

as president of the almost half million member Korean American Association of Greater New York and the obstacles that he had to overcome to attain such a prestigious position.

Mr. Kim has overcome many personal obstacles that others might have stumbled upon. Contracting Polio in his native Republic of South Korea, Mr. Kim was stigmatized and labeled as "unlucky." In fact, Mr. Kim is self-educated because he chose to cut short his formal education as he saw it as a burden to his parents. Mr. Kim was also denied employment because of his disability and therefore found himself with a unique opportunity to found his own electronic repair shop. Mr. Kim, fascinated with America, studied for a test that would allow him to immigrate and have a job.

Mr. Kim is a firm believer in the American dream. America offered Andrew Kim a fresh start away from the cultural attitudes of South Korea. Mr. Kim worked his way up in New York going from job to job.

Mr. Kim is also a devoted husband and father. He married his wife Theresa two years after coming to America. Together they have three children.

Mr. Kim's biggest business success has come in the form of his Lisa Page store, a leading cell phone and pager retailer. Working in a diverse neighborhood has encouraged Mr. Kim to learn the numerous languages of his customers, which has led to him being a major community resource. Mr. Kim has donated uniforms for a softball team in his neighborhood and all the kids on the team respect Mr. Kim for his involvement and mentoring. In fact, after they won a trophy, he presented it to Mr. Kim as a token of their appreciation for all that he does in the community.

Mr. Kim has enjoyed growing recognition throughout the community, which has led him to become more involved in the community. He served as president of the Korean American Association of Mid-Queens. He recently found himself in a tough election campaign for president of the Korean American Association of Greater New York, where he was once again faced with many of the stigmas that he had left South Korea to escape. Nonetheless, Mr. Kim was able to overcome and win the prestigious post.

Mr. Speaker, Andrew Kim has overcome many obstacles in his life to become the president of a half million-member organization. For these achievements, he is more than worthy of receiving our recognition today as he is awarded a truly hard-earned honor. I hope that all of my colleagues will join me in honoring this truly remarkable man.

RECOGNIZING THE CHIEFTAIN'S  
MUSEUM, ROME, GEORGIA

**HON. BOB BARR**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 28, 2001*

Mr. BARR of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, it has been written that "Cherokee tradition held that anywhere three rivers met was holy, and Head of Coosa is just that." The Oostanaula, Etowah and Coosa Rivers meet in the center of Rome, Georgia, which is noted as one of the top small cities in the country.

A leader in the Cherokee Nation, Chief Ridge chose to settle in the 1800's with his bride, Susanna, on the banks of the Oostanaula, near the point where the three rivers meet. The home was called "the Chieftain." Chief Ridge, who had been given the title "Major" by Andrew Jackson, agreed to sign the Treaty of New Echota in 1835 and left his home in Rome a year before "The Trail of Tears." The Cherokee killed Major Ridge and his son for signing the treaty.

After Major Ridge left his home, "the Chieftain," was passed through a number of hands, and eventually was donated to the Junior League of Rome. The Museum remains open to the public because of the Chieftains Museum Association, a non-profit organization. Members of the organization continue to search for pieces of history with regard to "the Chieftain" and the Cherokee people.

The museum, built by Monrovia and Cherokee craftsmen, is impressive. A large collection of books on Major Ridge and the Cherokee Nation in Georgia are available at the museum. The period furniture and many artifacts, some found on the site as a result of archaeological digs, make the museum a favorite place for school groups and those interested in the history of the Cherokee Nation.

The Cherokee called their home in North Georgia "the Enchanted Land." More than twenty distinct groups of Cherokee Indians headed west along three separate routes. Today the general term "The Trail of Tears" is applied to all three routes; however, to the Cherokee, only the northern land route was called "The Trail Where They Cried." The Junior League and the Chieftains Museum Association of Rome, Georgia are working diligently to make certain that we not forget the true "Native Americans," and ensuring our children are aware of the culture of the people who were forced to sacrifice their "Enchanted Land."

IN MEMORY OF MR. ROBERT L.  
DILLARD, JR.

**HON. RALPH M. HALL**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 28, 2001*

Mr. HALL of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to an outstanding citizen of the State of Texas, the late Robert L. Dillard, Jr. of Dallas, who died at the end of November, 2000. Mr. Dillard was an active and beloved member of his community—and he will be dearly missed.

Robert was born on September 30, 1913, the son of an independent oilman. He followed in his father's footsteps as a young man working in the oil fields of Texas to finance his education. His hard work paid off when he received his law degree from Southern Methodist University in 1935 and an LL.M from Harvard in 1936. After receiving his degrees, Robert served as Assistant City Attorney for the City of Dallas from 1941-1945. From 1945 until his retirement in 1978, he worked in an executive capacity for Southland Life Insurance Company of Dallas, retiring as Executive Vice President.

Robert volunteered much of his time and talents to many civic endeavors. He served as president of the Board of Education of the Dallas Independent School District from 1961-1962, chairman of the Board of Trustees of Methodist Medical Center, chairman of the National Board of Directors of Camp Fire Girls, chairman of Region 10 Education Service Center, and a member of the Board of Directors at C.C. Young Retirement Home. He was also active in local and state government and in Highland Park United Methodist Church, where he served as a lay leader and a long-time Sunday School teacher.

A special part of Robert's life, fifty-six years total, was devoted to membership in the Dallas Scottish Rite of Freemasonry. He was initiated in 1938 into Dallas Lodge No. 760 and held numerous leadership positions within the organization, including being a co-founder of a new Lodge in Dallas, serving as president of the Board of Directors of the Masonic Home and School of Texas and vice-chairman of the Board of Trustees of Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children. In 1953 he became a Thirty-Third Degree Inspectors General Honorary, in 1961 was a Grand Master of Masons in Texas, and in 1977 served as the Venerable Master of the Dallas Lodge of Perfection. As the culmination of his lifetime of dedication to the Freemasons, in 1995 Robert became one of only eight men in Texas in the past one-hundred years to receive the highest honor the Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite can bestow, the Grand Cross of Honor.

Robert left behind a loving family, including his wonderful wife of 63 years, Dundee, a son, two daughters, 13 grandchildren, and three great grandchildren. He was devoted to his family, his community and his Fraternity of Freemasons—and he leaves behind a legacy of dedication and service that will be remembered by many.

Mr. Speaker, Robert was one of a kind—and we will miss him. As we adjourn today, let us do so in memory of a great American and friend, Mr. Robert L. Dillard, Jr.

IN RECOGNITION OF DANIEL  
LEVIN

**HON. DANNY K. DAVIS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 28, 2001*

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize one of Chicago's finest citizens, Mr. Daniel Levin, who last week was named the American Jewish Committee's 2001 Human Rights Medallion Award recipient.

Since 1963, the Human Rights Medallion has been awarded annually to leading Chicago citizens who have stood for the goals that have shaped the American Jewish Committee since it was established in 1906: human rights and equal opportunity for all, and constructive relations between America's many religious, ethnic and racial communities.

Chairman of The Habitat Company, Dan Levin has been a real estate developer since 1957. He has been active in development and management activities involving in excess of