

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO CHIEF JESSE W. COOK, SGT. WILLIAM SCHULTZ, AND SGT. STEPHAN NEESE.

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 16, 1996

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, at a time when crime concerns are on every citizen's mind, those who have dedicated their lives to law enforcement are to be commended. I would like to make a special commendation to three law enforcement officers from Indiana's First Congressional District: Chief Jesse W. Cook, Sgt. William Schultz, and Sgt. Stephan Neese. Chief Cook will retire in October of this year, Sergeant Schultz will retire this month, and Sergeant Neese retired back in May of this year. These three men celebrated their retirement at a testimonial dinner on Friday, September 13, 1996, at Teibel's Restaurant in Schererville, IN.

When Chief Cook began his career at the Schererville Police Department in 1972 as a juvenile detective, he was one of only seven officers. Currently, the Schererville Police Department boasts 37 police officers. After working his way up the ranks, he became chief of police in 1972. During his distinguished career, Chief Cook completed studies at the FBI National Academy in 1984, and he earned a degree in criminal justice from Indiana University Northwest in 1994.

Sergeants Schultz and Neese each served 20 years with the Schererville Police Department. In 1976, they both began their careers as probationary patrolmen. Sergeant Schultz was next assigned as the Schererville Police Department's first K-9 officer, and Sergeant Neese became the department's first accident reconstructionist. Sergeant Neese was instrumental in developing this particular department. Both men worked diligently through the ranks to earn their final appointments as sergeant.

These brave men can be proud of their service to Indiana's First Congressional District. They worked hard to make the town of Schererville a safer place in which to live and work. Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in congratulating Chief Jesse W. Cook, Sgt. Stephan Neese, and Sgt. William Schultz on their service and dedication to the citizens of Schererville.

TRIBUTE TO CHARLES BRAITHWAIT

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, today I pay tribute to a dedicated Missourian, Charles Braithwait, who will retire this year from his

position as executive director of West Central Missouri Community Action Agency.

Mr. Braithwait is employed as the first and thus far the only executive director of the West Central Missouri Community Action Agency, having held the position since June 1966. Under Mr. Braithwait's direction, West Central Missouri Community Action Agency has grown from a limited purpose agency with an initial grant of \$50,000 to a multifaceted community-based organization with an annual operating budget of more than \$12 million. West Central Missouri Community Action Agency provides a full array of services for low-income clients in 15 Missouri counties.

Charles Braithwait has also served as the chairman of the Local Area Manpower Planning Board, chairman of the Local Council on Aging, chairman of the Local Central Board for Distance Learning, member of the Local Private Industry Council, president of the Missouri Community Action Agencies Executive Directors Association, member of the Missouri Governor's Commission on Energy Conservation, member of the Missouri State Housing Committee, member of the Missouri Association for Community Action Board of Directors, member of the Midwest Assistance Program Board of Directors, president of the National Community Action Agencies Executive Directors Association, president of the National Community Action Foundation, member of President Ford's National Advisory Council on Economic Development, member of the National Association for Community Development Board of Directors, member of the National Action Committee for Community Services Board of Directors, member of the Office of Community Services Task Force on Monitoring and Assessment.

Mr. Speaker, I know my colleagues in the House will want to join me in commending Charles Braithwait for the outstanding public service he has given to the people of Missouri, and our country.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 16, 1996

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, due to unavoidable circumstances, I was unable to vote on House rollcall vote No. 413, the conference report on energy and water appropriations for fiscal year 1997.

Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

ASSYRIAN-AMERICAN CIVIC CLUB OF TURLOCK CELEBRATES 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. GARY A. CONDIT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CONDIT. Mr. Speaker, 50 years ago, Joash Paul, Jessie Yohannan, and Joe K. Yonan, were among a group of local area Assyrians who founded the Assyrian-American Civic Club of Turlock.

As with most fledgling organizations, there were hurdles to be overcome, but Joash Paul, Jessie Yohannan, and Joe K. Yonan, along with their colleagues met and successfully dealt with every challenge.

Their dedication of purpose and their foresight has been proven beneficial to both the Assyrian and non-Assyrian communities of Stanislaus County.

The club, throughout the years, has been a focal point for the growing Assyrian community while helping to preserve Assyrian heritage for generations yet unborn.

The Assyrian-American Civic Club proudly points to a long history of service to the community. Service which includes:

Scholarships to hundreds of high school and university students;

Financial aid to community projects, churches, and charitable organizations;

The establishment of radio and television programming for the perpetuation of Assyrian culture; and

A facility to enable Assyrians to come together for social, recreational, and educational activities.

The Assyrian-American Civic Club proudly salutes Joash Paul, Jessie Yohannan, and Joe K. Yonan, and all those, that 50 years ago, unselfishly dedicated themselves to creating an organization which today stands out as one of the largest and finest of its kind in the world.

HAPPY 90TH BIRTHDAY, DR. EDGAR WAYBURN

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 16, 1996

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, Dr. Edgar Wayburn, legendary champion of the environment and human health, celebrates his 90th birthday on September 17. His 90 years represent a lifetime of commitment to the causes of protecting the environment and promoting human health throughout the world. Dr. Wayburn is an example to all of us.

For more than five decades, Dr. Wayburn was a dedicated physician who worked to improve the human condition, as well as the environmental condition of our planet. His interest in the environment stemmed from his work

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as a physician who recognized the effects of a degraded environment on human health. In addition to the many public lands issues that Dr. Wayburn has championed, he has also fought for clean air and a curb on cigarette smoking long before the general public became educated about the dangers. The world we live in today is better because of the efforts of Dr. Wayburn.

To Peggy Wayburn, our special thanks for her contribution to these many challenges and successes; we appreciate the long hours, hard work, and special role Peggy has played on the Wayburn family team.

Dr. Wayburn and his wife Peggy were captured by the unique beauty of the Alaska landscape on their first visit almost 30 years ago. That first visit was followed by hundreds more and the successful campaign to create the Alaska Lands Act, the largest public lands bill in the history of the Congress. Today, 104 million acres remain wild largely because of that first visit made to Alaska by the Wayburns.

In California, Dr. Wayburn fought to preserve one of America's premier ancient forests, Redwood National Park. He fought alongside Congressman Phillip Burton to achieve this important goal which resulted in the addition of 58,000 acres to the park in 1978. Today, these redwood giants have a permanent home in their coastal preserve which has also become a world heritage site and biosphere reserve.

Closer to home, in San Francisco, Dr. Wayburn demonstrated the same outstanding leadership in the effort to preserve at the national level that we now call the Golden Gate National Recreation Area [GGNRA]. These early and insightful efforts led to the now-famous collaboration with Amy Meyer and Phillip Burton in establishing the almost-continuous greenbelt from Point Reyes National Seashore south along the Pacific coast to Sweeney Ridge.

The notion of an urban national park was an unfamiliar concept to the National Park Service and to the Congress in the late 1960's. Through Dr. Wayburn's endeavors and the lasting partnership with Amy, along with the commitment of the local community, environmentalists and Phillip Burton, the GGNRA found a protected home as a unit of the national park system in 1972.

Today, the GGNRA is the most visited park in the national system, with over 22 million visitors each year. The efforts of Dr. Wayburn, Amy Meyer, and many others in the San Francisco community, have also contributed to the success of the Presidio and the Presidio Trust legislation in Congress. The GGNRA stands as a monument, in the National Park System and in our community, to the important work and tenacity of citizen leaders who dream, who struggle and who see their dreams come true. It took only a small spark, but the flame will burn forever.

Throughout the world, Dr. Wayburn has initiated environmental missions on behalf of protecting forests, lands and waters in the name of preservation and in the name of Earth's future inhabitants. Our grandchildren will not know Dr. Wayburn, but his work will be known through the magnificent landscapes that abound because of his monumental efforts. Dr. Wayburn's selfless and tireless efforts, seen wherever he touched our Earth, will stand as a lasting monument to his vision and to his achievement.

Dr. Wayburn has been the recipient of several awards to honor his accomplishments in the fields of environment and health: the Albert Schweitzer Prize for Humanitarianism from Johns Hopkins University, election to Global 500 of the U.N. Environmental Program, the Starker Leopold Award by the Nature Conservancy, and the John Muir Award by the Sierra Club.

Thank you, Dr. Wayburn and Peggy, for giving your lives to the important causes that have made this a better world for so many people. You will always be remembered by your friends in San Francisco.

HUNGARY AND ROMANIA SIGN TREATY OF UNDERSTANDING, COOPERATION, AND GOOD NEIGHBORLINESS

HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 16, 1996

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, just a few hours ago earlier today, a Treaty of Understanding, Cooperation, and Good Neighborliness was signed by representatives of the Governments of Romania and Hungary. The signing took place in Romanian city of Timisoara/Temesvar with leaders of both Governments—Romanian President Ion Iliescu, Hungarian Prime Minister Gyula Horn, Romanian Prime Minister Nicolae Vacaroiu.

Mr. Speaker, this is a historic occasion and this is a historic document. The leaders of both Governments deserve our commendation and our congratulations for their foresight and their efforts in seeking to reconcile outstanding differences between the two countries. The following is a statement that I made on the occasion of the treaty signing:

STATEMENT OF CONGRESSMAN TOM LANTOS ON THE SIGNING OF THE TREATY OF UNDERSTANDING, COOPERATION, AND GOOD NEIGHBORLINESS BETWEEN ROMANIA AND THE REPUBLIC OF HUNGARY

I wholeheartedly welcome the signing of the "Treaty of Understanding, Cooperation, and Good Neighborliness between Romania and the Republic of Hungary," and I commend the farsighted leadership that has been shown by both the government of Hungary and the government of Romania in reaching agreement on this document. The negotiations have not been easy. The Romanian government faced a fractious internal division over the treaty, and the Hungarian parliament had a lengthy debate on the matter.

This treaty will be of benefit to both Hungary and Romania, and it will be an important element contributing to the stability of that region. It is my sincere hope that the good faith implementation of this document will be of benefit to ethnic Hungarians living in Romania. It is also my hope and expectation that this agreement will accelerate and facilitate the entry of each of these two countries into membership in the North Atlantic Treaty and into full economic integration with the European Union.

It is significant and it is symbolically important that the signing of the treaty will take place in Timisoara/Temesvar, just a few miles from the borders of the former Yugoslavia. Hungary and Romania have faced their differences, they have conducted a frank and open and reasoned political dialogue, and they have both compromised in reaching this agreement. Their reasoned dia-

logue and mutual respect stands in sharp and dramatic contrast to the tragic violence and bloodshed that has convulsed Bosnia and other areas of the former Yugoslavia.

I want to emphasize that the signing of this treaty constitutes another significant step in the process of reconciliation between Hungary and Romania. Both countries have been active in their efforts to improve economic cooperation, to foster the free movement of peoples between their countries, to expand military relationships, and to increase cultural and educational cooperation. The signing of this treaty will lead to greater cooperation in all of these important fields.

I congratulate the leaders of both governments for their efforts and for their statesmanship.

TRIBUTE TO THE JEWISH FEDERATION OF GREATER FORT LAUDERDALE AND THE JEWISH FEDERATION OF SOUTH BROWARD

HON. PETER DEUTSCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 16, 1996

Mr. DEUTSCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the merger of the Jewish Federation of Greater Fort Lauderdale and the Jewish Federation of South Broward. This merger creates the third largest federation in the United States. Because of the undying support of south Florida residents, each federation has independently established unique and extremely successful organizations which achieve similar goals. Through the encouragement of the Council of Jewish Federations, the Jewish Federation of Broward County will represent a combination of these notable differences and similarities. This unification is an extraordinary opportunity for the Broward Jewish and non-Jewish community because it will strengthen the federation in south Florida, pool together needed fundraising resources, and better serve the entire south Florida community.

There are over 200 associated Jewish federations in the United States that serve approximately 800 communities in the United States and Canada. The Jewish Federation of South Broward was first incorporated in 1943 during very turbulent times for Jews in the United States and abroad. Historically, the federation has raised money to create and maintain social services for Jews within the community, as well as support Jewish programs that aid Jews facing persecution throughout the world. The Jewish Federation of Greater Fort Lauderdale was created in 1967 as the Jewish community began to grow in south Florida. Now, almost five decades later, these two organizations will merge to become one of the most dynamic and visible Jewish federations in the United States.

I would also like to recognize Herbert D. Katz, the first president of the newly formed Jewish federation of south Broward and Stuart A. Epstein, vice president of the campaign. Both men have been actively involved in the Jewish community in south Florida and have held executive positions in both regional and national Jewish organizations. The new federation's board will also include vice president for administration/budget, Bernard Feldman; vice president for allocations, Selma Telles;