

IN HONOR AND RECOGNITION OF
STAN HASSE

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2009

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of Stan Haase, who recently celebrated his 85th birthday.

Stan Haase was born on July 22, 1924 in Kitchener, Ontario to Adolph Carl and Anna Caroline Haase. His parents bought a home on Cedar Street, where they raised Stan and his younger brother Gerald. The Haase family enjoyed spending their weekends together at Stan's great-grandmother's house where they took pleasure in square dancing and playing their favorite card game, pinochle. It was a spirited and loving environment in which they celebrated family and their German heritage.

At the age of eighteen, Stan Haase enlisted in the Royal Canadian Air Force to serve his country during World War II as a Chief Pilot Officer. Following his service, Stan returned home and went to work for his father as a truck driver. It was during his years as a driver that Stan met Katherine Schell. They were married on July 7, 1950. Their mutual desire to realize the American Dream began during their honeymoon when they immigrated to Detroit. After several years of hard work they became naturalized American citizens. Mr. Haase was a loving and devoted husband to his beloved wife, Katherine, for 53 years.

By September 1969, Stan and Katherine Haase had moved to a home on Newbury Lane in Parma Heights, Ohio to raise their three young sons, Greg, Woody and Rick. It was at this home that the family began to establish new family traditions, such as sharing the days' events with one another over dinner. Sundays were also a special time for the Haase family. Each Sunday Mrs. Haase created beautiful and elaborate meals while Mr. Haase entertained the family with stories of his childhood. The home on Newbury Lane was full of magic at Christmas time. Mr. Haase made Santa Claus come to life and Mrs. Haase decorated.

Mr. Haase has had several hobbies throughout his lifetime. As a licensed amateur radio operator he has spoken and forged friendships with people in 321 different countries. His skill as an amateur radio operator has won him many awards and certificates. In addition to gaining a reputation as a first-class repairman, Mr. Haase is also a computer enthusiast. Stan has built and programmed several of his home computers. He continues to be interested in learning new technology.

Madam Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of Stan Haase. Stan is a charismatic and proud man. He remains deeply committed to his family and his friends. Stan's sense of humor reflects his great appreciation for life. I wish Mr. Haase a joyous 85th year and blessings of peace, health and happiness.

CONGRATULATIONS TO
POSTMASTER OLA HELM

HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

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Mr. PAUL. Madam Speaker, Ola Helm, a 23 year veteran of the United States Postal Service, will be officially sworn in as the 24th postmaster for the Brazoria, Texas post office on Thursday, October first. I am pleased to extend my congratulations to Postmaster Helm.

Postmaster Helm began her postal career on May 10, 1986 as a letter carrier in my hometown of Lake Jackson, Texas. Over the years, Postmaster Helm held a variety of positions in the postal service, including window clerk, supervisor, coach postmaster and officer in charge at a variety of local post offices, including Danbury, Freeport, West Columbia, Sweeny and Needville.

Prior to being appointed postmaster for Brazoria, Ola Helm served as Postmaster for the Van Vleck office. She has spent the past 17 months familiarizing herself with the employees and patrons of the Brazoria post office. The people of Brazoria County are lucky to have such a dedicated and experienced postal veteran serving as postmaster, and I am pleased to once again extend my congratulations to Postmaster Ola Helm.

UNITED NATIONS HUMAN RIGHTS
COUNCIL GOLDSTONE REPORT

HON. MICHELE BACHMANN

OF MINNESOTA

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Mrs. BACHMANN. Madam Speaker, just as the United States is a symbol of hope and freedom around the globe, Israel stands as a symbol of freedom and democracy in an area historically rampant with violence and oppression. For this reason, I am compelled to voice my strong objections to the allegations made in a recent report commissioned by the United Nations Human Rights Council and carried out by former South African Judge Richard Goldstone. The report alleges human rights violations on the part of Israel.

Madam Speaker, the U.N. Human Rights Council has long been recognized for its anti-Israel bias, so it comes as little surprise they would rubber-stamp the "Goldstone Report" and its findings of "crimes against humanity" with regard to Israel's activities in Gaza. As you may know, Israel is the only country listed on the Council's permanent agenda, which examines only supposed Israeli violations of Palestinian human rights, while ignoring the threats or actions of terrorist groups, or the nations that support them, and their calls for the destruction of other U.N. Member States. To quote Israel's Ambassador to the U.S., Michael Oren, "Israel basically was the equivalent of being summoned to a court in which its guilt was already presumed . . . I can't think of any country in the world which would participate in such a farce of justice."

Indeed, while this report condemns Israel's actions, it ignores the precipitating causes of Israel's self-defensive actions, concluding that Israel's military operations were "deliberate

and systematic," and directed at the people of Gaza as a whole, failing to acknowledge Israel's right to defend itself against terrorism, namely the thousands of rockets launched daily at its citizens. Moreover, the Goldstone Report ignores the extraordinary steps taken by Israel to minimize civilian casualties, often putting its own soldiers at greater risk to do so.

The United States and Israel have shared a close relationship of friendship, cooperation, and strategic alliance that serves as an example to the rest of the world. In order to preserve and foster this relationship, I believe it is imperative for the United States to unequivocally reject the findings of the Goldstone Report. And while recent years have unfortunately been marked by escalating armed conflict between Israel and Hamas, the United States should stand steadfast in its commitment to a free and secure Israel as the Middle East comes to embrace the liberties and freedoms of democratic societies.

HONORING DR. KATHLEEN WESTON
OF KENTON AND GROSSE
POINTE, MICHIGAN

HON. BART STUPAK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. STUPAK. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Dr. Kathleen Weston, a remarkable woman who has spent her life at the forefront of medical research in the field of prescription drug toxicology. Dr. Weston's work has included large-scale production development of the first Salk polio vaccine for worldwide distribution and providing legal advice on toxicology issues for a range of government agencies. At 102 years of age, Dr. Weston continues to be an active contributor to her family and community.

Dr. Weston was born in 1907 in the village of Kenton in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. Born Kathleen Shingler, she was one of four children; her father worked as a general store keeper and her mother was a school teacher. After graduating from high school, one of two in her class to do so, Dr. Weston enrolled in Northern State Normal School (now Northern Michigan University) where she graduated with a degree in biology in 1929. After beginning her career teaching biology at Munising High School, Dr. Weston joined her husband, Jean K. Weston, in enrolling in graduate school at the University of Michigan earning a master's degree in anatomy and genetics in 1934.

After taking a position teaching anatomy and physiology to nursing students, Dr. Weston enrolled in medical school at Temple University. Weston credits the nurses she taught with her acceptance to the program after the dean struck a deal that he would admit her, provided she could get the nurses to pass anatomy and physiology. All of the nurses passed and Dr. Weston graduated from medical school in 1951, one of five women in a class of 125.

Upon graduation Dr. Weston moved to Detroit with her husband who worked to develop a modern toxicology laboratory for Parke-Davis and Company. As one of five pharmaceutical companies to produce the Salk polio vaccine for worldwide distribution, the head of