

am proud to join with the Riverdale Jewish Community Relations Council in honoring him with its Community Service Award.

HONORING WAKEFIELD TAXPAYERS & CIVIC LEAGUE 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 23, 2013

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, citizens groups are the backbone of a democracy, banding together to make their lives, their neighborhoods, their country a better place.

I am privileged to have one such extraordinary group in my district, the Wakefield Taxpayers and Civic League, which is celebrating its 100th anniversary. It was formed in 1913 to "maintain the integrity of the community" and is one of the oldest such organizations in New York City.

The League involves itself in improving their community by, for example, getting the outer walls of P.S.W. 1 repaired; getting the retaining wall abutting a playground on Carpenter Avenue, in danger of falling, fixed; advocated successfully for the closing of 'topless' bars in a residential neighborhood; initiated a study to change zoning regulations that allowed motels to be built in residential areas; and fought illegal construction and illegal rentals in two- and three-family homes.

The League maintains a lively and deep interest in politics and I have appeared before them many times seeking their endorsement, as have any other person seriously seeking to represent them.

Wakefield is a beautiful community because its residents work hard to keep it so. The League works closely with the District Attorney's Crime Assistance unit and has a Wakefield Civilian patrol to deter crime. It has stopped crimes in progress, alerted the Fire Department to fires, and saves lives by bringing medical attention to accident scenes.

The Wakefield Taxpayers and Civic League is a model of what citizens can accomplish by working together in their neighborhoods. I am proud to be associated with them and congratulate them for 100 years of building and maintaining a model community.

HONORING HITCHCOCK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, Houses of Worship have been central to American communities since the founding of our country. One such House of Worship, the Hitchcock Presbyterian Church in Scarsdale, is now celebrating its centenary.

In 1913, a group of 19 gathered to worship in a portable chapel borrowed from the Presbytery of Hudson River and set on the corner of Walworth Avenue and Fenimore Road. The Reverend George Smyth helped that group organize Hitchcock Presbyterian Church, build a sanctuary, organize the Sunday School, Women's Guild, Missionary Society and Women's Prayer Group.

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In 1949 Dr. Smyth retired and the Reverend Dr. Robert W. Youngs was installed as senior pastor. By then increased attendance necessitated two worship services each Sunday.

In 1959 the Reverend James S. Stewart became senior pastor and served until 1972. During these years the Weekday School was begun and the three women's organizations merged to form the Guild, and in 1991 became the Presbyterian Women of Hitchcock.

The Reverend J. Scottie Griffin became senior pastor in July 1975 and served until 1982. The growing Asian population in this area stimulated the development of the Living in America program to serve the international community.

In September 1983 the Reverend Robert S. MacLennan became senior pastor and served until December 31, 1992. During his ministry there was increased dialogue with the local Jewish community. In 1984 Special Ministries to Japanese, an interdenominational ministry to Japanese-speaking people in the metropolitan area, began holding Japanese language worship once a month.

In 1986 a fire destroyed the sanctuary building but not the program or the mission of Hitchcock Church. The rebuilding was completed and a sanctuary dedicated on October 7, 1990.

In May, 1995 the Reverend Donald J. Steele became the pastor. During his 10 year ministry, the church became very active in mission work and supported "Beyond Borders"—a literacy program in Haiti.

The congregation called The Rev. Dr. John W. Miller of Dallas as new pastor and he began his ministry in 2008.

In congratulate the Hitchcock Presbyterian Church on the celebration of 100 years of serving its congregants. The church has contributed enormously to its worshippers and I wish it many more years in our community.

HONORING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF BEAR CREEK HIGH SCHOOL'S STUDENT JOURNALISTS

HON. JERRY McNERNEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 23, 2013

Mr. McNERNEY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to honor Bear Creek High School's newspaper, The Bruin Voice, which has been recognized as the best in the Nation. The Bruin Voice recently won the prestigious National Scholastic Press Association's Pacemaker Award for excellence, in addition to receiving Best in Show for its coverage of student protests.

The student journalists at Bear Creek High School put a tremendous amount of effort toward producing a newspaper of outstanding quality. They have displayed exceptional writing and reporting skills and have produced compelling editorials and cartoons. The accomplishments of Bear Creek High School's student journalists are emblematic of their pursuit of excellence and commitment to their fellow students, faculty and our community.

I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing Bear Creek High School's journalism students, and their extraordinary dedication to producing an award-winning newspaper.

HONORING EILEEN MASON

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

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Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, Eileen Mason arrived in Larchmont in 1968 in pursuit of a good local school for her three year-old daughter, Alison, and later a son, Gregory. Eileen was very active in the PTA. As Health and Safety Chair at the Murray Avenue School, she spearheaded the drive which although failing to reinstall the traffic light, resulted in the school system's first school crossing guard.

From 1972 to 1983 she worked to create after school clubs for "latch-key kids" and help mainstream students with disabilities. In 1980, she was chair of the Middle States High School Evaluation team for School and Community.

Eileen became interested in the cable franchise proposals in the late 'seventies while doing publicity for several local organizations including the Girl Scouts, The Garden Club of Larchmont, the Woman's Club of Larchmont and the PTA. Offering news to the community has been the focus of her thirty years with LMC-TV.

Her own original programs started with "It's Your Community" and the establishment of water control measures at the Reservoir and coastal zone management and environmental concerns. She produced a series on Save the Sound, a Connecticut organization based in Stamford, as well as programs for the Federated Conservationists of Westchester County.

Other organizations benefitting from her coverage are the League of Woman Voters, Summit, Cancer Support Team, Girl Scouts, Kemper Memorial Park Preservation, Hispanic Resource Center, Mamaroneck Library's Children's Department and Larchmont Public Library's Friends, Rye Arts Center, Memorial Day and Holocaust Memorial events.

For the past twelve years she has produced monthly programs for Larchmont-Mamaroneck Interfaith Council. I congratulate Eileen Mason who is being awarded the Special Recognition Award for her extraordinary contributions to LMC-TV productions as a volunteer.

HONORING ALPHA EPSILON PI INTERNATIONAL FRATERNITY

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I extend my congratulations to the Alpha Epsilon Pi International Fraternity on the celebration of its centenary. With more than 177 active chapters across the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, France, and Israel, and over 9,000 undergraduate brothers, there is certainly much to celebrate.

The fraternity is celebrating the largest event in its history—the Centennial Celebration on August 8th honoring the first 100 years of its existence and its success in cultivating generations of Jewish leaders on college campuses across the world.

The first 100 years are said to be the hardest, but the success of Alpha Epsilon Pi is a wonderful start.

I wish the fraternity every success in the future and look forward to seeing more leaders from Alpha Epsilon Pi take their place in the world.

AEPi was founded in 1913 at New York University, initially as a brotherhood of young men from similar backgrounds, but expanded in time with the goal of giving them the best college and fraternity experience. Since then approximately 100,000 men have been members of the fraternity.

More important is the leadership training provided by AEPi. Its members include Wolf Blitzer, Mark Zuckerberg, former Florida Congressman Ron Klein, National Hockey League Commissioner Gary Bettman, James Brooks, a producer/director of *The Simpsons*, Paul Simon and Art Garfunkel, and architect Frank Gehry, plus numberless more.

Celebrating a Centennial is a rare event. AEPi has contributed to the nation and the world for 100 years and if past performance is any indication, this will continue for many generations to come.

HONORING YONKERS COMMISSION
ON HUMAN RIGHTS

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 23, 2013

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, the Yonkers Commission on Human Rights is celebrating 50 years of working to affirm the rights of all citizens to full equality before the law as part of its commitment to eliminating racism and to empowering women.

The Commission on Human Rights was created on October 1, 1963, by the City of Yonkers with a charter that delineated the need for protection from human rights violations and the essence of human rights education for Yonkers residents and businesses alike.

The organization actively promotes human rights awareness and outreach in the Yonkers community through special events and activities, serving as a model for dialogue, discussion and coalition building to eliminate racism and intergroup hostilities.

The Yonkers Human Rights Commission fosters mutual respect and understanding among all racial, religious, and ethnic groups in the community, and strives to eliminate all forms of discrimination based on sex or age. It undertakes studies that aid in improving relationships among groups. It inquires into incidents of tension and conflict among or between various racial, religious, and nationality groups, and takes action to ease such tensions and conflicts.

The Human Rights Commission not only seeks to alleviate tensions but to actively promote goodwill among neighbors and communities.

For a half century the Yonkers Human Rights Commission has worked for equality for all in employment, housing, public accommodation, credit, and education. It is an outstanding example of what can be accomplished locally to enhance all of our lives. I am proud to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the

Yonkers Commission on Human Rights, and congratulate it for the work done for our community.

HONORING AUDREY SMITH-
JOHNSON

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

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Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, Audrey Smith-Johnson was born in Yonkers and attended Yonkers Public Schools, and graduated from Tefft Business School. As a high school student, she volunteered at the Yonkers YWCA and was a Candy Stripper at St. Joseph Hospital. But it was while working various positions at a temp agency that she found her passion in real estate. She received her Real Estate Certificate and has been working in that field for 28 years.

But she has another calling, and that is as a member of her community. In July, 2005, she joined Community Sunset Temple #1132, Daughters of Elks, LBPOE Elks of the World. She was promptly elected as Doorkeeper and in 2006 she was elected as the Treasurer. There she has embraced in all facets of Elksdom. Some of the positions she holds are: Assistant Vice Loyal Daughter of Unity Past Daughter Rulers Council (Westchester & Rockland), she is a member of the New York State Daughters of Elks—Royal Court Department, Treasurer/Financial Secretary of the Past State President Circle of Westchester, Rockland and Sullivan Counties. This year she is the Chairperson of the Mid-Winter Conference for The New York State 1B POE of W.

She also belongs to the Yonkers African-American Heritage Committee, a not-for-profit community based organization that partners with several other such organizations, such as: Sister To Sister, YMCA, YWCA and The Yonkers Public Library. Mrs. Johnson joined the YAAHC in 2005, and was named Financial Secretary, a job she has kept, along with several appointed positions such as: Chairperson-Nominating Committee, Joint-Chair-Scholarship Committee and Assistant Corresponding Secretary.

In May 2009, Senior Center #9, located at Terrace City Lodge #1499 appointed her Communication/Publicity Director.

She and her husband, John (Worshipful Master of James H. Farrell #34, PH) have been married for 31 years. They have two children, Mrs. LaTasha Pagan and John, Jr., and a granddaughter Karissma. She is also a mother and grandmother to her extended family—Ms. Capricia McClellan and her children and her grandchildren.

I am proud to join the Luther V. Garrison Sr. Masonic Foundation in honoring Audrey Smith-Johnson as Woman of the Year for her many contributions to her community.

REV. EDWARD MULRAINE

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 23, 2013

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, Houses of Worship in the United States have played a major

role in our communities, offering solace, support, and sustenance, both physical and moral, to all. In Mount Vernon, the Unity Baptist Tabernacle, under the guidance of the Rev. Edward Mulraine fulfills all those roles, and today we are celebrating Rev. Mulraine's tenth Pastoral Anniversary in guiding the membership of his church.

Rev. Mulraine has accomplished much in that time to help his Church, his Ministry and his Community.

He established a Men's Fellowship Choir, a Prayer Ministry, a Senior Ministry, and the Gospel Pearls. He expanded the Church's Ministry through radio station WVOV and the Internet. He instituted Women as Deacons and Unity Baptist Tabernacle saw its first Women Deacons in 2011. Unity Tabernacle now teaches Weekly Bible Study and has a Drama Ministry and a Catering Ministry.

More pragmatically Rev. Mulraine raised the funds for a new computer center which now has 14 brand new computers, installed new air conditioning in the Dining Hall, painted the sanctuary and redid the Church roof, and is paying off the \$300,000 mortgage.

Beyond his church and ministry, Rev. Mulraine has aided his community by getting pedestrian crossing lights on local streets, marching against violence, and protesting cuts to Day Care and Mount Vernon Hospital. He established the Annual Church Trip and Fellowship to South Carolina, started Home Coming after Summer Break, and fought for funds for the South Street Park.

Rev. Mulraine, and all of Mount Vernon, today celebrate his tenth anniversary as Minister of the Unity Baptist Tabernacle. I am proud to join in this celebration of a man who has made a great difference in his Church, his Ministry and his Community.

TO CONGRATULATE SADIE R.
GOLDMAN ON HER 100TH BIRTH-
DAY

HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 23, 2013

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Sadie "Honey" Goldman on her 100th birthday. Mrs. Goldman was born on December 27, 1913 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to Solomon and Selina Hart. She married Irvin J. Goldman and both became loving parents to Philip and Beverly. Alongside her husband, Honey enjoyed working in the family business at Gold Electric Service Inc. in Philadelphia as well as setting time aside for her knitting and sewing. She has been blessed with seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Through her life, she has continued to pass on love, guidance, and wisdom from one generation to the next. I wish her a very happy birthday and good health and happiness.