

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

September 15, 2006

The Sons of Jacob Cemetery Memorial Dedication  
c/o Devils Lake Basin Joint Water Resource Board  
524 4th Avenue #27  
Devils Lake, ND 58301

Dear Friends of the Sons of Jacob Cemetery:

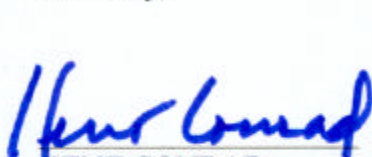
Congratulations on this day as you gather to recognize the Jewish settlers of the Garske Colony through the dedication of this monument at the Sons of Jacob Cemetery.

The story of these early Jewish settlers in the Devils Lake region is truly remarkable – from Morris Kohn and Herman Kaufman starting out in the early 1880s for the uncertain venture of carving out a life for their families, to the almost 90 Jewish men and women who eventually filed claims in the area.

We applaud Hal Ettinger, the Devils Lake Area Foundation, the Devils Lake Basin Joint Water Resource Board, and the many others who have worked to keep this story alive.

Again, congratulations on today's dedication and thank you for preserving this unique chapter of North Dakota history.

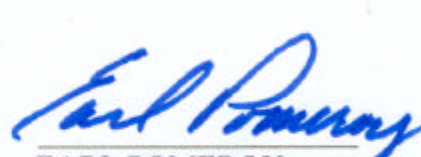
Sincerely,



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U.S. Senate



BYRON DORGAN  
U.S. Senate



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U.S. House