

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

WILL THE DETROIT NEWSPAPER AGENCY PLEASE COME TO THE BARGAINING TABLE

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 10, 1996

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, 333 days ago more than 2,000 union employees of the Detroit Newspaper Agency were forced to strike after the Detroit News and Detroit Free Press refused to bargain with them in good faith. In the 5 years before the strike, the relevant unions conceded to management demands to eliminate nearly 1,000 jobs and gave up countless pay raises to help make these newspapers profitable, but this profit only made the newspapers eager for more.

When these papers began to earn more than \$1 million per week, instead of using this money to rehire workers and restore pay raises to the workers who made it possible, they said it was time for more sacrifices.

Today, the Detroit News and Detroit Free Press are losing almost \$5 million per week because of reaction to their antiworker business tactics, but the newspapers claim that they no longer need the striking workers. Even though the NLRB has issued two unfair labor practice complaints against the Detroit newspaper for their bad faith bargaining and unilateral imposition of changes in working conditions, they refuse to even begin negotiating with the unions.

I urge my colleagues to join with me in reexamining the Newspaper Preservation Act of 1970 which sanctions, joint operating agreements, like the one under which the Detroit newspapers operate. The joint operating agreement gives the combined Detroit News and Detroit Free Press a powerful weapon against the unions by providing them limited antitrust immunity for the purpose of combining certain operations, such as printing and other production operations.

Before the workers were forced to strike, the Detroit Newspaper Agency earned \$56 million in 1 year; this year, with the workers striking, they are expected to lose \$250 million. It is clear that Gannett and Knight-Ridder are willing to sacrifice their economic well-being in order to gain the upper hand in labor-management relations. I urge the Detroit Newspaper Agency to please come to the bargaining table and end this impasse.

HONORING THE 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY OF MR. AND MRS. FRANK FOUREZ, JR.

HON. GLENN POSHARD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 10, 1996

Mr. POSHARD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a truly remarkable accomplishment. On

June 29, 1996, Frank and Lawanda Bea Fourez of Christopher, IL, will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary. I refer to this as an accomplishment because anyone that has been married knows the work involved in maintaining this blessed institution. It requires love, patience, and above all, a devotion to your mate to supersede all else. I want to personally congratulate the Fourez on reaching this milestone, as well as send my best to their large and undoubtedly proud family.

It seems that Frank and Lawanda Bea understand devotion. Just 20 and 16 when they wed, the couple has spent over two-thirds of their lives together. Since their union they have witnessed the fallout from a world war, the beginning and end of the cold war, and all of the trials and tribulations of a young Nation taking on the challenges of world leadership and its own civil harmony. And through all of these monumental changes, their life together has been incredibly consistent. They have relied on the staples of family and community, living in Christopher for all 50 years. The Fourezs had seven children, and are enjoying a bounty of grandchildren and great-grandchildren, currently numbering 16. Loyalty is a way of life, as Frank worked as a sales manager for Central Wholesale Liquor Co. in Mt. Vernon for 35 years before retiring.

Mr. Speaker, it takes truly special people to persevere and thrive throughout a 50-year relationship. The Fourez family clearly is an example that our entire Nation can look to in terms of family values and the vital place of a loving family in our society. I wish Frank and Lawanda Bea limitless joy while they celebrate this occasion and many more years of happiness. It is an honor to represent them in the U.S. Congress.

TRIBUTE TO CAPT. ROBERT J. PLANTE

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 10, 1996

Mr. FARR of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a man who has served and led his country in the Navy for over 28 years. Capt. Robert J. Plante, who began his career as a naval aviator in February 1968, is now retiring as commanding officer of the Fleet Numerical Meteorology and Oceanography Center in Monterey, CA, a position he assumed in 1992.

Captain Plante has led a distinguished life. He graduated from the University of Illinois/Illinois Institute of Technology in 1966 with a bachelor of science degree in chemical engineering and political science. By 1973 he had not only completed naval flight training but also became an aircraft commander at the Naval Air Station in Brunswick, ME, and successfully completed his masters degree in meteorology from the Naval Postgraduate School.

For the following 9 years after graduation, Captain Plante served his country at numer-

ous Navy bases around the world. He earned such titles as officer in charge, Naval Weather Service Environmental Detachment for the Midway Islands; command duty officer and aviation division officer at Fleet Weather Control at Norfolk, VA; meteorological officer aboard the USS *Saratoga*, and finally, from 1979 to 1981, officer in charge, Naval Oceanography Command Detachment, Keflavik, Iceland.

In the ensuing years Captain Plante continued to move up in both rank and duties. After his graduation from the Naval War College in Newport, RI in 1982 he became the commander of the Naval Oceanography Command. Two years later he was assigned to commanding officer of the Naval Oceanography Command Facility at Bay St. Louis, MS. For the following 3 years Captain Plante distinguished himself as Division Director for the Oceanographer of the Navy, Division Director for Welfare Systems Engineering Policy and Standards at the Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command, commanding officer of the U.S. Naval Oceanography Command Center/Joint Typhoon Warning Center at Guam, and finally in August 1990 he assumed his duties as Chief of Staff for the Commander at Naval Oceanography Command.

Captain Plante is the distinguished recipient of the Legion of Merit Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal with a gold star. The Navy Commendation Medal with two gold stars, the Navy Unit Commendation Ribbon and the National Defense Service Medal. Along with these esteemed awards Captain Plante has also been prestigiously recognized as "Fellow" in the American Meteorological Society.

The above list of titles and awards which Captain Plante holds is only a part of the reason for this tribute to a great man. His constant drive to succeed, his continued push to assume more responsibilities, and his outstanding leadership qualities are the main reasons we recognize him today. I know I am speaking for all of my constituents to say that we are lucky to have benefited from Captain Plante's service to his country.

REMARKS HONORING TROY CHAMBER PRESIDENT ROY E. CARLSON

HON. JOHN A. BOEHNER

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 10, 1996

Mr. BOEHNER. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege and pleasure to recognize Roy E. Carlson for his years of service to the chambers of commerce in Ohio and Michigan. Roy has been with the Troy Chamber of Commerce for the past 10 years, and with his previous experience, has been professionally associated with the chamber for a total of 30 years. He has decided to retire at the end of this month. Though all of us who know Roy are happy for him for his upcoming retirement, we know his shoes will be hard to fill.

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Roy has devoted his time promoting economic development wherever he worked. Prior to his 10 years of service to the Troy Area Chamber of Commerce, Roy was executive vice president of the Findlay, OH, Area Chamber of Commerce. Before that he was manager of the Marshall MI, Chamber of Commerce. He is also active in the Ohio Development Association, Chamber of Commerce Executive of Ohio, and the Japan-Ohio International Network.

I have had the opportunity to get to know Roy over the past 6 years and watched him work tirelessly to promote growth in the Troy, OH, area. His labor has benefited the community by bring new business opportunities and jobs for Miami County and the surrounding area. His drive and vision for Troy and Miami County have truly made a difference. Roy's position as president of the Troy Area Chamber of Commerce may be filled, but Roy can never truly be replaced.

Therefore, Mr. Speaker, I wish to recognize Roy E. Carlson for his service to his community through his leadership in the chamber of commerce. May he enjoy his years of retirement and take great pleasure in knowing that what he has accomplished over the years through his economic development efforts has touched the lives of those in the communities where he has served.

TRIBUTE TO JUDGE WILMONT SWEENEY

HON. RONALD V. DELLUMS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 10, 1996

Mr. DELLUMS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride and appreciation that I call to your attention the extraordinary accomplishments of a devoted public servant, a noted and revered jurist, and a dear friend and colleague.

Judge Wilmont Sweeney has just retired from the Superior Court of Alameda County, where he had served for 17 years and had been presiding judge of the Juvenile Division for 15 of those years. He was appointed by Gov. Jerry Brown, Jr., in 1979, elected in 1980 and reelected in 1986. Prior to that he had been appointed in 1974 by Gov. Ronald Reagan as judge of the Municipal Court of the Berkeley-Albany Judicial District of Alameda County, and elected to that position in 1978. His rulings and contributions on the bench have been hailed by many for their legal acumen, wisdom, and care for children and the families that have come before him. He has been a leader, locally and at the State level, in promoting juvenile law legislation and in raising public awareness of children's issues.

Prior to his judicial service, Wilmont Sweeney had served as a member of the Berkeley City Council—1961 to 1974—and as vice mayor of the city—1967 to 1974. To that task he brought his thoughtful deliberation, advice, and decisionmaking to a whole range of nettlesome issues in a community that was the epitome of diverse interests and opinions. He became legendary for his reasonableness and ability to help bring persons with opposing points of view to positions of agreement, compromise, or accommodation.

From 1955 to 1974, Wilmont Sweeney was in private practice, handling all kinds of legal

cases, in Oakland, CA. He first worked with criminal law attorney Clinton White as a sole practitioner. He then served as a partner with the law firm of Wilson, Metoyer, Sweeney, and Broussard.

Wilmont Sweeney was born in Austin, TX. He served to sergeant in the U.S. Army during World War II from 1944 to 1946 and then in the U.S. Army Reserve from 1948 to 1949. He received a B.A. in 1950 from the University of California, Berkeley in Political Science and a J.D. in 1955 from Hastings College, San Francisco, CA. While at Hastings, he was the Note and Comment Editor of the Hastings Law Journal from 1954 to 1955. He was admitted to the California Bar, the U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit, and the U.S. District Court, Northern District of California in 1955, and to the U.S. Supreme Court in 1967.

Judge Sweeney has served on numerous public service boards, commissions, and committees; and, he has been the recipient of many awards and recognition for that service. Just a few examples will be given here: the Benjamin Ide Wheeler Award as Berkeley's Most Outstanding Citizen in 1971; the W. Byron Rumford Humanitarian Medal in 1987; Certificate of Commendation for outstanding accomplishments on behalf of abused and neglected children from the State of California's Department of Social Services in 1987; Judge of the Year Award from the Alameda County Lawyers Club in 1988; Unsung Hero Award from the Oakland Crack Task Force for his outstanding community involvement in drug prevention and education in 1990; the State's first Juvenile Court Judge of the Year Award by the Juvenile Court Judges of California in 1992; and, the Chief Probation Officers' Timothy Fitzharris Award in recognition of his major contributions to the field of probation services.

On Thursday, June 13, 1996, the Alameda County Bar Association and a host of friends will honor Judge Sweeney upon his retirement as judge of the superior court and presiding judge of juvenile court. I join in thanking Judge Sweeney for all his numerous contributions to the well-being of our society, and for his selfless efforts that span 35 years of elected public service. Additionally, I would note that all of us have been very blessed and fortunate to have had such a remarkable human being in our midst.

MANDATORY FEDERAL PRISON DRUG TREATMENT ACT OF 1996

SPEECH OF

HON. MICHAEL PATRICK FLANAGAN

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 4, 1996

Mr. FLANAGAN. Mr. Speaker, on June 4, 1996, the House unanimously passed H.R. 2650, the Mandatory Federal Prison Drug Treatment Act introduced by my Judiciary Committee colleague, Congressman FRED HEINEMAN. This legislation helps rectify an inequity in the law that occurred when Congress passed the 1994 Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act, also known as the 1994 crime bill, 2 years ago.

Presently, by completing a drug treatment program a prisoner can get out of jail up to 1 year earlier than someone who does not have an abuse problem. Preferential treatment is

thus given to the person who has illegally used drugs rather than to the person who is drug free. This sentencing disparity must end. It is absurd that prisoners with drug problems are able to have sentences reduced while those who are drug free do not have the same advantage. The law actually benefits those with drug addictions rather than those who are substance abuse free.

It is a bit absurd that a prisoner who does not have an abuse problem cannot receive credit for his or her good behavior while someone who has a drug problem can. This is a little like a school rewarding a student who behaves well on Halloween, after having been malicious the year before, for good behavior while the student who never got into trouble receives nothing. It is simply not equitable. No one should be rewarded for avoiding bad behavior that should not have occurred in the first place.

Fortunately, H.R. 2650 corrects this disparity. The legislation eliminates the Bureau of Prison's discretionary authority to grant early release to nonviolent drug addicted prisoners in the same way that nondrug addicts are granted early release. It also stops the accrual of early release time that a "treated" prisoner can earn through good behavior and requires that prisoners be drug free upon their release from prison.

I applaud this legislation and especially compliment Congressman FRED HEINEMAN for his yeoman like work on this initiative. I hope the other body will quickly act on this legislation and that the President will soon sign this much needed reform into law.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CASEY-WESTFIELD SOFTBALL TEAM

HON. GLENN POSHARD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 10, 1996

Mr. POSHARD. Mr. Speaker, as spring fades into summer and commencement addresses are heard across this great land, it is time for another seasonal rite, that of State softball championships. I rise today to congratulate the young women of Casey-Westfield High School in Casey, IL, who recently captured their fourth class A State championship in the last 10 years. They continue to be a source of enormous pride for their entire community, and I hope they relish this tremendous accomplishment for years to come.

Head Coach Denny Throneburg and assistants Dave Shawver and Michelle Stinson deserve a great deal of credit for directing the Lady Warriors to a school record 38 win season. Coach Throneburg has been at the helm since the program's inception 19 years ago, and currently has an astonishing 527-50 record during that time. During their championship run, the Lady Warriors surrendered just two runs in three games posting two shutouts, including a 9-0 win in the title game. This kind of dominance was a fitting close to a remarkable season.

Mr. Speaker, as an ex-baseball coach, I appreciate what it takes to field such a superb unit. Softball is a team game, but it breaks down to individuals knowing their assignments and executing them at crucial moments. This