

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 10, 1995

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize efforts in Northwest Ohio to celebrate the beginning of National Volunteer Week in America. It is very hard to imagine our country without its corps of ready, willing and able volunteers. So strong and proud is America's history of volunteerism, that the concept and nature of "American Volunteerism" has become an institution by which the world recognizes and understands our national identity of compassion and caring for our fellow humankind.

Has there ever been a time in our history that there were not volunteers ready to lend a hand? Beginning with Paul Revere and extending right through to the response of emergency and medical personnel to last week's tragedy in Oklahoma—Americans have always been ready to help their fellow citizens.

While volunteerism in America does not always manifest itself in terms as dramatic as when every available doctor and nurse within a 100-mile radius and beyond rushes to the scene of a tragedy, it is no more important or devoted than the millions of Americans who respond daily and regularly to the unsatisfied needs of their communities.

Here in our community, volunteers feed the hungry, shelter and minister to the homeless, reach out and touch minds that are eager to learn and spirits that yearn to fly. Even in the lives of those whose needs are not borne from necessity, but whose pursuits are dedicated toward service and improvement, volunteers make the day.

I know my colleagues join me in recognizing National Volunteer Week and in saying to every citizen in our community and country who works for a recompense that no amount of money can satisfy, thank you for answering the call, thank you for helping make our country a better place.

TRIBUTE TO DR. NEAL THOMAS JONES

HON. THOMAS M. DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 10, 1995

Mr. DAVIS. Mr. Speaker, my colleague and I rise today to pay tribute to a fine individual of the Eleventh District of Virginia, who has contributed so much to his community.

Dr. Neal Thomas Jones retired as pastor of Columbia Baptist Church in Falls Church, Virginia April 30, 1995 after twenty-six years of dedicated and faithful service. Under Dr. Jones' leadership, the congregation became

one of the largest congregations of any faith in Virginia and a leader among Virginia Baptists. Because of his vision, Columbia Baptist has extended its reach far beyond the traditional religious activities to include an array of intensive community services. Among them are:

World Friends, which provides English As A Second Language Instruction for more than 100 people each week.

Church and Community Ministries, which provides food, clothing, furniture, rent, and transportation to more than 500 people annually.

Columbia Child Development Center which provides Day Care for approximately 200 children on a year-round basis; Care-A-Van which at its peak delivered more than 200 meals weekly and served as a life line for many rescued from homelessness.

Counseling Ministry, which involves crisis prevention and crises prevention measures such as marriage preparation and parenting classes.

Columbia Institute of Fine Arts, which provides instruction to the community in fine arts.

In addition, Columbia Baptist facilities have become a vital resource for various community support groups including Alcoholics Anonymous, Survivors of Incest, Narcotics Anonymous, Alzheimer support groups, Alzheimer Day Care Program, Family Nurturing Training Program, Muscular Dystrophy and other support groups.

Columbia Baptist Church's other activities include working with local Police Departments to provide summer camps for children from disadvantaged areas, working with city and county agencies to provide a myriad of community services to the poor and disadvantaged, and fostering a sister relationship with the Baptists of Moscow before the days of normalized relationship. Furthermore, Columbia Baptist provides facilities for various community events including regional conferences on drug abuse and prevention, and mental health services related to aging, including the White House Conference on Aging in 1995.

Mr. Speaker, we know our colleagues join us in honoring Dr. Jones whose church has attracted the neediest downtrodden elements of our society along with diplomats, members of Congress, professional football coaches, and others who sought spiritual inspiration.

A TRIUMPH OF COMMON SENSE

HON. DOUG BEREUTER

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 10, 1995

Mr. BEREUTER. Mr. Speaker, Washington, DC's, Metro deserves high praise for its steadfast resolve which resulted in a common sense agreement on its subway platform edges. Last year, the Department of Transportation insisted that Metro install costly platform edges with bumps in order to warn blind riders and comply with the Americans with Disabilities

Act. However, this huge expenditure would have resulted in little, if any, benefit. In fact, there was disagreement among the organizations representing the visually impaired about the merit of the platform edge requirement. This appeared to be yet another case of the Federal Government forcing compliance simply for the sake of compliance rather than making an effort to meet an actual need. On June 13, 1994, this Member wrote to Metro's general manager, Lawrence Reuter, to urge him to stand up to the DOT bureaucracy and fight for a practical solution. A copy of the letter was also sent to Transportation Secretary Federico Peña.

This Member is pleased that a reasonable agreement has now been reached between Metro and the Federal Transit Administration. Under the agreement, Metro will install a system of transmitters that will allow visually impaired riders wearing wrist beepers to be signaled when they are too close to the edge of the subway platform. This system will be much less expensive than the proposed bumpy platforms and should also provide a higher degree of safety. This Member also commends the Federal Transit Administration for finally demonstrating common sense and flexibility in arriving at this agreement. Too bad it took a confrontation to reach a common sense solution but sometimes that is necessary.

Mr. Speaker, this Member commends to his colleagues the following editorial in support of the agreement from the April 27, 1995, edition of the Washington Post.

METRO PLATFORMS: REASON PREVAILS

It had all the earmarks of a classic legal regulatory battle between a regional agency and the federal government: Metro General Manager Lawrence G. Reuter was bucking an order from the federal government under the Americans With Disabilities Act to rip out and replace all of its subway platform edges as a safety measure for blind riders. Comply or risk federal funding, said the Department of Transportation's Federal Transit Administration. It's too expensive and isn't needed on a system with a good safety record already, replied Mr. Reuter.

We'll sue, said DOT. We're not budging, said Metro, noting that there was a division of opinion among organizations representing people whose vision is impaired as to the usefulness, or potential additional hazards, of the federally mandated surfaces with raised bumps.

But now, after nearly a year of wrangling, bumpy edges are giving way to smooth solutions. The Clinton administration has backed away from its demand, settling instead for agreement by Metro to install a system of transmitters that will signal blind riders wearing wrist beepers that they are close to platform edges. Federal mass transit administrator Gordon J. Linton concluded that the regulation is "so narrow and prescriptive" that "there is not room to exercise judgment or discretion" and agreed to grant Metro's request for a "determination of equivalent facilitation" for the edges that are already along the platforms.

Translation: Score one for good sense. Instead of proceeding with expensive, time-

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consuming litigation to try to force expensive, revenue-consuming measures to resolve a problem that didn't seem to be one, the federal government though better of it.

TRIBUTE TO THE CIVIC LEAGUE
OF GREATER NEW BRUNSWICK,
INC.

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 10, 1995

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, on Saturday, May 13, 1995, at the Pines Manor in Edison, NJ, the Civic League of Greater New Brunswick, Inc., will hold its annual dinner. I rise today to pay tribute to this great institution, which has made such a significant difference in the lives of generations of people in Middlesex County.

The Civic League of Greater New Brunswick, formerly the Urban League, was established in 1945 as a civil rights organization. A non-profit, tax-exempt organization, the League's mission is "to enable African Americans and other minority group members to cultivate and exercise their full human potential on par with all other Americans. To accomplish this mission, the Civic League intervenes at all points in the social and economic structure where the interests of African Americans, other racial minorities and the poor are at stake." To accomplish this mission, the League provides community advocacy along with the provision of employment and housing referral services. The League also offers a comprehensive youth development program to help young people become academically successful, emotionally sound and productive contributors to their communities.

The Civic League is governed by a 21-member Board of Directors, volunteers with a diversity of backgrounds and experiences. This policy-making body has set a major agenda for the 1990's which includes more program activities in the health and youth development areas. The Project 2000 Program, supported by corporate volunteers, became one of the first initiatives developed as a result of an increased focus of the organization on early youth development activities. A Middle School Development Program was initiated recently, also with corporate support, to offer classroom support to the public school adolescent population. Since 1970, C. Roy Epps has served as the League's Executive Director. The 25th anniversary of Mr. Epps's leadership of the League was marked 2 months ago with a roast in his honor.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor and a privilege as the Representative of the Sixth District of New Jersey to pay tribute to this great institution located in my district. The Civic League of Greater New Brunswick is a wonderful example of everything that is good about America—dedicated people working together, often under difficult circumstances, to build a better community and provide our people with a sense of purpose, direction and hope.

TRIBUTE TO THE TOWNSHIP OF
MONTCALM, MI

HON. DAVE CAMP

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 10, 1995

Mr. CAMP. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to recognize an outstanding township in the State of Michigan. Montcalm Township is like many townships throughout the United States, but it possesses a unique character all its own. On May 20, 1995, the township of Montcalm, MI, will commemorate 150 years of history by celebrating its sesquicentennial anniversary.

Nestled among serene lakes and the surrounding beautiful landscape of mid-Michigan, the township of Montcalm is rich in historical heritage and tradition. Montcalm Township was established on March 19, 1845, and was the pioneer township of what is now Montcalm County. It grew to become an essential township in the region, due primarily to its vast contributions to the rural and logging communities of Michigan.

As the industrial revolution swept the country, the citizens of Montcalm Township succeeded in holding on to much of the area's historical tradition. It maintains its rural connections to this day, while still managing to prosper within the State economy.

The citizens of Montcalm Township are to be commended for providing an impeccable example of a growing community. While excelling in economic excellence, Montcalm Township also provides its residents with the tight knit community feeling of a small town.

Mr. Speaker, Montcalm Township has a colorful history and bright future. Its commitment to the community and its citizens embody the ideals that make this Nation great. I know you will join me in congratulating the citizens of Montcalm Township on their 150th anniversary and wishing them well during their sesquicentennial celebration. We hope Montcalm Township will continue to provide the same example of strong community spirit for the next 150 years.

HONORING DR. MARIO SALVADORI,
DISTINGUISHED EDUCATOR

HON. GARY L. ACKERMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 10, 1995

Mr. ACKERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I join today with my constituents in the Fifth Congressional District of New York City recognizing Dr. Mario Salvadori.

For more than two decades, Dr. Salvadori has distinguished himself with effective efforts to help his students discover and understand mathematics and science through the wonders of architecture and engineering.

Mr. Speaker, in April 1975, Dr. Salvadori boldly accepted the challenge issued by the New York Academy of Science to "do something to improve mathematics and science education" in the public schools of New York City by volunteering to teach an innovative course, "Why Buildings Stand Up," to 30 disadvantaged seventh-grade students.

Throughout the years, Dr. Salvadori has continued to teach and write books of children

and instructional manual for teachers. At the same time, he has developed an exciting, innovative, and effective program of hands-on activities base upon the familiar urban built environment. Eight years ago, he founded the Salvadori Education Center on the Built Environment [SECBE] to expand the reach of his innovative pedagogy and instructional materials. SECBE has now grown into a nationally known influence for the improvement of science and mathematics education.

In the 20 years since Dr. Salvadori began this noble cause, more than 600 teachers have incorporated the Salvadori methodology into their classroom practice. More than 100,000 students in New York City alone have benefited from their involvement in SECBE programs, demonstrating significant improvement in their mathematics and science studies, and increased motivation to remain in school.

In addition to the effective impact Dr. Salvadori has made upon our educational system, he has emerged as a major force in the field of architecture and engineer. As a partner and chairman of the board of Weidinger Associates, Consulting Engineers, he has had a role in developing and constructing buildings all over the world. He was served on the staffs of Columbia, Princeton and the University of Rome. His publications in the fields of applied mathematics and architecture have been distributed world wide in over a dozen languages. Dr. Salvadori's colleagues have long recognized his brilliance, and he has received numerous medals and awards in architecture and engineering.

Mr. Speaker, I ask all my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join with me this day in recognizing Dr. Mario Salvadori, a dedicated educator, a leading architect, and a person who unselfishly gives of his many talents.

CELEBRATING FIFTY YEARS OF
COMMUNITY SERVICE BY THE
AVON CLUB

HON. WILLIAM J. COYNE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 10, 1995

Mr. COYNE. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to have this opportunity to join with my constituents in saluting the members of the Avon Club who are celebrating over 50 years of community service.

The Avon Club was formed in 1944 as a social and community organization with membership open to women age 18 or over who live and work in the municipalities comprising the Avonworth School District. This area includes Ben Avon, Ben Avon Heights, Emsworth, Kilbuck and Ohio Township. It is an honor to represent these communities in the U.S. House as the Representative for the Fourteenth Congressional District and I want to speak to the Members of the House about the outstanding nature of the community service provided by the Avon Club.

The Avon Club was originally started in 1944 by women whose husbands were serving in World War II. Avon Club members aided the war effort by rolling bandages, knitting sweaters and corresponding with servicemen. When the war ended, Avon Club members refocused their activities on a broader array of