

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

EAGLE SCOUTS HONORED

HON. WILLIAM O. LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 8, 1995

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to bring to the attention of my colleagues two outstanding individuals from the Third Congressional District of Illinois who have recently completed a major goal in their Scouting careers. On May 21, 1995, Jason Michael Baumann and Bryan Duffy were honored at an Eagle Scout Court of Honor. At that time, I presented each Scout with a flag that was flown over the U.S. Capitol in honor of their outstanding achievement.

Jason joined Saint Symphorosa Cub Pack 4439 in 1983 and quickly progressed through the ranks while earning the Parvuli Dei and Arrow of Light Awards. Jason then joined Boy Scout Troop 1439 during the end of 1987. He participated in many Scouting activities while working on the requirements for the ranks leading to Eagle. During this time, he earned a total of 24 merit badges. Jason also served as the troop scribe, chaplain's aide, assistant patrol leader, and junior assistant scoutmaster.

Jason attended high school at the new Archbishop Quigley Preparatory Seminary. Jason's interests in high school included involvement in the music and drama programs. He also played the organ, piano, keyboard, and timpani for the weekly Masses and was a music appreciation teacher's aid.

Upon graduating high school, Jason enrolled at the University of Illinois at Chicago, where he is currently majoring in computer science. His future plan is to become a computer programmer. He also currently works for the Archdiocese of Chicago in the development office at Quigley as a computer consultant.

Bryan also joined Cub Pack 4439 in 1983 where he earned the Bobcat, Wolf, Bear, Webelo and Arrow of Light Awards. While a Cub Scout, he held the position of assistant den chief. When he joined Boy Scout Troop 1439 in June of 1987 he quickly progressed through the ranks. Bryan held the positions of assistant patrol leader, senior patrol leader, junior assistant scoutmaster, and is a member of the Order of the Arrow, an organization for honored Scouters.

During his 4 years at Brother Rice High School, Bryan excelled on the swimming and water polo teams for all 4 years. He was a member of the 1994 Illinois State Championship Water Polo Team and completed in the Illinois State Sectional Championships.

It is important to note that less than 2 percent of all young men in America attain the rank of Eagle Scout. This high honor can only be earned by those Scouts demonstrating extraordinary leadership abilities. Jason and Bryan have clearly demonstrated such abilities through their dedicated community service and deserve special recognition.

In light of the commendable leadership and courageous activities performed by such fine

young men, I ask my fellow colleagues to join me in honoring Jason and Bryan for attaining the highest honor in Scouting—the rank of Eagle Scout. Let us wish them the very best in all of their endeavors.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE AWARD-WINNING PARTNERSHIP OF NORTHEAST BLOCK CLUB ALLIANCE AND FIRST FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN

HON. LOUISE McINTOSH SLAUGHTER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Rochester, New York's Northeast Block Club Alliance [NEBCA] and First Federal Savings and Loan Association, together one of six partnerships in the country to receive the prestigious Social Compact 1995 Outstanding Community Investment Award. NEBCA and First Federal were recognized for creating First Place, a project that transformed a 5½ acre city block of vacant and deteriorating properties into a vibrant new neighborhood. First Place has created new homes for 50 low- and moderate-income families by building the first large-scale residential housing development in downtown Rochester in 30 years.

In anticipation of First Federal's 100th anniversary in March 1993, president and CEO Thomas N. Borshoff spearheaded an intensive study to determine the housing needs of Rochester and target at risk communities. After identifying 5.3 acres of a distressed, inner-city neighborhood, First Federal acquired 15 vacant properties and worked closely with the city of Rochester to reconfigure the area as a future residential community. To launch the project, First Federal waived the normal developer's fee, provided no-interest construction financing, and also agreed to offer 30 year, fixed-rate mortgages to ensure affordable monthly mortgages for each borrower.

First Place also owes a great to NEBCA, which has dedicated its energies to serving low- and moderate-income households in Rochester since its inception in 1976. Through its social service and housing programs, NEBCA has preserved existing housing stock, promoted owner-occupied homeownership, provided elderly and day care, and organized resident participation in crime prevention and community policing programs. With the help of First Federal and the city of Rochester, NEBCA was able to transform First Place from concept to reality.

As of March 1995, 29 of 30 homes have been completed and sold, with another 15 under construction and expected to be completed this fall. Large families who used to live in overpriced, poorly maintained, and absentee-owned apartments now have the opportunity to own their own quality homes at a monthly cost that is less than their former rent-

al payments. In addition to the tremendous strides First Place has made in housing, the NEBCA-First Federal alliance has also provided important jobs for local minority contractors and established a youth training program for high school students. These factors will not only provide many of our young people with a skilled trade for the future, but they also foster pride and continued commitment to the community, as well.

Because of these landmark achievements, NEBCA and First Federal were rightly recognized by the Social Compact, a coalition of financial services CEO's and neighborhood organizations dedicated to promoting proven, effective strategies for strengthening America's most vulnerable neighborhoods.

Mr. Speaker, the First Place project has infused a new hope in Northeast Rochester, and presented all of us with a model of a successful alliance between local government, a community organization, and a financial institution. Through close collaboration, NEBCA, Rochester, and First Federal removed administrative obstacles, streamlined approval processes, and worked directly with residents to keep the First Place project on a fast track. Because of their efforts, First Place evolved from an initial idea to owner-occupied affordable housing in the span of just 2 years. Finally, the success of First Place has convinced other cities to take note: discussions are already underway in the cities of Buffalo and New York for replication of this model project.

Mr. Speaker, we should all recognize the outstanding NEBCA-First Federal partnership and the efforts of the Social Compact. Please join me in saluting their service to our cities and our Nation.

FROM E-MAIL TO V-MAIL, POSTAL CLERK HAS SEEN IT ALL

HON. JOHN M. McHUGH

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. McHUGH. Mr. Speaker, I want to pay tribute to a dedicated individual from my district who has provided her community with quality mail service for 54 years. Even more remarkable is that she plans to continue to do so. Patricia M. Drake, a 71-years-old grandmother of four, began work as a mail clerk in 1941, when mail was sorted one letter at a time. Although technology now enables mail to be processed en masse, it is the dedication and reliability of individual Postal Service employees such as Pat Drake that provides this Nation with the most productive, efficient, and cost-effective mail system in the world.

When Pat was hired, Franklin Delano Roosevelt was President and a war was raging in Europe. Pat initially worked weekends and summers, sorting V-mail that came in by train to help people communicate. Now, more than 54 years later, Pat is still working weekends

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and evenings sorting mail to help people communicate. And she would not have it any other way. According to her colleagues, Pat is well-loved and respected because she personifies all that is good about the Postal Service. Her sound integrity and reliability are an asset to the two offices in which she works.

While the methods have changed, the basic mission of both Pat and the Postal Service remains as important today as it has ever been, and perhaps even more so in this fast-paced information age. With data whirling by us via e-mail, fax, interactive cable, and other, yet-to-be developed supertechnologies, we must not lose sight of the basic service that Pat renders, which is so important to our continued well-being. Pat's contribution, along with that of others, enables 125 million American households to receive prompt, universal mail service, 6 days a week, at just about the lowest rates in the industrial world.

Pat's career, and the honors that have come her way recently, have been recounted in the following story written by Tracy Valentine in the Watertown Daily Times. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to pay tribute to Pat Drake for giving 54 years of dedicated service to the communities of Theresa and Watertown, NY, and to wish her continued success in all her endeavors.

[From the Watertown Daily Times, Apr. 30, 1995]

THERESA MAIL CLERK STILL ENJOYS POST POSITION AFTER 54 YEARS ON JOB
(By Tracy Valentine)

THERESA.—Patricia M. Drake started working as a postal clerk in 1941, when the price of a stamp was 3 cents and zip codes didn't yet exist.

Fifty-four years later, Mrs. Drake is still on the job and seems to be fazed very little by all the dramatic changes she's witnessed over the decades.

"A lot has changed, but that's what you've got to expect," said Mrs. Drake, who lives on Drake Road.

But she admits that when she started working at the Theresa post office at age 17, she never expected to remain on the job for more than a half-century.

"I never thought I'd be here this long," said Mrs. Drake, who at 71 is a grandmother with no immediate plans to retire from her part-time job.

She was honored Tuesday for her decades of service to the U.S. Postal Service during a luncheon at the Riveredge Resort at Alexandria Bay.

Her service also represents the continuation of a family legacy. Mrs. Drake's mother, Marie Proctor, was Theresa's postmaster from 1943 to 1963.

Mrs. Drake started her job during wartime and often sorted the daily shipments of V-Mail, correspondences from World War II soldiers to their families.

The much-anticipated blue envelopes contained copies of troops' letters that were made by the U.S. government, which often kept the originals.

"We would call the families or drop the letters off on our way home because we knew they were anxious to hear from their sons overseas," recalls Mr. Drake.

Today, machinery is more widely used to sort mail and cancel postage, but Mrs. Drake remembers a time when all mail was hand sorted. It arrived in Theresa every morning by train and was delivered to townspeople, most of whom she knew.

Today, machines have taken over a lot of the work, trucks have replaced the trains, and she said it is harder and harder to remember all the new faces in town.

"Fort Drum has changed things. There's lots of new people around," said Mrs. Drake, who also worked as a part-time evening clerk at the Watertown post office for nearly 20 years.

More people mean more mail, and Mrs. Drake estimates the amount of mail handled at the Theresa post office has more than tripled since the 1940s.

However, the mail isn't quite as exotic as it used to be.

Mrs. Drake recalled an incident in the 1950s when a shipment of chickens arrived for one of two local hatcheries and was refused.

"We got stuck with them and they were squawking and yakking. They were driving us crazy," said Mrs. Drake, who added that postal workers ended up selling the chickens for \$1 each.

At the Theresa post office she has worked with five officers in charge and five postmasters.

She said the best among them is current Theresa Postmaster Richard R. Kingsbury, who has managed the town's post office for eight years.

"He's tops," Mrs. Drake said of her boss. "He's easy-going and he knows his stuff. He's very good."

Mr. Kingsbury returned the compliment and gave Mrs. Drake high marks for dedication and her strict work ethic.

"She never complains, she's always there when you need her, and there could be mail up to the ceiling and she'd just get right in there and do it," said Mr. Kingsbury, who has nicknamed her "machine-gun Drake" for her swiftness in sorting the morning mail.

"She doesn't take much time off, either," added Mr. Kingsbury. "Probably 50 out of 52 Saturdays she's here."

Watertown Postmaster Warren Johnson also considers Mrs. Drake a rare find.

"She's always on time, and she works from the time she comes into the building until the time she leaves," said Mr. Johnson. "She's a person with a 54-year career and she's done every one really outstanding."

TEXAS STATE LEGISLATURE REQUEST A COPY OF TEXAS CONCURRENT RESOLUTION BE PLACED INTO THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

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Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the 74th Legislature, Regular Session, 1995 of the State of Texas for recognizing the importance of archiving our State records and hereby request on behalf of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Speaker of the House, Secretary of the Senate, the Clerk of the House, and the Secretary of the State of Texas to place a copy of the Texas House Concurrent Resolution into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Whereas, In response to an Act of Congress approved April 10, 1869, the 12th Legislature of the State of Texas convened in Provisional Session from February 8 to February 24, 1870, and ratified Amendments XIII, XIV, and XV to the United States Constitution; and

Whereas, Those federal constitutional amendments, each ratified by separate joint resolutions of the 12th Legislature on Feb-

ruary 15, 1870, solidified some of the most precious rights that have been guaranteed constitutionally to Americans, particularly ethnic minorities who were granted the blessings of equal citizenship and the beginning of an end to their past oppression; and

Whereas, Amendment XIII eliminated forever the practice of slavery, Amendment XIV promised due process and the equal protection of the laws, and Amendment XV prohibited denial of suffrage on the grounds of race, color, or previous condition of servitude; and

Whereas, Over time, copies of the three resolutions regrettably have vanished from the holdings of the Texas state archives, yet others are preserved in Washington, D.C., by virtue of their certification and transmittal to the Secretary of State of the United States and to the presiding officers of the United States Congress; and

Whereas, The 1995 Regular Session of the 74th Legislature coincides with the 125th anniversary of these historic ratification actions and marks an appropriate time for the conveyance to this state of replicas of the three resolutions so that Texans may view and appreciate a series of documents that have played such an important role in the extension and elaboration of their civil rights: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the 74th Legislature of the State of Texas, Regular Session, 1995, hereby respectfully request the National Archives and Records Administration to make copies of the joint resolutions of the 12th Texas Legislature ratifying Amendments XIII, XIV, and XV to the United States Constitution and transmit those copies to the Texas State Library and Archives Commission for placement in the state archives: And, be it further

Resolved, That the Texas secretary of state forward copies of this resolution to the archivist of the United States at the National Archives and Records Administration, to the vice-president of the United States and speaker of the United States House of Representatives with a request that this resolution be officially entered in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, and to all members of the Texas delegation to the United States Congress, as an official request to the federal government by the 74th Legislature of the State of Texas: And, be it further

Resolved, That if and when such replicas are received from the National Archives and Records Administration, the Texas State Library and Archives Commission be hereby directed to place them in the holdings of the state archives to be available for public viewing and photocopying and in all other respects to be treated as any other material worthy of archival storage and retrieval.

SONS OF ITALY FOUNDATION'S ANNUAL NATIONAL EDUCATION AND LEADERSHIP AWARD CEREMONY

HON. MARGE ROUKEMA

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 8, 1995

Mrs. ROUKEMA. Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate the Sons of Italy Foundation for its Seventh Annual National Education and Leadership Award ceremony, which was held April 20 at the National Press Club. This successful event has gained wide recognition during the past few years in Congress, in the corporate community, and among others in the philanthropic community throughout the Nation for its promotion of educational excellence and