

As her impressive list of awards and honors testifies, her work through the TACC is extraordinary. For this reason, I pay tribute today to Martha K. Rothman, a woman of great vision who has truly changed the world for thousands of our children.

MEETING OUR BINATIONAL COMMITMENTS TO PROTECT THE GREAT LAKES

HON. JOHN D. DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 26, 1996

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, earlier this year I joined several colleagues who expressed concern about funding for the control of the sea lamprey, a nonindigenous creature that for more than 50 years has threatened the ecological and economic health of the \$4 billion Great Lakes Fishery.

As we prepare to consider an omnibus appropriations bill for fiscal year 1997, I thought I should share with my colleagues a communication I received from the Government of Canada, assuring me of our northern neighbor's continued commitment to the sea lamprey control program administered jointly with the United States through the Great Lakes Fishery Commission [GLFC], as well as continuation of the Great Lakes Fishery Convention Act.

I was informed also that Canada is greatly concerned about action taken in the other body of Congress to scale back the U.S. contribution to the Commission by \$1.5 million from the House-approved funding level. It is my hope that conferees to any omnibus bill will retain the House language on funding, but recede to Senate language which wisely retains the GLFC within the Department of State, as was discussed during debate in the House on H.R. 3814.

Mr. Speaker, I have attached the correspondence of Canadian Charge d'affaires D.G. Waddell. I urge my colleagues to remember the pressing needs of our Great Lakes as we conclude the 104th Congress.

CANADIAN EMBASSY,
AMBASSADE DU CANADA,

Washington, DC, September 20, 1996.

Hon. JOHN DINGELL,
House of Representatives, Rayburn House Office
Building, Washington, DC.

DEAR CONGRESSMAN DINGELL: On January 31, you wrote to Ambassador Chrétien expressing concerns regarding a reduction in Canadian funding and legislative initiatives for the Great Lakes Fishery Commission. I am pleased to follow up, in the Ambassador's absence, on his interim response to you of March 6. On August 7, following discussions with the Province of Ontario and Canadian stakeholder groups, the Honorable Fred Mifflin, Minister of Fisheries and Oceans, announced that the Federal Government has decided to maintain funding for the Great Lakes Sea Lamprey Control Program for fiscal years 1996-97 and 1997-98. I enclose a copy of the press release issued in this respect.

I am also pleased to inform you that the Department of Fisheries and Oceans has decided not to recommend the repeal of the Great Lakes Fishery Convention Act.

Meanwhile, I understand that a subcommittee of the Senate Committee on Appropriations has reduced the United States funding for the Commission by U.S. \$1.5 mil-

lion. The Canadian government is accordingly concerned by what appears to signal a weakening of the U.S. commitment to the goals of the 1954 treaty and to a strong, healthy Great Lakes fishery.

I would, therefore, be grateful if you would convey these concerns to your colleagues on the appropriate committees.

Yours sincerely,

D.G. WADDELL,
Chargé d'affaires, a.i.

MOURNING THE LOSS OF KILLEEN JUSTICE OF THE PEACE ROBERT L. STUBBLEFIELD

HON. CHET EDWARDS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 26, 1996

Mr. EDWARDS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to share with Members the loss of a community leader in my 11th Texas Congressional District.

Robert L. Stubblefield died July 28 from lung cancer. This strong and able public servant went far beyond his official duties to improve his beloved community. The beginning of the school year in Texas reminds us of his contributions to education and central Texas youth.

Robert Stubblefield, known as Stubby to his friends, moved to Killeen in 1951. He worked as a postal employee for more than 35 years and rose to the supervisory ranks. Robert Stubblefield served as a justice of the peace for 10 years. In addition he was a volunteer firefighter and served as president of the State Fireman's and Fire Marshalls' Association of Texas.

A strong advocate of education, Robert Stubblefield was a trustee for 18 years and served as president of the Killeen Independent School District. Robert Stubblefield believed that children were a valuable asset. He crafted a juvenile program in his justice of the peace court that moved young offenders from the streets back to study and a high school diploma. He devoted countless hours to many local youth programs.

I ask Members to join with me in honoring the memory of Robert Stubblefield, a man who will be sorely missed. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family and friends of this community leader.

TRIBUTE TO THE CAMPUS BOULEVARD CORP. ON ITS 15TH-YEAR ANNIVERSARY

HON. THOMAS M. FOGLIETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 26, 1996

Mr. FOGLIETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute on the occasion of the 15th-year anniversary of the Campus Boulevard Corp.

The Campus Boulevard Corp. [CBC] is a collaborative organization of nine educational and health-related institutions in Northwest Philadelphia consisting of the Albert Einstein Healthcare Network, Central High School, Germantown Hospital, LaSalle University, Manna Bible Institute, Pennsylvania College of Optometry, Philadelphia Geriatric Center,

Philadelphia High School for Girls, and the Widener Memorial School. Incorporated in 1981, CBC's mission is to enhance the economic and social environment for those who use these institutions as well as for those who live and work in the neighborhoods of Belfield, Ogontz, Fern Rock, Germantown, and Logan which surround them.

Through CBC's efforts, these institutions have developed a vision for the advancement of economic vitality and safety for the Campus Boulevard/Olney Avenue area. In order to actualize this vision, CBC has encouraged partnerships between community organizations, member institutions, government agencies and others. As part of this process, CBC has created programs to advance economic and community development, promote a healthy and safe environment, attract development resources, and act as an advocate for increased public services.

Exhibiting this type of commitment to the community for the past 15 years, CBC has a long and illustrious list of achievements. They have successfully lobbied for the development of the Broad and Olney SEPTA Transportation Station, which forms a central hub in Northwest Philadelphia, guided the quality control and fiscal management of the Logan Police Sub-Station, the only professionally managed police sub-station in the city, and received funds from the Philadelphia Private Industry Council with which they created a successful job training program for low and moderate income residents in the healthcare industry which has been cited as a model for other such programs.

Utilizing a \$50,000 grant awarded by the U.S. Department of Justice the CBC has implemented exciting youth workshops and provided minigrants to local youth organizations. With another \$350,000 in grant awards, the CBC is establishing a Small Business Incubator to link the purchasing power of BCB member institutions to the Incubator tenants.

In light of its many contributions to Northwest Philadelphia's residents and community organizations, I hope that my colleagues will join me today in wishing "happy birthday" to the Campus Boulevard Corp. and congratulate its board of directors and staff for 15 years of "a different kind of partnering."

INVESTIGATION OF JOSEPH OCCHIPINTI

HON. JAMES A. TRAFICANT, JR.

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 26, 1996

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, as part of my on-going investigation of the case of former Immigration and Naturalization Service agent Joseph Occhipinti, I am inserting into the RECORD the following sworn affidavit:

AFFIDAVIT, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH

William Acosta, Being Duly Sworn, Deposes and States:

1. I executed this affidavit on behalf of Staten Island Borough President Guy V. Molinari and U.S. Representative James Traficant, Jr. who are investigating the alleged drug cartel conspiracy against former Immigration & Naturalization Service Agent Joseph Occhipinti. I possess evidence which can corroborate the drug cartel conspiracy

against Mr. Occhipinti and I have agreed to share that evidence with the United States Congress and Borough President Molinari.

2. I am a former thirteen year law enforcement official who successfully infiltrated the Medellin and Cali Colombian drug cartels. I am considered an expert on the Colombian and Dominican drug and money laundering operations in the New York City area.

3. In 1987, I was previously employed as an undercover operative for the United States Customs Service, wherein I was assigned to route out corruption at John F. Kennedy International Airport. In 1987, I was the principle undercover agent on "Operation Airport 88", which resulted in the prosecution and conviction of seventeen government officials for bribery corruption and related criminal charges. I was then promoted to Special Agent and reassigned to the Los Angeles District Office.

4. In 1990, I was appointed to the New York City Police Department as a Police Officer. In view of my Colombian heritage and confidential sources close to the Colombian cartel, I was eventually assigned to the Internal Affairs Unit. During my undercover activity, I generated evidence of police corruption for the Deputy Commissioner of Internal Affairs which was later corroborated by the "Mollen Commission" hearings which investigated police corruption.

5. On January 14, 1992, Manuel De Dios, a close personal friend and world renown journalist executed the attached notarized affidavit, wherein, Mr. Dios corroborated the existence of a drug cartel conspiracy against Mr. Occhipinti. The orchestrators of the conspiracy were major Dominican organized crime figures connected with the "Dominican Federation" which is the front for the Dominican drug cartel. The Federation are the principle drug distributors in the United States for the Colombian cartel. Unfortunately, Mr. De Dios was assassinated before he could bring forward his sources who could prove the drug cartel conspiracy against Mr. Occhipinti. After Mr. De Dios assassination, I too became fearful of my personal safety and never made public the evidence on the Occhipinti case.

6. It should be noted that I personally assisted Mr. De Dios in this investigation of the Occhipinti case which corroborated the Federation conspiracy. In fact, I personally accompanied Mr. De Dios to the Washington Heights area where we secretly taped recorded Federation members who conformed the drug cartel conspiracy. Those tapes still exist and can exonerate Mr. Occhipinti. In essence, Mr. Occhipinti was set up because of his increased enforcement efforts on Project Bodega which was exposing and hurting the Dominican Federation's criminal operations in New York City, which included illegal wire transfers, drug distribution, gambling operations, food stamp fraud, food coupon fraud, among other organized crime activity.

7. My investigation also determined that Mr. Occhipinti was exposing a major money laundering and loan sharking operation relating to the Federation which was controlled by the "Sea Crest Trading Company" of Greenwich, Connecticut. Sea Crest also maintains an office at 4750 Bronx River Parkway in the Bronx, New York. Sea Crest was using the Capital National Bank in order to facilitate their money laundering operations. In 1993, Carlos Cordoba, the President of Capital National Bank was convicted in Federal Court at Brooklyn, New York for millions of dollars in money laundering and he received a token sentence of probation. My investigation confirmed that Sea Crest, as well as the Dominican Federation, are being politically protected by high ranking public officials who have received illegal political contributions which were drug pro-

ceeds. In addition, the operatives in Sea Crest were former CIA Cuban operatives who were involved in the "Bay of Pigs". This is one of the reasons why the intelligence community has consistently protected and insulated Sea Crest and the Dominican Federation from criminal prosecution.

8. At present, there are nine major Colombian drug families which control drug operations in the New York City area. These drug families often referred to as the "Nine Kings". The Dominican Federation are part of their drug trafficking and money laundering operations. I possess documentary evidence, as well as video surveillance tapes of their drug operations. In addition, the New York City Police has investigative files to corroborate this fact. I have also uncovered substantial evidence of political and police corruption which has been intentionally ignored. In fact, it is my belief that former New York City Police Internal Affairs Commissioner Walter Mack, who I directly worked for, was intentionally fired because of his efforts to expose police corruption. I plan to make public this evidence to the United States Congress, as well as key members of the media in order to preserve this evidence in the event I am assassinated like Mr. De Dios.

9. It should also be noted that Criminal Investigators Benjamin Saurino and Ronald Gardello of the U.S. Attorney's Office in Manhattan similarly ignored the evidence I brought forward to them on the Nine Kings and Dominican Federation. These two investigators who were credited for convicting Mr. Occhipinti and they made it clear to me they didn't want to hear the evidence I had on the Federation which could have exonerated Mr. Occhipinti. They were only interested in corruption cases I had brought to their office. In fact, I recall a conversation, wherein, Investigator Saurino asked me about my involvement with Manuel De Dios and if I knew anything about the Occhipinti case. He then stopped and referred to Occhipinti in a derogatory manner, by saying "He's no * * * good". Realizing his bias and lack of interest in investigating the Federation and Nine Kings, I changed the subject of conversation.

10. In April, 1995, I resigned from the New York City Police Department, Internal Affairs Unit after it became evident that my efforts to expose police corruption was being hampered. The same reason why I believe Commissioner Walter Mack was fired. It became evident to me that my life was in eminent danger and I could be easily set up on fabricated misconduct charges like Mr. Occhipinti. In fact, they brought departmental charges against me in 1995 and I won the case. The trial judge also admonished the department on the record for perjury. Often, I found myself isolated and in constant danger working alone in the worst neighborhoods of the city without a backup. Today, I possess substantial evidence to prove that the NYC Police Department media campaign to demonstrate that they could independently police themselves and route out corruption was simply a media ploy to avoid having an independent counsel to oversee their internal affairs unit. In reality, corruption is still rampant in the department and high ranking police brass are intentionally terminating viable corruption investigations in order to avoid future scandals exposed by the Mollen Commission. I also possess a consensually monitored tape conversation which implicates a high ranking police official who received bribes from the Dominican Federation.

11. I am willing to testify before Congress as to the allegations set forth in this affidavit. In addition, I am willing to turn over to Borough President Molinari and Congress-

man Traficant the documentary evidence I possess on the Dominican Federation, the Nine Kings and the Occhipinti drug cartel conspiracy. There are other important pieces of information relating to drug cartel operations and political corruption that I have not made public in this affidavit in order to protect my sources as well as ongoing media investigations that I am involved with. In addition, I am willing to submit to a polygraph examination to prove the veracity of my allegations.

WILLIAM ACOSTA.

AFFIDAVIT, STATE OF NEW YORK, COUNTY OF QUEENS

Manual DeDios, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

I am a former editor of El Diario/La Prensa Newspaper and am currently the editor of a weekly newspaper published in the Spanish language known as Canbyo.

During the course of my work for Canbyo, I undertook to write an expose concerning criminal complaints brought against an Immigration and Naturalization Service Supervisory Special Agent named Joseph Occhipinti by various members of the Federation of Dominican Merchants and Industrialists of New York.

During the course of my investigatory work in researching for the article, I interviewed numerous individuals who are members of the Federation of Dominican Merchants and Industrialists of New York. These individuals confided to me that Mr. Occhipinti had been set up by the Federation and that the complaints against him were fraudulent. These individuals have indicated to me that they are in fear of their safety and as a result would not go public with this information.

I would be more than willing to share my information with any law enforcement agencies or Courts concerned with these matters and would cooperate fully in any further investigations.

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TRIBUTE TO WARREN AND FOREST COUNTIES RETIRED AND SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM (R.S.V.P.)

HON. WILLIAM F. CLINGER, JR.

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 26, 1996

Mr. CLINGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Warren and Forest Counties Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (R.S.V.P.) as they celebrate their 25th Anniversary this month.

During my time in Congress, I've had the privilege to work with the R.S.V.P. and gain a more complete understanding of the outstanding work performed by R.S.V.P. volunteers. From resolving transportation problems to assisting with local environmental issues, these senior volunteers make a lasting impact on the communities in which they live.

The R.S.V.P. provides an excellent opportunity for retired members of our area to remain active and productive. I have long believed that involvement by older Americans in community-based solutions adds a unique and distinct perspective to each job that is performed or project that is undertaken. And I can attest to the fact that our part of Pennsylvania has benefited from the efforts of older Americans through such valuable programs.