

IN HONOR OF MAYOR AND MRS. AL CAPPUCILLI ON THE OCCASION OF THEIR 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY, AUGUST 11, 2001

HON. JOHN D. DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, August 1, 2001

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to my dear friends, Al and Tavi Cappuccilli, on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary.

I have been impressed by a number of the Cappuccilli's accomplishments and achievements, but none reflects more highly upon them than the love and success of their five children and seven grandchildren. I have observed the affection and time Al and Tavi have spent and spend with their children, and how confident and well rounded they are as a result. The Cappuccilli's now delight in lavishing the same kind of attention on their grandchildren. Al and Tavi have done such a superb job of making their family their most important priority, that now the Cappuccilli children and grandchildren come home every Christmas Eve, without fail, to celebrate "the real Christmas".

I am pleased to say that the Cappuccilli's have not confined their magnanimity to their children and family. Al and Tavi have faithfully and dutifully supported the Monroe community in a myriad different ways. For 23 years, Al was the Executive Director of the Monroe County United Way, where he was instrumental in establishing the Monroe County Food Bank in the early 1980s. Most recently, as Mayor, Al has presided over 10 years of growth and considerable progress.

Mr. Speaker, on Saturday, August 11, 2001, Al and Tavi Cappuccilli will return to the same church in which they were wed, and to which they have continued to belong, to renew the wedding vows they made to each other 50 years ago. On this momentous occasion, I wish to express my heartfelt esteem and congratulations to a wonderful couple who stand as a loving example for an entire community.

TRIBUTE TO FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ATLANTA STUDENT CHOIR

HON. JOHNNY ISAKSON

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, August 1, 2001

Mr. ISAKSON. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased today to welcome the First Baptist Church of Atlanta, Celebration Student Choir to our Nation's Capital.

Tomorrow, in the Cannon caucus room, the choir will perform for the House of Representatives Bipartisan Prayer Breakfast. The Celebration Student Choir consists of one hundred members, ranging in age from 13 to 18. The student choir is under the directorship of Reverend Chester Whisonant.

The First Baptist Church of Atlanta has enjoyed the teaching and leadership of its current pastor Dr. Charles Stanley for 32 years. Dr. Stanley's TV ministry, "In Touch" can be seen in virtually every country of the world. We are indeed honored to have this renowned

choir perform for the members of the United States House of Representatives.

HUMAN CLONING PROHIBITION ACT OF 2001

SPEECH OF

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 31, 2001

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, this Congress can and should outlaw the practice of human cloning. No pressing need exists to allow such cloning, and I believe it is appropriate for Congress to make the practice illegal.

However, I cannot support the overbroad approach taken by H.R. 2505. This legislation goes beyond banning reproductive cloning to ban research in somatic cell nuclear transfer. The result is that the bill would cut off scientific developments that are granting new hope to millions of Americans who have been told there is no cure. Without the use of nuclear transfer, these stem cell developments will likely remain in the laboratory and will not be used to help patients.

If H.R. 2505 were to pass into law in its present form it would be difficult, if not impossible, for our nation to benefit from stem cell research that is currently ongoing or that would take place in the future. This is because the only practical means of developing breakthroughs in stem cell research into treatments is through the use of somatic cell nuclear transfer. The bill prohibits the importation of safe and effective medical treatments, and it would use criminal law to interfere with the scientific progress.

Almost every Member of Congress, including myself, agrees that human cloning is unsafe and unethical and should be prohibited. However, I believe the manner in which H.R. 2505 is written would extend the bill's prohibitions far beyond the goal of banning human cloning and would prevent our citizens from benefitting from ongoing or prospective scientific discoveries.

HISPANIC RECOGNITION AWARDS

HON. BARNEY FRANK

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, August 1, 2001

Mr. FRANK. Mr. Speaker, I was delighted to be given a chance to send my congratulations to the winners of the Hispanic Recognition Awards which are going to be held on August 3 in North Dartmouth, Massachusetts. The Hispanic Recognition Awards Committee has assembled a very diverse and valuable group of individuals and institutions to receive well merited recognition for their work in helping preserve Latino culture and values in the framework of our national unity. I am delighted to have a chance to share with my colleagues the work of this important organization and I ask that the names of the award winners be printed here so that they may get the recognition to which they are entitled.

HISPANIC RECOGNITION AWARDS

INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATIONS TO BE HONORED AT THE EVENT

Organization of Latinos in Action—For their dedicated work educating the Latino

Community in leadership and citizen's participation.

Brockton Hispanic Festival—For their years of service in the cultural arena.

Sabor Latino Car Club—For their enthusiasm and dedication to the youth and community issues.

Poder 1110 Radio Station—For their dedication and service in communications to the Latino Community.

New Bedford Housing Authority—For their services, support and dedication to provide quality-affordable housing to Hispanics and the very estimable support to Latino organizations.

YWCA Southeastern Massachusetts—For their services, support and dedication to provide education to Hispanics and their very estimable support to Latino organizations.

Rev. Miguel and Mary Gonzalez—For their years of service as leaders, teachers and role models for all the citizens of New Bedford.

Benjamin Cruz—For his dedication and leadership in favor of the Latino Community of Brockton.

Jose Torres—For his dedication and leadership in favor of the Latino Community of Taunton.

Jarrett T. Barrios—For his demonstrated leadership and support in favor of the Latino Community.

Officer Osvaldo Alers—For his service as police officer and a role model.

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF RANDY JURADO ERTLL

HON. HILDA L. SOLIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, August 1, 2001

Ms. SOLIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize my Communications Director, Randy Jurado Ertll, who is leaving today to resume his work on immigration and community issues in the Los Angeles area.

Randy, who was born in the United States and spent his early years in El Salvador, moved to the Los Angeles area as a young boy. After graduating from Occidental College, Randy returned to El Salvador to research the Salvadoran economic system and find ways to promote financial stability amongst the countries' small businesses.

Once he returned to the United States, Randy continued to promote the well-being of the Salvadoran community by co-founding the Salvadoran American Political Action Committee. The PAC seeks to endorse and support candidates for political office who will promote the political and economic well-being of the Salvadoran American/Latino Community in the United States.

In 1996, Randy joined the California League of Conservation Voters as a new voter organizer, working to increase Latino voter turnout and educate new voters on environmental issues. He also became a regular editorial contributor on educational, environmental and political dealings to La Opinion, the largest Spanish newspaper in the United States.

After gaining considerable experience with the Southern California media industry, Randy joined my staff last year as the Communications Director. Given his personal knowledge with immigration issues, he also tackled this important issue for my Congressional office, including serving as my staff liaison to the Congressional Hispanic Caucus.

For the past eight months, Randy has helped to ensure that immigrants in the 31st Congressional District are afforded the rights to which they are entitled. He has also worked to make sure that all of the residents of my district are informed about the important work that we do here in Washington, D.C. Now, I wish him the best of luck as he returns to Los Angeles, to his community and to his dear fiancée.

TRIBUTE TO JOHN MEZZALINGUA
AND CENTRAL NEW YORK BASED
PPC ON ACHIEVING SIGNIFICANT
MILESTONES

HON. JAMES T. WALSH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, August 1, 2001

Mr. WALSH. Mr. Speaker, this month, one of the pioneering firms in the field of telecommunications equipment productions, PPC, will celebrate the completion of its 60th year in operation and its owner and founder, John Mezzalingua, will celebrate his 97th birthday on August 30th.

As an infant, John Mezzalingua immigrated to Central New York with his mother from Italy. At the age of 17, Mr. Mezzalingua began to work in an iron foundry with his father and soon expanded the family greenhouse and floral business to include a trucking service. During the Great Depression, Mr. Mezzalingua saved enough money to purchase automatic machinery and headed a production products company known as PPC. It grew to become one of the world's largest producers of cable connector products.

When the Magnavox Corporation purchased PPC, Mr. Mezzalingua retired. When the Netherlands-based North American Philips Corporation bought Magnavox in 1974, it decided to exit the connector business. Mr. Mezzalingua, nearing the age of 80, and his son Dan repurchased the company to keep its jobs in Central New York.

Today, John Mezzalingua Associates, Incorporated, the parent company of PPC, is headquartered and operates three plants in Central New York where it designs and manufactures connectors, traps and filters, and fiber optics products for telecommunications firms worldwide. It has additional manufacturing plants in Denmark and St. Kitts and maintains research operations in Switzerland.

On behalf of the people of New York's 25th Congressional District, it is my honor to congratulate Mr. John Mezzalingua on his 97th birthday and PPC on its 60 years in Central New York. We wish the very best for Mr. Mezzalingua, his family, and his company.

CONGRATULATING SAM AND SHIRLEY SHEFTS ON THEIR 50TH
WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, August 1, 2001

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to Sam and Shirley Shefts as they celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary.

Sam was born in 1929, in the midst of the Great Depression in the Bronx, New York. At the age of 19, he married the beautiful girl next door, Shirley Yshoel. Both having been raised in poverty by immigrant parents, their marriage started out with nothing but love and the traditions of family.

Together they built a life of countless successes. Sam served in the National Guard for 12 years. Shirley maintained a warm and nurturing home, first in the Bronx, then in East Meadow, NY as they raised their three daughters, Janet, Mindy and Nancy. They both taught the girls, mostly by example, the values of hard work, religion, education, charity and appreciation of the goodness of life and nature. Though they could not afford to attend college themselves, they made it possible for all three of the girls.

Working side by side with his brothers, Sam provided for the family in the business and craft of carved glass. The "Shefts" signature could be found on glass murals throughout the country, including fine restaurants such as Tavern on the Green and the Russian Tea Room in New York City and the Old Ebbitt Grill in Washington DC. Once the children were grown, Shirley worked at an art gallery. She also was a volunteer with honors with the United Order of True Sisters, an organization that provides support to families affected by cancer.

Now living in Boynton Beach, Florida, Shirley and Sam Shefts continue to be active and vibrant members of their community and their synagogue. This year, their daughters and son-in-law will proudly honor their golden anniversary with a party, bringing together their brothers and sisters, nieces & nephews, cousins and dear friends in a wonderful celebration of their 50 years together.

Mr. Speaker, I know that all of my colleagues in this House join me in paying tribute to this wonderful couple on this happy occasion.

IN HONOR OF DR. JIM D. ROLLINS

HON. ASA HUTCHINSON

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, August 1, 2001

Mr. HUTCHINSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Jim D. Rollins, the Superintendent of the Springdale Public School District in Springdale, Arkansas.

On August 23, 2001, the Springdale School District will hold its annual back-to-school celebration and rally. This year's celebration is particularly special as it will commemorate the beginning of Dr. Rollins's 20th year as Springdale Schools Superintendent.

Dr. Rollins has a long and distinguished career working to educate the youth of Arkansas. He began teaching science to students at Ridgeroad Junior High School in North Little Rock, Arkansas. Eventually, he moved across town to take the helm as Principal of Lakewood Junior High School. Years later, he accepted a position in Springdale as Director of Secondary Education, before becoming Superintendent, a position he has held since the early 1980's.

Along with the aforementioned accomplishments, Dr. Rollins has held executive positions in a number of professional organizations in-

cluding the Arkansas Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development and the Board of Directors of Northwest Arkansas Education Service Cooperative. He was selected to be a member of the Arkansas Governor's Task Force on Youth at Risk and received the Arkansas Superintendent of the Year Award in 1992.

I congratulate Dr. Rollins for his 20 years of dedication and service to the students of the Springdale School District. I am confident that he will continue to be successful in molding the lives of our nation's future.

A PROCLAMATION CELEBRATING
THE MARRIAGE OF MICHAEL
AND ROBYN SHAHEEN

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, August 1, 2001

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, I commend the following article to my colleagues:

Whereas, on June 30, 2001 Robyn Horner and Michael Shaheen joined together into the blessed union of holy matrimony, and;

Whereas, they began on that day, witnessed by God, a journey together that will lead them to the path of all of life's joys,

Therefore, I ask my colleagues to join with me in congratulating them and wishing them the very best that life has to offer.

THE EIGHTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF
THE BIRTHDAY OF DR. ANDREI
SAKHAROV

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, August 1, 2001

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, on May 21 of this year human rights advocates in Russia and all over the world marked the 80th anniversary of the birth of celebrated scientist and human rights advocate, Dr. Andrei Sakharov.

As a Soviet scientist and citizen of the world, Andrei Sakharov combined a brilliant intellect with a deep concern for humanity. He was the youngest member of the USSR Academy of Sciences. After World War II, Sakharov worked as a theoretical physicist and received the Soviet Union's highest award three times for his scientific accomplishments in the field of thermonuclear weapons development.

By the late 1960s, however, his protests against nuclear testing and calls for greater intellectual freedom had made him a pariah to the Kremlin. The publication of his seminal essay, "Progress, Coexistence, and Intellectual Freedom," brought him international attention and respect. In 1970, Sakharov and fellow activists Valery Chalidze and Andrei Tverdokhlebov founded the Moscow Human Rights Committee to help Soviet citizens secure the rights theoretically granted to them under the Soviet Constitution. As journalist David Remnick wrote recently, "his modest apartment on Chkalova Street in Moscow seemed the moral center of an immoral empire."

In 1975, as a result of his human rights advocacy and his work toward genuine detente