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# TRIBUTE TO JOSEPH E. BERGERON

## HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 3, 1995*

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Joseph E. Bergeron, an outstanding citizen and devoted public servant, on the occasion of his retirement from the San Mateo County Planning Commission.

Mr. Bergeron has given invaluable service to the people of San Mateo County for 13 years as a planning commissioner, including three terms as commission chair. His unparalleled leadership and consensus-building skills were critical to seeing the county through some of its most difficult land use decisions. While Mr. Bergeron has devoted untold hours to the work of the commission, he has also made time to serve our community as a member of the board of directors of the Center for Civic Education, the San Mateo County Suicide Prevention Association, and the San Mateo County Heart Association. He has actively participated in the Italian American Federation, serving as its President from 1980–1982 and being named its 1992 Man of the Year, the PTA, and the Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts, where he was a counselor and merit badge advisor.

Mr. Bergeron is also recognized throughout the State of California for his outstanding service to the State bar. He has been a champion of the legal profession since his graduation from the prestigious Boalt Hall School of Law at the University of California, Berkeley in 1968.

He was a member of the California State Bar board of governors from 1991–1994, serving as its vice president in 1994 and working to strengthen the legal profession as a member of the Commission on Judicial Nominees Evaluation, as well as the Committees on the Environment and Administration of Justice. He has given exemplary service to the legal community as a judge pro-tem and arbitrator for the Superior and Municipal Courts of San Mateo County, as an instructor of business law at San Mateo County Community College, and as a lecturer for the Continuing Education of the Bar and at numerous trial lawyer seminars. Mr. Bergeron has used his tireless energy to make great contributions to local legal organizations, including the Legal Aid Society, the County Bar Association, the Barristers Club, and the Trial Lawyers Association. In 1982, the California Trial Lawyers Association, on whose board he also served, recognized Joe Bergeron as its Outstanding Trial Lawyer Chapter President.

Mr. Speaker, Joe Bergeron has been a shining light in San Mateo County throughout his long history of service to the public and the legal community. I've been privileged to work closely with him and I'm proud to call him my friend. I ask my colleagues to join me in saluting Joe Bergeron as he retires from the San Mateo County Planning Commission.

IN HONOR OF MAEVE McDERMOTT,  
GRAND MARSHALL OF THE 1995  
ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

## HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 3, 1995*

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Sister Maevie McDermott, grand marshall of this year's St. Patrick's Day Parade in Jersey City. Sister McDermott is among the many Irish-American men and women who have helped make this country great.

The Irish have been immigrating to the United States since the early part of the 19th century. In that time, they have made many contributions to this country. They have distinguished themselves at every level of American society. As Irish-Americans have built their businesses, so have they contributed to the economic prosperity of this Nation. As they have grown politically, they have contributed to government on the local, State, and national levels. Their devotion to family and friends demonstrates that much can be accomplished when people work together in harmony.

At home, Irish-Americans have worked hard to protect all of us from crime and fire. They have put their lives on the line to help ensure the safety of their fellow citizens. The long, proud tradition of Irish police officers and firemen scarcely needs to be mentioned. However, the Irish have not only been good neighbors at home, they have also put their lives on the line when they have fought to defend this Nation against our foes in every major conflict over the last 200 years.

Sister Maevie McDermott is part of this great Irish-American tradition. Upon graduating high school, she joined the convent and went on to teach in the St. Patrick and St. Michael Elementary Schools. Since 1978, she has been co-principal of St. Patrick School and Assumption/All Saints School. She was also very instrumental in helping a number of Irish immigrants relocate to this country.

Sister McDermott has dedicated her life to helping the young people of Jersey City. She realizes that our youth need love and guidance. She has given both freely over the years. She is an exemplary human being.

As we celebrate St. Patrick's Day, let us remember all of those Irish-American men and women who have made a difference in the United States. This is a day for us to acknowledge their achievements and feel proud to have them in the United States. This holiday is an excellent opportunity to pay tribute to Irish-Americans; past and present.

# HONORING BUD O'BRIEN

## HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 3, 1995*

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, Bud O'Brien was the kind of newspaperman—not journalist, mind you, newspaperman—who has become all but extinct. He got into the business not long after the end of World War II, when a way with words, combined with a feeling for people and real life, was considered as good as, if not better than, a college degree.

After attending Adams State University in Alamosa, CO, Bud learned the newspaper business, both the good and the bad, firsthand from such smalltown editors as Harley Holden of the Loveland, CO, Daily Herald, Chap Wentworth of the Dunsuir News, and Paul Bodenhamer of the Redding-Record Searchlight.

By the time he arrived at the Register-Pajaronian in 1962, to be its wire editor and educational reporter, he was an accomplished and highly regarded professional. For three decades, as an editor and reporter, his substantial contributions helped the people of Watsonville enjoy the benefits of a first-class smalltown newspaper.

His best work, which may be less directly visible to the public, came in the last 10 years, when he served as city editor and managing editor. His eye for talent brought a succession of fine people to the Pajaronian newsroom; his knowledge of the business and generous counsel helped scores of young reporters blossom to their full potential; and his rigorously reasoned and elegantly written editorials made a bracing and formidable contribution to the public debate.

He was a man who loved his craft; who brought out the best in those he worked for; and who stood unflinchingly for what he believed to be right. His retirement is well-earned, but both the people of Watsonville and the newspaper business are worse off for it.

# PERSONAL EXPLANATION

## HON. MIKE WARD

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 3, 1995*

Mr. WARD. Mr. Speaker, due to the fact that I had to be in my district on official business, I missed several rollcall votes during consideration of H.R. 1022, Risk Assessment and Cost Benefit Act of 1995, on February 28, 1995. Had I been present, on rollcall vote 177, I would have voted "aye." Had I been present, on rollcall vote 178, I would have voted "aye." Had I been present, on rollcall vote 179, I would have voted "noe." Had I been present, on rollcall vote 180, I would have voted "aye." Had I been present, on rollcall vote 181, I would have voted "aye." Had I been present, on rollcall vote 182, I would have voted "aye." And on final passage of the bill, had I been present, on rollcall vote 183, I would have voted "noe."

TORLONE'S COMMUNITY BAKERY:  
THE END OF AN ERA FOR HUNTINGTON

## HON. NICK J. RAHALL II

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 3, 1995*

Mr. RAHALL. Mr. Speaker, this Saturday, March 4, 1995, marks a sad day for the community of Huntington, WV. On Saturday, the Torlone brothers, Louie, Dominic, and Alfred, will close the doors of the Torlone's Community Bakery for the last time, after almost 50

years of service to Huntington. The Torlone brothers are selling the bakery to retire, a retirement well deserved after their lifelong service to their country and community.

It is a great honor to commemorate the Torlone's families' commitment to Huntington. Beginning in 1946, the small bakery, opened by Peter and Maria Torlone, and continuing until Saturday by their three sons Louie, Dominic, and Alfred, has been a staple to the community. It will be sorely missed by all.

Louie Torlone commented last week that he hopes that the community will remember that the bakery treated everybody decently. Anyone who has visited the bakery in the last 50 years can attest to how well the Torlone's treated their neighbors. Each week, the Torlone family donates baked goods to local churches, to missions, and to veterans homes. And after the tragic Marshall University plane crash, the Torlones emptied every last shelf so that rescue workers could be fed. The Torlones are always ready to help others.

Dominic Torlone will miss the people the most. For years, the residents of Huntington have been the Torlone's customers, but they are also the family's friends, likely to just stop by to share the warmth and conversation in the bakery. Dominic, who works the day shift, is always ready to provide a warm cup of coffee, advice, or a hug to any of his neighbors or customers.

Alfred Torlone, the youngest brother, believes the family has flour in their blood; their father began baking bread in West Virginia shortly after he immigrated from Italy in 1912. Alfred and his brothers have maintained the store as—in his words—a “perfect example of a mom and pop store like we used to have in the old days.”

Throughout all these years, the Torlones have been a tremendous asset to the Huntington community. Their commitment to charity and their store has made Huntington a better place since 1946. Their family, friends, and neighbors all wish Louie, Dominic, and Alfred the best of luck as they enter their much deserved retirement. I salute their service to Huntington.

#### TRIBUTE TO CAROL STROY BOES

### HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 3, 1995*

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Carol Stroy Boes and her upcoming induction into the San Mateo County Women's Hall of Fame.

Carol Stroy Boes is an exceptional public servant who has been an active member of her local community. While working as a flight attendant and mother, she pursued her higher education and obtained an advanced degree in law. In addition to running her own law practice, Ms. Boes has volunteered with a variety of local organizations, including those involved with city and county government, business, women's health, and community service. Her many leadership activities include: chairing of the San Mateo County Bar Association Real Estate Section; serving as a board member of the Human Investment Project, Leadership San Mateo, the San Mateo Rotary Club, the San Mateo Chamber

of Commerce, and the Housing Advisory and Appeals Board; and working as a member of the Community Advisory Committee for Breast Cancer, and the County Charter Review Committee. In 1985, Ms. Boes received the Golden Gears Award from the Peninsula Industrial and Business Association.

Mr. Speaker, Carol Stroy Boes is an outstanding citizen, and I commend her for her remarkable commitment and contributions to our community. I ask my colleagues to join me in saluting her as she is being inducted into the San Mateo County Women's Hall of Fame.

IN HONOR OF MAUREEN MURPHY,  
IRISH POLICE OFFICER OF THE  
YEAR, 1995

### HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 3, 1995*

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Maureen Murphy, Irish Police Officer of the Year, 1995, who will be honored at this year's St. Patrick's Day Parade in Jersey City. Ms. Murphy is among the many Irish-American men and women who have helped make this country great.

The Irish have been immigrating to the United States since the early part of the nineteenth century. In that time, they have made many contributions to this country. They have distinguished themselves at every level of American society. As Irish-Americans have built their businesses, so have they contributed to the economic prosperity of this Nation. As they have grown politically, they have contributed to government on the local, State and national levels. Their devotion to family and friends demonstrates that much can be accomplished when people work together in harmony.

At home, Irish-Americans have worked hard to protect all of us from crime and fire. They have put their lives on the line to help ensure the safety of their fellow citizens. The long, proud tradition of Irish police officers and firemen scarcely needs to be mentioned. However, the Irish have not only been good neighbors at home, they have also put their lives on the line when they have fought to defend this Nation against our foes in every major conflict over the last 200 years.

Maureen Murphy is part of this great Irish-American tradition. In 1984, Ms. Murphy graduated from the Jersey City Police Academy. Since then, she has helped to make Hudson County a safer place to live. She is currently a detective in Hudson County. She has dedicated her life to law enforcement and through the years, has bravely protected the people of Hudson County. She was named Woman of the Year in 1991 by the Emerald Society of which she is a member.

Ms. Murphy is truly deserving of the honor of being named Irish Police Officer of the Year. Her hard work and dedication are exemplary and should be recognized. She plays a vital role in the community and I am proud to have her working in Hudson County.

As we celebrate St. Patrick's Day, let us remember all of those Irish-American men and women who have made a difference in the United States. This is a day for us to acknowledge their achievements and feel proud to

have them in the United States. This holiday is an excellent opportunity to pay tribute to Irish-Americans; past and present.

PROHIBIT ECONOMIC AND MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO THE GOVERNMENT OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

### HON. JAMES A. TRAFICANT, JR.

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 3, 1995*

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, Trinidad and Tobago are the southern-most islands of the Lesser Antilles chain in the Caribbean. They were merged in 1888 to form a single colony, and in 1962 obtained full independence from the United Kingdom, and joined the Commonwealth of Nations.

The economic recession coupled with the geographic location of Trinidad and Tobago make it a prime target for sophisticated narcotics cartels wielding vast financial resources. Presently illicit drugs are smuggled from South America through Trinidad and Tobago and end up in other Caribbean islands as well as the United States, Canada, and Europe. The Coast Guard and the Police Service, the two most important agencies in the Government of Trinidad and Tobago's counter-narcotics efforts, have arrested several low-level drug offenders, but have been virtually ineffective against major traffickers.

Cooperation with the Government of Trinidad and Tobago's law enforcement and counter narcotics agencies have improved, but allegations of corruption persist. Lengthy delays and backlogs continue to hamper the judicial system, particularly in narcotics-related cases. In early 1993, a team of Scotland Yard detectives investigated allegations of a drug cartel operating within the Police Service. Although the team found no evidence of a single cartel, it did uncover evidence of widespread corruption among police officers, including the involvement of several officers with local and international drug rings. Although the team recommended the dismissal of over 100 officers, to date the Government of Trinidad and Tobago has taken no action.

Mr. Speaker, the problem of drugs in our society is getting out of control. Drug trafficking is causing crime to rise. It is causing violence to rise. It is causing health care costs to rise. It must stop. I want to make it clear to governments around the world that America is fed up with drug trafficking and we are not going to stand for it anymore.

Today I introduced a bill that will prohibit economic and military assistance to the Government of Trinidad and Tobago until appropriate action is taken to ensure that drug trading and trafficking will not be tolerated. The bill states, “The President may not provide economic assistance or military assistance or arms transfers to the Government of Trinidad and Tobago unless the President certifies to the Congress that such Government has taken appropriate action to eliminate illicit drug trafficking in Trinidad and Tobago.”

In the last 10 years, Congress has taken money away from the American people in housing, education, revenue sharing, urban development action grants, Medicare, school