

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

OPPOSITION TO CLINTON ADMINISTRATION MOVES TO RECOGNIZE THE COMMUNIST GOVERNMENT OF VIETNAM

HON. MICHAEL P. FORBES

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 26, 1995

Mr. FORBES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize our responsibility as a nation to account for all of those who have bravely served our country, especially in time of war. But to date, there are still over 2,200 unaccounted for POW's and MIA's in Indochina. And that is why I am so dismayed at the Clinton administration's rash drive to recognize Vietnam. Our country should not hastily recognize and normalize relations with the Communist Government of Vietnam without the fullest possible accounting of those who selflessly put their lives on the line for our great Nation. We should not let their efforts be forgotten. The families and friends of lost service members deserve to know the true fates of their loved ones.

The cooperation of the Vietnamese Government on the investigation of the fate of POW's and MIA's has been insufficient to warrant rewarding them with their cherished recognition. In addition, let us remember who we are dealing with here. This is an unelected illegitimate, Communist dictatorship with a consistent record of duplicity and brutality. Year in and year out, the Government of Vietnam ranks right near the top of the list of human rights violators in the world.

This is the same regime that lied to us about how many men they were holding at the time of the Paris Peace accords in 1973. The same regime that began violating those accords immediately and then launched a massive, conventional invasion of South Vietnam in 1975, armed with Soviet tanks and a vote of confidence from the United States Congress. The same regime that gave us the boat people and reeducation camps. And it is important to remember that, despite their subsequent split, North Vietnamese soldiers fought side-by-side with the genocidal Khmer Rouge in Cambodia before 1975 and helped immensely to bring those murderers to power.

Mr. Speaker, I categorically oppose the moves by President Clinton to normalize relations with and recognize the Communist Government of Vietnam. America should not bestow this honor on such a heinous and brutal government that has done so much harm to so many people and which may still be doing harm to Americans. The American Government has a responsibility to use all of its diplomatic might to further investigate the fate of our missing sons and daughters. We have not yet exhausted that might and recognizing Vietnam now will take away our last bit of leverage with that government.

We absolutely must get the fullest possible accounting of POW's and MIA's in Indochina so that their families and friends can finally be

put at ease with the knowledge of the fate of their loved ones, and to ensure that no one was, God forbid, left behind.

I doubt we will ever get that if we recognize Vietnam and I implore the administration to step back from this unwise course.

SALUTE TO SHALIMAR ABIGAIL ORDONEZ FOJAS

HON. SUE W. KELLY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 26, 1995

Mrs. KELLY. Mr. Speaker, at this time I would like to recognize the academic achievements of Shalimar Abigail Ordóñez Fojas. This talented young woman won third prize in the 1995 Young Scholars Contest sponsored by the New York Council for the Humanities.

Started in 1993 by the council, this essay contest is an effort to promote an awareness of the humanities at the secondary school level of education. Each student is required to write a research paper with a humanitarian theme which changes on a yearly basis. This year's theme, entitled "A Life Worth Knowing," was dedicated to the life of a historical figure.

Shalimar Abigail Ordóñez Fojas, a student at Brewster High School in New York, wrote an essay that embodied the life of Charles Lamb. Her essay titled "An Anatomy of Selflessness: Charles Lamb's Lifelong Sacrifice," proved to the council that Shalimar had carefully researched and learned to understand the significance people have in shaping their own worlds. The prize, \$1,250, hopefully will be used to further Ms. Fojas' education.

Mr. Speaker, I close with a salute to Shalimar Abigail Ordóñez Fojas for her intellectual achievements, and the bright promise that her future holds.

RECOGNITION OF EDWARD COX

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 26, 1995

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to herald the accomplishments of my good friend and community leader, Mr. Edward V. Cox. On June 30 Ed Cox will retire from his position as the county administrator of St. Mary's County, MD. Ed's retirement will mark the end of 22 years of public service to St. Mary's County. As a resident of St. Mary's County, I know that Ed's departure will be a great loss for his colleagues and, most importantly, the citizens who have been well served by his leadership.

As the administrator of St. Mary's County, Ed established an extraordinary record of fairness, decency, and a faithfulness to the interests of all of our residents. During his 22 years of service, Ed has served as the admin-

istrator to six different boards of county commissioners. He led St. Mary's County through periods of great turmoil and unprecedented growth. His work in the community has been consistently guided by a commitment to excellence and an unwavering loyalty to the public good.

Ed is an advocate of community participation in government. He worked tirelessly to provide the citizens of our county with access to the decisionmaking process. Time and time again, he has found the means and served as a catalyst for improvement in St. Mary's County.

It is impossible to list all of the programs and initiatives that Ed Cox has championed in his 22 years of service. His work is respected by our entire community and he has brought a level of integrity to public service that is unmatched. Ed Cox will be sadly missed.

TRIBUTE TO STEVE SILVER

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 26, 1995

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my personal sense of loss, and the loss of the entire San Francisco community, at the passing of Steve Silver. A master showman, a philanthropist of boundless heart, and creative genius, Steve passed away this Monday.

It is difficult to distill the life and journey of Steve Silver in any way that adequately describes his impact upon San Francisco. A San Francisco native, Steve's artistic and creative talents were readily apparent to all who knew him. On a budget of \$900 and a cast of 11, on June 7, 1974, the first "Beach Blanket Babylon"—complete with sand—opened in San Francisco's famed North Beach. For over 20 years—making it the longest running musical revue in the Nation—"Beach Blanket Babylon" has packed over 3 million fans in over 7,700 shows.

Queen Elizabeth, President Reagan, countless of the famous and not-so-famous, and tourists from every part of the globe have been enchanted and captivated by Silver's magical cabaret at Club Fugazi. Topical, over-the-top, hysterically funny, with puns, campy dialog, double-entendres, outrageous costumes, and even more outrageous, imaginative, and gigantic hats, all thrown around like loose change, "Beach Blanket" is a cherished San Francisco institution.

Steve's success with "Beach Blanket" was poured back into the community of his birth. He was responsible for construction of the main portal at the AIDS Memorial Grove in Golden Gate Park. Even his last birthday this past February—his 51st—Steve used the occasion to celebrate the dedication of the new portal to the Memorial Grove. He gave generously to Project Open Hand, the AIDS Emergency Fund, the High School of the Arts, and

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California Pacific Medical Center, the main library, and the new Museum of Modern Art. The site that Steve chose for his memorial, Grace Cathedral, has a children's garden he donated.

One American theologian wrote that "Humor is a prelude to faith and Laughter is the beginning of prayer". For those who knew Steve Silver, his optimism in the goodness of mankind, the role that merriment and joy played in his life, and his good works on behalf of the community all stemmed from his unshakable belief in the power of humor and laughter to transform the world. And the biggest recipient of his faith were the people of his beloved city, San Francisco.

At Steve's memorial service, a poem written by Glenn Rifkin was part of the program. At the request of Jo Schuman Silver, Steve's wife and best friend, I have enclosed its text, which beautifully captures Steve's legacy.

Mr. Speaker, Steve Silver's life was an enormous gift to the people of San Francisco and this Nation. As San Francisco mourns him, let us join in sending condolences to his wife, Jo, his brother Roger, his nieces Leigh and Gillian, nephew Nicholas, and his sister-in-law, Kate Silver. Let us also join the San Francisco community in paying tribute to this master showman, philanthropist, a purveyor of life and laughter, Steve Silver.

FOR STEVE—JUNE 13, 1995

They called to say Steve Silver died,
The stage was dark, the city cried.
And laughter faded to the Bay,
A stillness cast upon the day.

The gentle soul of evenings spun,
had passed as if he'd just begun.
And decade songs that echo still,
Across the space of ever will.

For what he'd touched was deep and strong,
a chance to hear a different song.
A chance to dance upon a cloud,
to know it and to say it loud.

The gift he gave will long survive,
the music stands as if alive,
the laughter rolling like a quake,
the deal he knew he had to make.

He leaves but never shuts the door,
he leaves us wanting all the more,
And to the shores of Babylon,
his dreams will flourish ever on.—Glenn
Rifkin, New York Times.

70TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE INCORPORATION OF CLEMENTON

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 26, 1995

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a significant milestone of an outstanding community, the borough of Clementon. On February 13, 1925, the New Jersey State Legislature enacted legislation incorporating the borough of Clementon in the county of Camden. This year the borough recognizes its 70th anniversary. In this year of celebration, I commend the "Village of People" for its resilience and diversity.

Timber Creek has been central to the history of Clementon. It is the creek that drew the Armewamex Indians to this area as a campground in the times prior to the settlement of Europeans. In the prerevolutionary war days of the early 18th century, Clementon was the

site chosen by Andrew Newman to dam Timber Creek to harness power for Newman's Mills in 1735. This dam formed the body of water now known as Clementon Lake.

The Industrial Revolution, at the beginning of the 19th century, brought Samuel Clement from Haddonfield to the settlement. Mr. Clement purchased the mill properties along with the surrounding properties, including a glass works, the third such facility in New Jersey. During the mid and late 19th century Clementon grew rapidly due to the influx of hundreds of new families which participated in the mills, glassworks, and farming of the area. During this time of growth Walt Whitman was a frequent visitor to the Grist Mill and Indian Spring.

By the beginning of the 20th century Clementon Township was the home of a new railroad line, several taverns, and an amusement park, Clementon Lake Park, which was serviced by a trolley that brought visitors from Philadelphia and Camden. Clementon Park was one of the largest and most modern facilities in the country at the time. Many of our grandmothers and grandfathers met at this park.

The borough of Clementon became independent in 1925 and experienced another growth boom at the end of World War II. Many veterans settled in the area choosing to locate their families in the smaller community of Clementon and utilize the excellent transportation system to travel to work in Philadelphia or Camden.

I am honored to represent the proud working tradition that is Clementon. Today, the diversity and strength of the town is evident in the close-knit business community, strong religious community, excellent schools and active civic organizations of Clementon. On its 70th anniversary Clementon is a town which embraces the gifts of young and old. The town continues to benefit from an entertainment economy: The Clementon Water Amusement Park is now a primary summer activity for residents and visitors alike. Clementon Towers, a senior citizens residence, is a local landmark and center of history and civic involvement within the town.

In this anniversary year, I commend the town and people of Clementon for their progress and accomplishments. With continued civic involvement by all residents, Clementon will continue to grow and thrive. I would also like to recognize John H. Fisher, Jr., a Clementon resident and historian whose extensive work on the history of Clementon I have relied upon heavily for these remarks. Happy anniversary.

A SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO MAX RATNER, CLEVELAND BUSINESS LEADER

HON. LOUIS STOKES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 26, 1995

Mr. STOKES. Mr. Speaker, the Cleveland community recently mourned the passing of a distinguished member of the business community. We were saddened at the passing of Mr. Max Ratner. This outstanding individual was the chairman of Forest City Enterprises, Inc.; he was a major scholarship and arts contribu-

tor; and he was a leading benefactor to the state of Israel. With his passing, the Greater Cleveland area has lost a staunch business leader and advocate for the city. Many of us also mourn the loss of a close, personal friend. I want to share with my colleagues and the Nation some information regarding Max Ratner.

Max Ratner came to the United States in 1920 from the city of Bialystok, in old Russia. He came to America at the encouragement of his older brother, Charles. Other family members followed as the Ratners settled on Cleveland's east side. Max attended Glenville High School and earned a law degree from Cleveland-Marshall Law School, which is now part of Cleveland State University.

Mr. Speaker, the birth of Forest City Enterprises, Inc., can be attributed to the hard work and dedication of the Ratner family. The Ratners invested in a lumber store in the 1920's. From the purchase of another facility, Rockport Lumber Co. in 1939, and the subsequent expansion of building activities, was born Forest City Enterprises. With the strong leadership of Max Ratner, Forest City Enterprises has grown to become one of Cleveland's most successful businesses. The Greater Cleveland area has benefited from shopping centers, apartment buildings, and other home-building projects undertaken by Forest City. Max Ratner and his family can also be credited with the expansion of the Cleveland population to suburban areas including Maple Heights, Parma, Willowick, and Brook Park.

Mr. Speaker, Max Ratner not only exhibited a concern for the welfare and economic State of residents of the Cleveland community, but he was committed to helping those in other parts of the world. Max Ratner was one of the giants of the North American Jewish community. He visited the State of Israel more than 150 times, and was a driving force in the effort to help the State build its economy. In recognition of Max Ratner's longstanding efforts, last year Hebrew University in Jerusalem conferred an honorary degree upon him.

Mr. Speaker, in an editorial which appeared in the Plain Dealer newspaper, Max Ratner is described as "a man who was hard-working, strong, kind and honorable." Those words are accurate in describing a man who devoted his life to helping others. I join the Cleveland business community and many others in expressing our deepest sympathy to the Ratner family. We pause today to pay tribute to Max Ratner, a giant who will never be forgotten.

SALUTE TO DAVID MATSA

HON. SUE W. KELLY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. KELLY. Mr. Speaker, at this time I would like to recognize the academic achievements of David A. Matsa. This talented young man won an honorable mention in the 1995 Young Scholars Contest sponsored by the New York Council for the Humanities.

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