

A TRIBUTE TO MARINE PARK
CIVIC ASSOCIATION AS THEY
JOIN IN CELEBRATION OF ITS
70TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. CHARLES E. SCHUMER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 1996

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to join all my friends and colleagues in celebrating the Marine Park Civic Association's 70th anniversary. This wonderful park, which occupies over 1,821 acres, has provided an important haven for Brooklyn residents since 1926. I am pleased to congratulate the members of the Marine Park Civic Association for making this area a source of community pride. As a result of the tireless work and vigilant dedication of south Brooklyn families, Marine Park has maintained its reputation as a safe and quiet community distinct from the city's frenetic atmosphere. I have personally enjoyed many visits to Marine Park both as a child and as an adult. I am certain that the strength of this community would not be what it is today without the commitment of its Civic Association. Such countless contributions have ensured the neighborhood's continued growth and stability, which are fully appreciated by all.

The neighboring communities of Sheepshead Bay and those surrounding Floyd Bennett Field are extremely familiar with the services provided by the Marine Park Civic Association. For years, families in Brooklyn have known Marine Park as a solid community, making it a good place to live. I am honored to celebrate 70 years of civic leadership in Marine Park—the Civic Association's members have done much to improve the quality of life for all Brooklyn residents.

A TRIBUTE TO LU ANN DERING

HON. JANE HARMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 1996

Ms. HARMAN. Mr. Speaker, I ask that Congress join me today in honoring a dedicated constituent of mine, Lu Ann DeRiding. On June 21, Lu Ann will be honored at the Westchester/LAX Chamber of Commerce's annual installation dinner for her outstanding service as chamber president.

Recognizing the need to help fight crime, during Lu Ann's presidency, the chamber helped raise \$15 million for mayor Richard Riordan's alliance for a safer Los Angeles. This private sector contribution was essential to create the infrastructure for a Los Angeles Police Department computer network, a critical piece in updating badly outdated equipment. Lu Ann and the chamber also pressed hard to stimulate the local economy and under her watch, Dreamworks SKG announced plans to open a major studio in Playa Vista. Perhaps the metaphor for a renewed Westchester was the landing of the olympic torch at LAX to begin its nationwide journey to Atlanta and the 1996 summer games.

Over the past year, Lu Ann helped arrange several high-visibility chamber meetings including the annual business recognition dinner which featured many noted entrepreneurs, in-

cluding the chairman of the board of Southwest Airlines, Herb Kelleher. Lu Ann helped bring the chamber to the forefront of the greater Los Angeles community by securing several well known and respected individuals to address the Westchester Chamber this year including Los Angeles Police Chief Willie Williams.

In addition to her tireless work as chamber president, Lu Ann's career has flourished, both as the international director of promotions for Herbalife and as the owner and founder of DeRiding Marketing. Away from the workplace, Lu Ann looks forward to the time she spends with her husband, Robert, and her 9-year old son Jonathan.

Mr. Speaker, Lu Ann DeRiding is an inspiration to her family, friends, community, and all who have the pleasure of knowing her. Please join me in saluting a great individual, Lu Ann DeRiding.

A TRIBUTE TO DRMS COMMANDER
CAPT. DONALD A. HEMPSON, JR.,
USN

HON. NICK SMITH

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 1996

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, on Wednesday, June 19, 1996, Capt. Donald A. Hempson, Jr. (USN) will retire from the Navy and his post as Commander of the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Service [DRMS]. A retirement ceremony will be held at 1:00 p.m. in Battle Creek, MI at DRMS headquarters. Although my duties in Congress prevent my attendance, I would like to take this opportunity to honor Captain Hempson for the outstanding work he has done to improve the efficiency and overall performance of DRMS during his tenure in Battle Creek.

Captain Hempson and dedicated DRMS employees have revitalized DRMS by adopting a variety of management practices similar to those used in private industry. Among the highlights have been the creation of an Internet site to describe surplus items for sale, computer tracking of surplus property to reduce recordkeeping costs, the initiation of toll-free phone lines for improved customer service, and new advertising practices to increase sales. The results have been impressive. Between fiscal years 1993 and 1995, DRMS has increased its annual reutilization, transfer, donation, and sale of excess Defense Department property from \$2.9 billion to \$3.5 billion. At the same time, it has moved from a net loss of \$120.7 million in fiscal year 1993 to a net profit of \$254.4 million in fiscal year 1995.

By adopting strategies to put customers first, make use of innovative technologies, and increase efficiency and productivity, DRMS and Captain Hempson have provided an example of how much can be achieved through the reinvention of Government agencies. I salute Captain Hempson and wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors. And to the employees of DRMS, I say keep up the good work.

IN HONOR OF JEANETTE RUDY

HON. BOB CLEMENT

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 1996

Mr. CLEMENT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a distinguished member of the Nashville community, Dr. Jeanette Cantrell Rudy. Dr. Rudy is a generous philanthropist, a nationally accomplished sportswoman and a beloved friend to many in the music city and across the country.

Jeanette Cantrell and her twin sister Geneva were born to Felix and Edna Cautrell on October 27, 1927, in Sheffield, AL. After graduating from Sheffield High School, she enrolled in the St. Thomas Hospital School of Nursing. Jeanette received her nursing degree in the summer of 1948 and served as a public health nurse for 7 years.

On February 20, 1949, Jeanette married Daniel Clees Rudy, cofounder of the Rudy's Farm Sausage Co. The Rudys made their home in the Pennington Bend area on the Cumberland River, and they enjoyed an active life together until Mr. Rudy's death in 1984. In his memory, Jeanette helped to found and fund the Dan Rudy Cancer Center at St. Thomas Hospital.

Mrs. Rudy has long been a devoted and tireless supporter of Cumberland University in Lebanon, TN. When the university and its board of trustees decided to expand the curriculum to include a bachelor of science in the nursing degree program, there were several obstacles in the way. Long-term debt was hindering financial stability, enrollment growth was minimal, and resources were strained. Jeanette helped reduce these obstacles, not only by providing much-needed financial resources, but also by giving her professional guidance in the development of the nursing curriculum. It is not an exaggeration to say that without Jeanette Rudy, the nursing program at Cumberland University would not exist. In 1990, Mrs. Rudy was recognized for her efforts with an honorary doctorate of humanities from Cumberland.

Jeanette is as passionate about her hobbies as she is about her devotion to public service. She has assembled what is widely considered to be the finest privately held collection of State and Federal duck stamps, including the very first stamp issued in 1934. In 1992, Mrs. Rudy served as a judge of the Federal duck stamp competition in Washington, DC. The Smithsonian Institution has established the Jeanette Cantrell Rudy Duck Stamp Gallery at the National Postal Museum in her honor. The gallery will open on June 26, 1996.

Mrs. Rudy is also an avid sportswoman and has held the title of Ladies State Trapshooting Champion for 9 years, and has been named to the women's all-American trap team twice. She sits on the boards of Cumberland University, the St. Thomas Hospital Auxiliary and Foundation and the Nashville Zoo, and she is a major supporter of the Nashville Police and Fire Department. Mrs. Rudy was also the major donor of the National Police Memorial in Washington, DC.

Dr. Jeanette Cantrell Rudy is a living legend and truly an American original. Her generosity and warmth know no bounds, and her devotion to public service and humanity have enriched the lives of countless Tennesseans. It

is with tremendous pride and genuine affection that I salute the great spirit, intelligence, and wit of Jeanette Rudy. She honors us all daily with her friendship and love.

TRIBUTE TO THE FIRST NATIONAL PUERTO RICAN PARADE

HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 1996

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great joy that I rise today to pay tribute to an historic event, the first National Puerto Rican Parade which was held on June 9, in New York City.

As a Puerto Rican, a New Yorker, and a Member of Congress, it was an honor to participate in this national parade in which thousands of Puerto Ricans marched in celebration of our culture and achievements in this country.

I was 7 years old when my family moved from Puerto Rico to the Bronx in search of employment opportunities and a brighter future.

Leaving the beautiful island of Puerto Rico, its music, its traditions, and its people was no easy task for those who were born on the Caribbean island.

In 1958, my father and I had the opportunity to celebrate our culture during the first Hispanic parade of New York City. As we cheered participants, my father quickly unfolded a Puerto Rican flag to show his love and pride for his heritage.

Two years later, the Hispanic parade became the New York Puerto Rican Parade. From that day on, once every year, Puerto Ricans and friends of the Puerto Rican community from all of the 50 States and the island come to New York City to celebrate our heritage.

This year, for the first time in its 39 years of history, the parade has been recognized as a national event—the largest and most colorful celebration of Puerto Rican heritage in this Nation.

On this occasion, members of the Puerto Rican community will march along Fifth Avenue in Manhattan to reaffirm our identity and pride of our heritage. Among many other achievements, Puerto Ricans have been instrumental in transforming New York City into a great bilingual city.

Dr. Ricardo Alegría, a distinguished Puerto Rican anthropologist led the parade of thousands of participants. Dr. Alegría is internationally renowned as an eminence in the restoration of historic cities, for his anthropological and archaeological studies on Puerto Rico and the Caribbean, as well as for his patronage of the arts.

TRIBUTE TO MACON COUNTY

HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 1996

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a beautiful and successful county in my district. Natural beauty resides in Macon County at such places as Union Camp Water-

fall and Winding Stairs, a natural rock formation, true to its name, that was used by Indians long ago.

The success of Macon County stems from its people's ingenuity. In an area known for tobacco, farmers there are turning to alternative crops such as strawberries, Christmas trees, tomatoes, peppers, cabbage, blackberries, grapes, and more. Macon County farmers are now competing with growers in California and Florida.

Macon County is composed of hard-working people with the desire to be the best. Among other honors, the Macon County Fair has twice been named Best Small Fair by the Annual Tennessee Association of Fairs Convention. Macon Countian Ronald Jenkins is the Tennessee Lion of the Year, while his Lion's Club is ranked third in the State.

Macon County was created by necessity. In 1837, the two closest county seats, that of Sumner County and Smith County, were both 25 miles away. That year the State legislature created Macon County, named for statesman Nathaniel Macon. Lafayette is the county seat.

The citizens of this county have always sought to do their best with what has been given them. To these citizens, I wish continued success and the best life has to offer.

HONORING THE CITY OF HOBOKEN: BIRTHPLACE OF OUR NATION'S PASTIME

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 1996

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the City of Hoboken, the birthplace of our national pastime. On June 19, 1996, the City of Hoboken as well as the entire Nation will celebrate the 150th anniversary of baseball. On this day of joyous celebration, the city will conduct a variety of activities, including a parade and awards dinner to commemorate the origins of baseball.

The game of baseball was born on June 19, 1846, on the Elysian Fields in Hoboken. On that day, the Knickerbockers squared off against the New York Nine and the Knickerbockers lost the game 23 to 1. The first newspaper account of a baseball game was actually written the previous year when other participants gathered in Hoboken on the same field to play an intramural variation of the game.

The official birthday of the sport is considered to be in 1846, however, baseball was played in different forms in Hoboken prior to that date. Alexander Joy Cartwright, Jr. of Hoboken, has been recognized by many as one of the initial inventors of the rules of baseball. Thus, the tradition of baseball was established on the banks of the Hudson River in Hoboken, NJ.

Organized baseball has been played in Hoboken ever since that very first game. Citizens of Hoboken have long contributed to the rich tradition of the sport of baseball by lending their support to the game in a variety of fashions. The youth of Hoboken have enjoyed the opportunities that the public parks and fields have provided for their recreational uses. From the success of Hoboken's Little League program to the well-documented achievements

of its high school teams, baseball has since been an essential part of the city's culture.

Moreover, many of our modern day heroes all share a piece of the tradition that was established on the Elysian Fields in Hoboken. It is with great pleasure and admiration that I honor the City of Hoboken and its great people.

JOE ALLEN, A SPECIAL SON OF KEY WEST

HON. PETER DEUTSCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 1996

Mr. DEUTSCH. Mr. Speaker, among its many favorite sons, Key West regards Joe Allen with special affection. Not only has he been an outstanding public servant, he is also the unofficial historian of a city which takes its historical heritage very seriously.

This year there is a special facet of Joe's life, to which I would like to bring your attention. It is a romance which began 50 years ago. While serving a brief tour of duty in his home waters helping to track down enemy submarines, which imperiled our ships off the Florida Keys, Joe met Marjorie Holladay of Columbia, KY. At the time, Ms. Holladay had been affiliated with the women of the U.S. Naval Reserve—WAVES.

Now after 50 years of happily married life, Joe and Marjorie will celebrate their anniversary on June 21 at the old Civil War fort on Monroe Court Beach, now known as the "Joe Allen Garden Center."

Forty of those fifty years have been entwined with a long list of civic and political accomplishments. In addition to serving in the State legislature for 10 years before retiring in 1986, he served 8 years as a Monroe County commissioner and 20 years as tax assessor.

While serving as bicentennial chairman in 1976, he was named 1 of 51 State patriots for outstanding service in the field of historic preservation, particularly the restoration of two pre-Civil War forts, East and West Martello Towers and the designation of the lighthouse in Monroe County as a historic landmark. He is also credited with preserving the national guard armory.

In addition to their heavy involvement in community affairs, Joe and Marjorie Allen are the proud parents of four sons, Joseph B. III, Dr. William N., John H., and Henry B. I hope you will join me in wishing them a joyous 50th and many more to come.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KAREN MCCARTHY

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 1996

Ms. MCCARTHY. Mr. Speaker, during roll-call votes numbered 246 and 247, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present I would have voted "Yes" on rollcall vote 246, and "No" on rollcall vote 247. I ask unanimous consent that my statement appear in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. Thank you.