

During this time, the congregation joined the American Reform Movement, an organization founded by Rabbi Isaac Mayer Wise, who was present to dedicate the original synagogue in Scranton in April of 1867.

In 1902, the congregation moved from its original synagogue to a new building on Madison Avenue in Scranton. Over the next few decades, the synagogue was renovated and expanded to accommodate the group's growing membership, and in the 1960s its name was changed to "The Madison Avenue Temple."

The congregation moved into its current synagogue off of Lake Scranton Road in 1974, and its name was changed one last time to "Temple Hesed," meaning the "Temple of Loving Kindness," and reflecting the congregation's 19th Century roots.

Currently, Temple Hesed remains a member of the American Reform Movement, today known as the Union of Reform Judaism, which now has over 900 member congregations throughout the country.

The synagogue promotes a "welcoming" environment, and offers traditional worship services along with youth and adult education opportunities to its congregation, which now includes about 180 member families of all lifestyles and backgrounds.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing this remarkable anniversary. Over the past 150 years, Temple Hesed has evolved from a small group of worshipers to a prominent Jewish community in Northeastern Pennsylvania.

HONORING THE LIFE OF STAFF
SERGEANT CHRISTOPHER STOUT

HON. GEOFF DAVIS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2010

Mr. DAVIS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to SSG Christopher Stout, from Worthville, Kentucky. He lost his life on July 13, 2010, after receiving wounds during an insurgent attack on his unit in Kandahar City, Afghanistan.

He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 508th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, NC.

Staff Sergeant Stout is survived by his parents Billy and Sharon Neuner of Worthville, Kentucky.

Staff Sergeant Stout was a dedicated husband to his wife, Misty Stout as well as a devoted father to his three daughters, Jacqueline, Audreanna, and Kristin.

Today, as we celebrate the life and accomplishments of this exceptional Kentuckian, my thoughts and prayers are with Staff Sergeant Stout's family and friends.

We are all deeply indebted to SSG Christopher Stout for his service and his sacrifice.

CELEBRATING THE CAVE SPRINGS
CENTENNIAL

HON. JOHN BOOZMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2010

Mr. BOOZMAN. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize the 100th birthday of Cave Springs, Arkansas.

At the turn of the century Cave Springs was a busy town that centered on commerce and tourism. The town cave and therapeutic waters attracted people who would travel up to two days by horse and carriage just to visit.

Commerce was booming. The town had two hotels, a lumber yard, three churches, a bank, a doctor and dentist's office as well as several other services. Commerce has changed through the years and now revolves mostly around agriculture, but community leaders are just as committed to making it a vibrant area where people want to spend time.

Today Cave Springs is known as the "Gateway to the Future." Those on the way to the Northwest Arkansas Regional Airport pass through this small community that still maintains its friendly rural charm where people still say hi to their neighbors.

Mayor Mark Reeves said that's what attracted him to the town in 1982. Since then the population of the community has grown as it is uniquely situated between rural beauty and busy cities that offer a lot of activities.

Congratulations to Cave Springs for 100 amazing years and best of luck on the next 100.

TRAINING AND RESEARCH FOR
AUTISM IMPROVEMENTS NA-
TIONWIDE ACT OF 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I offer my strong support for the Training and Research for Autism Improvements Nationwide Act—a bill that promotes much-needed training and research advancements related to Autism. This bill expands federal support for understanding and treating the Autism Spectrum Disorders which affect as many as 1 in 110 children born in the United States.

Autism is a complex neurobiological disorder that is typically diagnosed around the age of 3 years old and lasts throughout a person's lifetime. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has identified Autism as one of the nation's leading public health crises. An Autism-related diagnosis is more common than the diagnosis of pediatric cancer, diabetes, and AIDS combined. Autism-related disorders occur in all racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic groups at similar rates; however, they are four times more common in boys than they are in girls. Recently, scientists have made advances in understanding Autistic symptomatology; yet there remains limited understanding about its causes and course. These disorders have a tremendous affect on the lives of the children and families who experience them, including challenges with edu-

cation, communication, and employment possible.

The Training and Research for Autism Improvements Nationwide Act will improve federal support for research and treatment related to Autism disorders. The bill establishes Centers of Excellence to train and provide services to children and families affected by Autism. I am well aware of the benefits of such comprehensive, targeted Centers of Excellence. I am proud that Chicago is home to the Therapeutic School and Center for Autism Research run by the Easter Seals Metropolitan Chicago. This Center is a national leader in providing care and advancing research related to Autism Spectrum Disorders. Within one site, state-of-the-art education, research, training, early intervention, school-to-work transition training, and independent living training occur. It is a true resource to the children and families in Illinois and the nation. This Center reflects a strong public-private partnership in which the State of Illinois, the city of Chicago, the University of Illinois, and multiple for-profit and non-profit businesses came together to make this Center a reality. The success of this Center demonstrates the need and potential benefits of creating additional national Centers of Excellence, as authorized by this bill.

In Chicago and across the country, it is clear that Autism significantly affects the lives of children and families. Additional federal efforts are needed to advance our understanding and response to Autism Spectrum Disorders. I strongly urge my colleagues to support the Training and Research for Autism Improvements Nationwide Act.

HONORING STANLEY MOSKAL AS
GRAND MARSHAL OF THE 2010
PULASKI DAY PARADE

HON. STEVEN R. ROTHMAN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2010

Mr. ROTHMAN of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Garfield Deputy Mayor Stanley J. Moskal for his selection as grand marshal of the 2010 Pulaski Day Parade. The parade, which will be held on October 3, 2010, in New York City, is the 73rd annual celebration of Polish heritage and General Casimir Pulaski's heroic military contributions during the American Revolutionary War.

A lifelong resident of Garfield, New Jersey, located within my Congressional District, the Honorable Stanley Moskal was elected to the Garfield Council in 2004. In 2008, he was re-elected to the council as Deputy Mayor. Mr. Moskal is an active community leader in the City of Garfield, serving on the Board of Directors of both the Garfield YMCA and the Garfield Vistula Soccer Club. He is Vice President of the Pulaski Parade Association of Garfield and has served as a commissioner to Garfield's Joint Insurance Fund. Mr. Moskal is a member of Garfield's Community Response Team, having been one of the first councilmen in New Jersey to complete this program.

Deputy Mayor Moskal is an active parishioner of Saint Stanislaus Kostka, Roman Catholic Church, where he has served as an usher for their Sunday Mass since the age of 15. In 2004, he was selected to be Marshal of the Garfield Contingent in the Pulaski Day Parade, making him the youngest ever individual

to lead Garfield in this annual celebration. Mr. Moskal's election as 2010 Grand Marshal brings him the additional distinction of being the first-ever Garfield resident to serve as Grand Marshal and one of the youngest Grand Marshals in the history of the Pulaski Day Parade.

Madam Speaker, today I would like to congratulate Deputy Mayor Moskal on this exciting honor and thank him for his extraordinary contributions to the City of Garfield. I am proud to have such a dedicated and enthusiastic leader as part of my constituency.

HONORING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF NEW PROVIDENCE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. KENDRICK B. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2010

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor the 50th anniversary of New Providence Missionary Baptist Church in Miami, Florida. Since its inception, the Church has stood in the community as a symbol of perseverance and inspiration. This anniversary of New Providence Missionary Baptist Church marks a time of remembrance of a storied past and renewal for a bright future.

On October 4, 1960, the late Reverend C. J. Burney organized New Providence Missionary Baptist Church with a membership totaled at 376 members. After 23 years, Rev. Burney retired in November 1983. On December 8, 1983, Rev. James Walthour became the Pastor of New Providence. He served and led the Church faithfully until he passed on September 6, 2001. Rev. Vinson Davis became the interim Pastor on July 25, 2002. He was elected to be the Pastor of New Providence and was installed on September 15, 2002. For the last eight years Pastor Davis has followed his motto and vision for New Providence Missionary Baptist Church—"The Spirit of Oneness."

Madam Speaker, please join me in applauding and honoring New Providence Missionary Baptist Church as it celebrates 50 years of dedicated fellowship. Throughout the past 50 years, the clergy and members have dedicated themselves to providing spirituality, service and guidance to the Church and greater community of South Florida. New Providence is a model for our community and our Nation. New Providence has never wavered from the ministry of saving lost souls, preaching the gospel, feeding the hungry, helping the homeless, and reaching out and renewing the spirit of neighbors in need. It is my hope New Providence Missionary Baptist Church continues to stand as a beacon of resolve, inspiration and worship for many years to come.

CONGRATULATING THE SEATTLE STORM FOR WINNING THE 2010 WNBA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE

HON. JIM McDERMOTT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2010

Mr. McDERMOTT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Seattle Storm for

winning the 2010 WNBA National Championship Title, their second national championship in six years. After a record-breaking season, the Storm swept the Atlanta Dream in three close games during the WNBA finals, winning on Thursday night in Atlanta, 87-to-84. Their victory is not only a tribute to the hard work of the players but also the determination and gumption of our team's female owners, who bought the team in 2008, refusing to make the move to Oklahoma City with the Sonics. I applaud our players, owners, and fans for allowing our team to grow and thrive in Seattle.

While none of the athletes on the Storm were born when Patsy Mink wrote and worked to pass Title IX, in 1972, all have reaped the benefits of her efforts. Title IX gave women and girls greater opportunities to participate in high school and collegiate sports, which the talented and dedicated women of the WNBA have parlayed into professional careers.

I am so very proud of our team and their accomplishments. As we all learned in grade school, it's not just if you win, but how you win. Too many of our professional athletes have forgotten this lesson, but not the women of the Storm. As ESPN's Mechelle Voepel put it: "The Storm weren't a team that was dominant in the sense that it throttled all its opponents. To the contrary, the Storm made rallying an art form this summer. But the Storm were a team that always seemed to figure out how to get the job done whenever it really mattered." Congratulations.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MARINE CORPORAL MAX WILLIAM DONAHUE

HON. GEOFF DAVIS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2010

Mr. DAVIS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, today I pay tribute to Marine Corporal Max William Donahue. He lost his life on August 7, 2010 after he was severely wounded in Helmand Province, Afghanistan.

He was assigned to Military Police Support Company, First Marine Expeditionary Force Headquarters Group, Camp Pendleton, California.

Corporal Donahue served two previous combat tours in Iraq before deploying to Afghanistan.

Corporal Donahue was the son of Gregory Donahue of Worthington, Kentucky.

Today, as we celebrate the life and accomplishments of this exceptional Kentuckian, my thoughts and prayers are with Corporal Donahue's family and friends.

We are all deeply indebted to Corporal Donahue for his service and his sacrifice.

IN TRIBUTE TO DISMAS BECKER, A MAN OF FAITH

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2010

Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin. Madam Speaker, I rise today in tribute to a dear friend, a mentor, a legislator, a community organizer, a

loving husband and father to his family. Dismas Becker was a man of faith and that unshakable faith remains with us even with his passing.

Dismas Becker was a former activist priest who was in the forefront of the civil rights movement during the tumultuous 1960's. Along with the well-known activist Father James Groppi, Dismas participated in welfare rights demonstrations, open housing marches, and publicly defended Father Groppi's efforts to organize demonstrations in support of these causes. In October 1969, Dismas was beaten by police while occupying the chambers of the State Assembly in Madison, to protest welfare funding cutbacks. Dismas Becker's sermons were filled with anti-war sentiment and the fight for civil rights that brought complaints from some parishioners. The dissent did not sway Dismas from this calling.

In fact, speaking in 1969 Dismas said, "If you do find yourself in a conflict between you and society and you do not dissent, you are not a Christian." He later left the priesthood, but did not leave his activism behind. Dismas Becker went on to serve in other roles, including as a state representative in the Legislature and was eventually chosen as the Majority Leader in the Assembly by his fellow Democrats in 1984.

Dismas Becker married an amazing woman, Fay Anderson, who was active in the local Democratic Party, and was an alderperson in her own right. He adopted her children and they adopted a son of their own. He never stopped working on behalf of those who needed it most. With his own personal ministry never wavered, he reached out to the downtrodden, and to people who were going in the wrong direction, to help them turn a corner.

Madam Speaker, for these many reasons I rise in tribute to Dismas Becker. He reached out to me, then a young woman with 3 children and encouraged me throughout his lifetime. In 1988, he decided to run for the State Senate. Dismas Becker suggested, pushed, and encouraged me with love to run for his Assembly seat. I am here today due in no small part to the incredible commitment of this loving and giving human being. I will miss my beloved friend, Dismas Becker, and he will be missed by the entire community.

IN HONOR OF GEORGE ALCOTT'S MORE THAN TWENTY YEARS OF SERVICE TO COMMUNICATIONS WORKERS OF AMERICA, LOCAL 1301, AND THE WORKING FAMILIES OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS AND NEW ENGLAND

HON. STEPHEN F. LYNCH

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2010

Mr. LYNCH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of George Alcott, a constituent from Braintree, Massachusetts, in recognition of his decades of commitment to the men and women of Communications Workers of America, Local 1301, and for ensuring access to quality communications service for the people of the Ninth Congressional District, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and New England.