

I did not know Heinz Prechter well enough to know about his inner self. I did not know that he had been fighting the illness of depression for many years. I did know him well enough to have seen firsthand his immense vitality, his grit, his supreme intelligence and his unique curiosity.

It was only a few weeks ago that he dropped by the office in D.C. for a chat. He was very tanned, I thought perhaps from playing golf with one or more of the endless luminaries with whom his life was intertwined. But our discussion was very down to earth, which was the hallmark of Heinz Prechter.

The day before he had been elected the new Chairman of the U.S. Automotive Parts Advisory Committee. He had agreed to take this post, even though he knew that he had already overcrowded his schedule with a wide variety of other endeavors such as the Global Automotive Institute, work on the board of the Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village, various projects in the Downriver communities, all in addition, of course, to his day to day business dealings. With enthusiasm he discussed how he intended to pick up the pace on efforts to win for American businesses and workers more equal access to the markets of other nations. On this subject, as was true for so many others in his life, there was no barrier because he was an active Republican talking with a Democratic member of Congress. For him, life was a web of different pursuits with changing alliances. He felt that he had the best chance to get things moving again, using his impeccable credentials in the automotive world and his relationships within the political party to which he was dedicated.

When he was leaving, we put our arms around each others shoulders; the last thought in my mind at the time was that I would never see again that ball of fire, that bundle of energy.

His life is an example for all—his dedication to human endeavors and relationships.

May his death serve not only for us to remember him well, as he so richly deserves, but also to tackle with the kind of energy he possessed the illness, depression, that cost him his life and cost us an invaluable citizen and friend. My condolences reach out to the entire Prechter family.

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING DR. OLIVE JACK FOR
HER EXTRAORDINARY SERVICE
TO THE NAPA COMMUNITY

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 12, 2001

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Olive Jack's tremendous commitment to the health and well being of the citizens of the Napa community. Dr. Jack has served admirably in many health care roles and has been a tremendous success in every one.

We can all look to Dr. Jack as a true role model for serving the public selflessly and tirelessly. Currently, Dr. Jack is serving on the Napa County Commission on Aging, the Napa-Solano Area Agency on Aging, and is membership chair of the Napa Association of Retarded Citizens Board. She is also a member of the Board and Executive Committee of ALDEA, an agency that operates residential treatment programs for disturbed teenagers.

Dr. Jack began her long career in public service in the Napa area when she started as the School Physician for Napa County Superintendent of Schools and as a consultant to Napa County Health Department, in charge of Child Health Conferences. Following her success working with the school district, Dr. Jack served five years as Director of Health Services for the County of Napa.

Previous to her career in public service, Dr. Jack served her internship and residency at the Children's Hospital in San Francisco. Following this, she practiced pediatric medicine privately in Napa as a Licentiate of the American Board of Pediatrics.

The California Medical Association, the Napa County Medical Society, and the Northern California chapter of Academy of Pediatrics are all privileged to have Dr. Jack a professional member. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree from University of Nebraska, Lincoln, a Master of Public Health from University of California, Berkeley, and has her M.D. from Temple University School of Medicine.

Mr. Speaker, it is a pleasure to honor Dr. Olive Jack on the occasion of the Napa-Solano Area Agency on Aging's tribute to her outstanding career of public service. Please join me in recognizing Dr. Jack's unparalleled work towards improving the health care of the citizens of Napa.

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IN HONOR OF REV. HENRY
JEZESKI

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 12, 2001

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the deceased Reverend Henry Jezeski, a man who will forever remain in our memories as an exemplar of virtue, integrity, and altruism.

Rev. Jezeski's death at the age of 75 marks the end of a life characterized by compassion and selflessness. Born and raised in the Cleveland area, Rev. Jezeski set a compelling example for us, his neighbors, and moreover for all of humanity. Ordained to priesthood in 1951, Rev. Jezeski tirelessly and unrelentingly offered his services as a pastor up until his death. His dedication to people is reflected in his numerous assignments as assistant pastor to a litany of churches in the Cleveland area.

In 1982, Rev. Jezeski was transferred to Our Lady of Czestochowa in Southeast Cleveland, where he served for 14 years until his retirement. It was at Our Lady of Czestochowa where Rev. Jezeski's imprints on his community are most palpable. The attendees of Our Lady of Czestochowa can most attest to this fine human being's tireless sacrifice of his time and energy in order to ameliorate the lives of others. Rev. Jezeski was also a prominent leader of the Polish community, exemplified by his position as Chaplain of the Alliance of Poles, where he worked diligently to promote understanding and rapport between the Polish and larger Cleveland communities.

Rev. Henry Jezeski led a life to make Cleveland proud and honored to have such a precious human being as its leader and counsel. Rev. Jezeski will be sorely missed by us all.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. EVA M. CLAYTON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 12, 2001

Mrs. CLAYTON. Mr. Speaker, on Thursday morning July 12, 2001, I was unavoidably detained and as a result missed one rollcall vote.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall No. 222, on approval to the House Journal.