

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

## RECOGNITION OF THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF COPYRIGHT IN THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

**HON. CARLOS J. MOORHEAD**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 11, 1995*

Mr. MOORHEAD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the 125th anniversary of the statute which established our national copyright system in the Library of Congress.

Our Nation's Founding Fathers recognized not only the need to protect the rights and property of individual Americans, but also the importance of providing incentives to stimulate the economic and cultural growth of the United States. Thus, in article I, section 8 of the Constitution, they gave the Congress the power "To promote the Progress of Science and Useful Arts, by securing for limited Times to Authors and Inventors the exclusive Right to their respective Writings and Discoveries."

In 1870, Congress passed our first copyright law which established a system of copyright registration through the Federal district courts. This system was certainly inadequate in terms of keeping a readily accessible public record of copyright registration and an organized collection of the works which had been submitted for registration. The 1870 legislation transferred the entire copyright business from the Federal courts to the Library of Congress. For the first time, our Nation had a central point for both copyright registration and for the holding of record copies of registered works.

By bringing copyright into the Library of Congress the law also provided the basis for making the Library what it is today—our Nation's Library whose collections are a reflection of the entire breadth of American creativity. By 1875, copyright deposits became the most important source of acquisition for the Library. For works such as maps, musical scores, and graphic arts, copyright deposit accounted for almost 90 percent of all such material acquired by the Library.

The Library's reliance on copyright deposits continues to this day. The Library of Congress collections now encompass almost 110 million items, a substantial number of which have come to the Library as a result of copyright. The type of material received has broadened over the years to include photographs, television shows, movies, compact discs, and computer programs on CD-ROM's. The value of the material transferred to the Library from the copyright system in fiscal year 1994 was in excess of \$15 million.

The importance of the Copyright Office to the Library and the work of the Office in advancing the principles of copyright in a changing technological world is being acknowledged today by the Librarian of Congress, Dr. James Billington, in a program being held in the great hall of the Thomas Jefferson Building. Our Register of Copyrights, Marybeth Peters, will also address her staff on the current and future role of that important office.

As chairman of the Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property, I work closely with the Copyright Office on the significant copyright issues Congress must address. This year those issues include proposals to extend the term of copyright and to grant digital performance rights in sound recordings.

Today I join Dr. Billington and Ms. Peters in saluting the Copyright Office for its work in keeping our national copyright system strong and for the role it continues to play in fortifying the Library of Congress.

COMMENDING LT. COL. ALAN KRUSE

**HON. JERRY WELLER**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 11, 1995*

Mr. WELLER. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to commend Lt. Col. Alan Kruse for all his help with plans to redevelop the Joliet Army Ammunition Plant. Colonel Kruse very capably served as the commander of the JAAP, and has dedicated much time and effort to supporting plans to productively utilize this expansive area.

Colonel Kruse was involved with the Citizens Planning Commission that endorsed a plan to use much of the land for conservation and recreation, as well as a veterans cemetery, two areas for economic development, and a county landfill.

This plan has developed into legislation that is very close to passing both the House of Representatives and the Senate. Without the help of Colonel Kruse, seeing this project become a reality may not have been possible. It is so encouraging to have such aggressive, and dedicated people such as Al Kruse working toward this goal.

I extend my sincere thanks and best wishes to Lt. Col. Alan Kruse. He will be missed in Joliet; and we would love to have him back soon to visit the Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie, and the Joliet National Cemetery.

TRIBUTE TO MS. LADISLAVA POTASKI KRAWIEC

**HON. ROBERT G. TORRICELLI**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 11, 1995*

Mr. TORRICELLI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an outstanding American citizen as she approaches her 75th birthday. Now living in Ridgefield, NJ, Ms. Ladislava Potaski Krawiec has dedicated her life to serving her family and community. She served as a school and community nurse for 45 years until her retirement in 1987. At a time when women were not encouraged to attend college, Ms. Krawiec continued to develop her health care skills through schooling at various

colleges throughout New Jersey. She eventually attained the title of head nurse at Belleville Hospital in charge of diabetes, arthritis, and general medicine.

She did not allow her dedication to her career to interfere with her commitment to her family. After the birth of her first child in 1945, Ms. Krawiec became active in her local PTA and worked to strengthen the health care services in the Ridgefield community. After becoming a part-time nurse at her daughter's school, she decided to return to school at night and 4 years later graduated cum laude from Jersey City College with a BA in health education and school nursing.

Even though Ms. Krawiec's children have grown into adulthood, and she has retired from her nursing career, her volunteer work still continues. She is currently serving in her 11th year as president of the American Legion Auxiliary and she chairs the SHARE program which provides low-cost meals for senior citizens.

Ms. Krawiec's commitment to her family, job, and community serve as a model to all of us. Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in wishing a happy and prosperous 75th birthday to Ms. Ladislava Potaski Krawiec.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. J.C. WATTS, JR.**

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 11, 1995*

Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma. Mr. Speaker, last Friday that we were in session, I had an unavoidable speaking conflict in Oklahoma. It was an event that had been scheduled 6 months before I came to Congress. On H.R. 483, I would have voted yes and on the House Resolution 179, I would have voted yes.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. GEORGE E. BROWN, JR.**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 11, 1995*

Mr. BROWN of California. Mr. Speaker, I was absent from the House on Monday, July 10, 1995, in order to attend the dedication of the new salinity laboratory at the University of California, Riverside, which is very important to my region of California. I regret that I missed the votes that day related to the appointment of Representative GREG LAUGHLIN to the Committee on Ways and Means.

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