

North Africa and Romania, Rabbi Raiskin was sent to Afula, where he aided and eased the suffering by providing clothing that had been sent by Jewish organizations from the United States.

Rabbi Raiskin returned from Israel in 1952 to work for the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (UAHC) as the Director of the Chicago Federation of Temple Youth. He also served as the Director of the Union's Institute which was the first camp owned by the UAHC in Oconomowoc, Wisconsin (now known as the Olin-Sang-Ruby Camp). In 1953, just in time for High Holy Days, Rabbi Raiskin joined the Stephen Wise Free Synagogue where he started a senior citizens group, increased attendance at the young adult groups, and strengthened the religious school.

The yearning for a congregation of his own was answered in 1956 when Rabbi Raiskin received an early morning telephone call asking him to consider becoming the spiritual leader of the Peninsula Temple Sholom. On August 1, 1956 Peninsula Temple Sholom's first rabbi arrived in San Mateo to begin 45 years of humanitarian work that has extended well beyond the walls of the temple.

Mr. Speaker, Rabbi Gerald Raiskin today is recognized as one of the great leaders of San Mateo County. He built the congregation of Peninsula Temple Sholom from very humble beginnings to a congregation of over 700 families, while constantly working to advance civil rights at home and abroad. In March of 1965 Rabbi Raiskin participated in the Civil Rights March to Montgomery with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Rabbi Raiskin was arrested on several occasions for protesting in front of the Soviet Consulate in San Francisco on behalf of Jews in the Soviet Union. He risked his own safety to bring humanitarian aid in the form of medical supplies and books on Judaica to refugees in Kiev, Leningrad and Moscow. Here at home, Rabbi Raiskin has been integral to interfaith efforts that have greatly benefitted the 12th Congressional District which I am privileged to serve.

Rabbi Raiskin has aptly been described as "a role model, a true community leader, an incredible teacher and an all around mensch." He is a loving husband to Helen, a devoted father to Sherman, Rhonda, Judith and Jordana and a doting grandfather to Marni, Jamie, Dana, Marcy, Jeremy and Eli. His spiritual leadership has brought joy, peace and comfort to generations of Peninsula Temple Sholom members.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Rabbi Raiskin on fifty years of service in the rabbinate, commending his half-century of humanitarian and public service and wishing him and his family many more years of richly deserved good health and happiness.

JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION OF
FREEDOM

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 5, 2001

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Cleveland's Juneteenth Celebra-

tion of Freedom to be held June 23-24 at the Martin Luther King Civic Center.

Juneteenth, the oldest known celebration of the ending of slavery, began on June 19, 1865 when the last known group of slaves learned of their freedom. The purpose of Juneteenth is not only to relive a painful chapter in history, but to revive and preserve African American heritage. Juneteenth reminds all Americans to keep open the lines of communication by all people.

We gather to celebrate and emphasize the true meaning of freedom, to embrace human rights and to come together as one people without regard to race, national origin, class, religion, or any walk of life. This year's annual observance will bring all Americans together to promote racial healing and provide inspiration to all.

Juneteenth supporters have already planned countless marches, a kick-off session, talent shows, workshops, childrens activities, and other events as part of the two-day celebration. Much planning has gone into creating a celebration to uplift the human spirit through rap, reggae music, dance, games, poetry, and more.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in celebration and recognition of Cleveland's Juneteenth Celebration. It is time for Americans of all colors, creeds, cultures, and religions to share a common love of and respect for freedom.

CENTRAL NEW JERSEY RECOGNIZES SAM GOLDBERG FOR HIS ONGOING CONTRIBUTIONS TO HIS COMMUNITY

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 5, 2001

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I wish to recognize today Mr. Sam Goldberg for his continued demonstration of the strong sense of civic duty that characterizes the true spirit of American citizenship. Sam, the newly named Person of the Year by the Homeowners of Covered Bridge has, through his membership in a number of local organizations, distinguished himself as a pillar of the community of Covered Bridge, Manalapan Township.

Sam began his life in the Bronx as the eldest of three children. After his graduation from Morris High, Sam briefly attended City College. In 1951, he left college to join the Army. After being discharged from the armed forces in 1953, Sam married his current wife, Esther, a Brooklyn native. The couple settled in Brooklyn, where they raised two daughters and where Sam went on to a career in the U.S. Post Office's payroll division. In 1988, after he retired from the USPS, Sam began a brief stint in the Brooklyn District Attorney's payroll office. Throughout his career, Mr. Goldberg remained active in civic organizations, including the Knights of Pythias, and the Concerned Citizens of Canarsie.

After moving to Covered Bridge, Sam continued his long-time association with the Knights of Pythias. He also volunteered with a number of local associations, including SCAT,

Deborah, and the Jewish War Veterans. In addition to serving as the First Vice-President of the Homeowners of Covered Bridge, Sam sings with the Covered Bridge Chorale and volunteers at both the Lyons Veterans Hospital and CentraState Hospital.

Sam Goldberg's life has truly been one of dedicated community service. I applaud Sam's continued efforts and ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing his many accomplishments.

TRIBUTE TO THE LATE LEAMON
KING

HON. JOE BACA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 5, 2001

Mr. BACA. Mr. Speaker, It is with great sadness that I note the passing of Leamon King, of California.

A lifelong educator in the Richgrove and Delano Elementary School Districts, Olympic Gold Medalist, World Record Holder in the 100 yard dash and Delano High School graduate, Leamon provided a positive role model for the local youth. He made significant contributions to the improvement of education opportunities for Latino Children in California.

Leamon was born on February 13, 1936 in Tulare, California. His parents were Loyd King and Beatrice Wallace King. They owned a farm in Earlimart, and Leamon lived there the first year of his life. His father, Loyd King, sold their farm in 1937, and the King family moved to Delano, California where Leamon completed his elementary and secondary education.

Leamon began his education at Ellington School and later transferred to Fremont School. His mother wanted him to learn music and to play the saxophone. The only elementary school in Delano with a band at that time was Cecil Avenue Elementary School, so he transferred to this school. While attending Cecil Avenue and learning music, Leamon began to excel in track as a sprinter, and was ultimately elected student body president.

Upon graduation from Cecil Avenue, Leamon transferred to Delano High School. He attended and won his first state meet at the age of fifteen during his freshman year in high school. During the next four years, Leamon King continued to excel as both a student and as a runner. This outstanding athlete provided a positive image for Delano High School and the City of Delano, as well as being a positive role model for students to emulate.

Following graduation from Delano High School in June 1954, Leamon began to pursue higher education at University of California, Berkeley. He was the first child in his family to pursue a college education. The April 10, 1956 Delano Record stated, "DELANO SPRINTER READY FOR OLYMPICS. Sophomore Leamon King, Delano High School graduate, a young man with wings on his feet, is California's newest hope for "World's Fastest Human" honors, and the Bear sprint sensation will have ample opportunity to earn such acclaim this spring." The following month