended by over three hundred young people from many communities throughout the United States, which have become well-established events. To this day, hundreds of its members are active leaders of many synagogues and Jewish organizations throughout the world.

Mr. Speaker, I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring the 75th Anniversary of the Bayside Jewish Center and all of the people whose lives it has touched.

HONORING THE LATE COL. JAMES
NEIL HICKOK

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 23, 2001

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I stand before you today to honor the memory of one of Western Colorado's leading citizens, Colonel James Neil Hickok. James was an active member of the community and was a member of the "Great Generation". He passed away