

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

HON. WILLIAM F. GOODLING

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 19, 1996

Mr. GOODLING. Mr. Speaker, today I am pleased to join the Carlisle Exchange Club in honoring Dr. Webb S. Hersperger as "Citizen of the Year 1995."

I have known Dr. Hersperger for many years and have valued his friendship. While his professional and community service affiliations are extensive, he is most distinguished for his important contributions to the practice of medicine and the medical community. Having served as president of the Cumberland County Medical Society, he was instrumental in the development of the emergency 911 service.

Webb's commitment to public service by no means ends in the hospital. For many years, he served his country in the U.S. Army Medical Corps. He has also worked to preserve the health and welfare of many Pennsylvanians through the American Red Cross, the Salvation Army, the United Way, and the YMCA, just to list a few. Be it through his medical practice, the church, or service with educational and charitable organizations, he has touched the life of each Cumberland County resident in some way.

It has been said that the health of a democratic society is measured by the quality of functions performed by private citizens. Throughout his career Dr. Hersperger has been dedicated to improving and enriching the lives of others. Through his example, he has set this standard and embodied the values of true citizenship which are vital to the well-being of our community and to the future of our Nation.

Mr. Speaker, as the representative of Pennsylvania's 19th Congressional District, I congratulate Dr. Hersperger for receiving this prestigious award. He has made Cumberland County a better place to live and raise a family. I am proud to call him a constituent and a friend.

SALUTING CUYAHOGA COUNTY BAR FOUNDATION PUBLIC SERV- ANTS MERIT AWARD RECIPIENTS

HON. LOUIS STOKES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. STOKES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to salute eight individuals who are being honored as outstanding public servants. On March 22, 1996, the Cuyahoga County Bar Foundation and Cuyahoga County Bar Association will host the 50th Public Servants Merit Awards Luncheon. At that time, the eight honorees will be presented with the Franklin A. Polk Public Servants Merit Award. The individuals are:

Valina M. Aicone; William D. Fromwiller; Sylvia E. Harrison; Patrick P. McGinty; Donald Peak; Francis A. Rutkowski; Rita M. Sobolewski; and J. Carol Wolf. The Public Servants Merit Award is named in honor of Franklin A. Polk, a distinguished lawyer who chaired the annual luncheon for 40 years. As the county bar foundation and the county bar association celebrate a historic 50th awards luncheon, Frank will be remembered for his commitment in recognizing the contributions of public servants.

I take special pride in saluting the 1996 Public Servants Merit Award recipients. I want to share with my colleagues some information regarding these outstanding individuals. They are each more than deserving of special recognition.

Mr. Speaker, Virginia M. Aicone is a resident of Brook Park, OH. She is a graduate of West High School and she has enjoyed a distinguished career with the court which spans 28 years. She began her career with the court in 1968 when she was employed as deputy clerk for the clerk of courts. She went on to serve as editor for the common pleas court.

In her current position, Ms. Aicone is responsible for supervising and training employees in the data input journal entries division. She and her staff work closely with the clerk's office, sheriff's department, and others to guarantee that accurate information is reflected on the court journals.

Ms. Aicone is the proud mother of three children; Michael, Anthony, and Madeline. Her hobbies include bowling, bingo, and coin collecting. In addition, she is active in her community as a member of the Ladies Auxiliary, Fraternal Order of Eagles, where she was named Mother of the year. In addition, she is a member of the American Legion Auxiliary and Women of the Moose.

Mr. Speaker, the next honoree, William D. Fromwiller, is a resident of Claridon, OH. He is a graduate of Richmond Height High School and attended Cleveland State University. Mr. Fromwiller began his court career in 1969, following an honorable discharge from the U.S. Army. He currently serves as chief deputy for the county clerk of courts.

In his position, Mr. Fromwiller, oversees the clerk's budget, including contracts and purchasing. He also responds to procedural questions which arise concerning court rules. Throughout his career, Mr. Fromwiller has exercised the highest level of concern and compassion for those he has encountered on the job. He prides himself on being an effective communicator and problem solver.

Mr. Fromwiller is an avid fisherman, and he enjoys an annual visit to Canada for the sport. He also enjoys hunting and walking. He and his wife, Jean, are the proud parents of two children, Keith and Craig.

Mr. Speaker, our third Public Servants Merit Award recipient has worked in the criminal division of the clerk of courts office for more than 29 years. Currently, Sylvia E. Harrison is employed as assistant supervisor for the clerk of court. In this position, she assists in the preparation of judges' personal docket for

court, issues summons and warrants for defendants who fail to appear in court, and maintains and verifies computerized criminal history checks for the court.

Ms. Harrison is a native of West Virginia and graduated from Excelsior High School. She and her husband, Willie C. Harrison, are the proud parents of Marcia, Felicia, April, and Willie, Jr. They are residents of Cleveland, OH.

In her spare time, Ms. Harrison is active in the Cleveland community. Her memberships include the Urban League of Greater Cleveland, the NAACP, and the Democratic Club. In addition, she is a member of Faith Tabernacle where she serves as financial secretary. Her hobbies include camping, reading, cooking, and playing video games.

Mr. Speaker, the fourth honoree, Patrick P. McGinty, is a resident of Lakewood, OH. He is a veteran of the Korean war, and notes with pride that he is one of eight members of his family to have served in the Armed Forces at various times. Mr. McGinty began his court career in 1968. He currently serves as deputy filing clerk for the probate court. In his position, Mr. McGinty is responsible for filing and distributing probate cases to the public. He also makes certain that magistrates of the court have their daily hearings, and he assists the public in viewing microfilms. Mr. McGinty takes pride in his career in public service and his commitment to helping others.

Sharing her life with Mr. McGinty is his wife of 29 years, Margaret. They are the proud parents of three children: Christopher, Kathleen, and James. In his spare time, Mr. McGinty has volunteered his time at the Lakewood Charitable Assistance Corp., where he delivered food to needy families. He also did volunteer work with St. Augustine's Church. In addition, he has coached youngsters in basketball and boxing. His hobbies also include gardening.

The fifth recipient of the Public Servants Merit Award, Donald E. Peak, is a resident of Parma, OH. Mr. Peak began his career with the Cuyahoga County court system in 1965. He has been employed as a probation officer, case supervisor, and supervisor of placement and manager of residential services for the Cuyahoga County juvenile court.

Currently, Mr. Peak holds the position of deputy director for the department of probation and community services. In this position, he takes responsibility for ensuring that children receive proper assessment and the highest level of support services and programs designed to curtail unlawful behavior on the part of youth.

Mr. Peak is a veteran who was honorably discharged from the U.S. Army. He is an avid sports fan and also enjoys reading, walking, fishing, and coin collecting. In addition, Mr. Peak maintains a close association with and assists individuals who are mentally and physically disadvantaged. He advises that it has given him a greater appreciation of life's true priorities. Mr. Peak and his wife, Virginia Brown Peak, are the parents of three children: Jim, Joe, and Jack.

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Mr. Speaker, the next individual selected to be recognized by the Cuyahoga County Bar Association is Francis A. Rutkowski. Mr. Rutkowski is supervisor for the Cleveland municipal court. In this post, he supervises eight probation officers who prepare pre-sentence reports for court judges.

A resident of Westlake, OH, Mr. Rutkowski developed his keen sense of public service while watching his late father, Judge Anthony Rutkowski, tackle the challenges in the courtroom. Mr. Rutkowski's career has included service as a deputy sheriff and probation officer. He is also the past president of the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America and served as lecturer at Cleveland State University.

Mr. Rutkowski is a graduate of John Carroll University and Alliance College. He received his law degree from the Cleveland-Marshall College of Law. His professional associations include the American Correctional Association, Ohio Correctional and Court Services Association, National Sheriff's Association, National Association of Chiefs of Police, and the American Bar Association, just to name a few. He and his wife, Patricia L. Buk, are the proud parents of four children; Christine, Joseph, Anne, and Michael.

The next honoree, Ria Moredock Sobolewski, is a former free lance court reporter. For the past 19 years, she has served as the official court reporter for the domestic relations court. She is responsible for the creation of a verbatim record of all court proceedings.

A graduate of West Virginia University and the Academy of Court Reporting, Ms. Sobolewski holds memberships in the National Court Reporters Association and the Ohio Court Reporters Association. She is also the recipient of numerous awards and certificates of merit for outstanding work.

Ms. Sobolewski is the wife of John Sobolewski. The couple resides in North Olmsted, OH, and have enjoyed 20 years of marriage. They are the proud parents of Amy and Johnny.

Mr. Speaker, the final recipient of the Franklin Polk Public Servant Merit Award, Jetta C. Wolf, has enjoyed a career as a legal and judicial secretary which has spanned 39 years. A graduate of Holston High School in Blountville, TN, she began her career with the court system in 1977.

Currently, Ms. Wolf serves as judicial secretary for Judge John T. Patton. In her post, she is responsible for correspondence, stenographic, and file maintenance for the judge. In addition, Ms. Wolf is responsible for circulating and releasing opinions and entering the same records into the court data system.

In her spare time, Ms. Wolf enjoys tailoring, doll making, and cake decorating. She also enjoys antiques and attending Cleveland Indian games. She and her husband, Richard, a retired Cleveland policeman, are the proud parents of Runa, Lettie, Brian, Tracy, and Angela. The Wolf family reside in North Ridgeville, OH, where they attend Shepherd of the Ridge Lutheran Church.

Mr. Speaker, I take pride in saluting the eight individuals who have been selected to receive the Public Servants Merit Awards from the Cuyahoga County Bar Foundation and Bar Association. They have exhibited the highest level of commitment to public service and personal excellence. I also applaud these distinguished organizations for recognizing the im-

portance of honoring employees who strive to make the court system work more effectively.

THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SAN FRANCISCO ART INSTITUTE

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 19, 1996

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the San Francisco Art Institute as it celebrates its 125th year of contributing to the enrichment of the artistic and cultural community of the San Francisco Bay Area and the United States. The San Francisco Art Institute has excelled in training, guiding and nurturing budding artistic talent, and these talented students and artists have shared their many gifts with the Nation and the world.

Founded in 1871 by a group of artists, writers and civic leaders, the San Francisco Art Institute has become an integral part of the heritage that has made San Francisco a thriving creative arts community. First named the San Francisco Art Association, it was then and continues to be a pioneering institution with a distinct cultural vision for the West.

After World War II, the Art Institute became the west coast center of abstract expressionism, involving an impressive group of artists, including Clyfford Still, Mark Rothko and Ad Reinhardt. In 1946, renowned photographer Ansel Adams created the Nation's first fine art photography department at the Institute, which later enticed such notable instructors as Dorothea Lange, Imogen Cunningham and Edward Weston. In the 1950s, the Institute was a center for the Nation's leading figurative artists, including Richard Diebenkorn, Elmer Bischoff, David Park and James Weeks. In the 1960s, the Art Institute established the country's first fine art film program. And in 1995, keeping up with ever changing technology and new tools for creative expression, the Art Institute launched the New Imaging Center, an important new computer resource center for the visual arts.

The Art Institute offers innovative academic programs in painting, photography, printmaking, filmmaking and sculpture. One of the keys to its exceptional success as an educational institution is the Institute's emphasis on personal exploration, growth and total immersion in one's work. The roster of stellar creative talent associated with the Art Institute throughout its last century is stunning in its breadth. The sculptor of Mount Rushmore, Gutzon Borglum, was a student. Diego Rivera created a mural at the school. Enrique Chagoya, Annie Liebowitz and the Grateful Dead's Jerry Garcia are just a few more of the notable artists who have left their mark on the Art Institute and our Nation.

Mr. Speaker, on March 16, 1996, the San Francisco Art Institute will host a gala celebration of its 125 years. A city-wide arts celebration will occur this month and next, as other San Francisco museums, galleries and art spaces pay tribute to the Institute on this landmark anniversary. On behalf of the United States Congress, I salute Art Institute President Ella King Torrey and all of the great contemporary artists and teachers who have contributed throughout the years to creating and building this legacy for our Nation. Let us all

join with the San Francisco Art Institute and continue to celebrate and support the arts and their prominent place in our society for years to come.

WASHINGTON POST EDITORIAL CRITICIZES SERBIAN RESTRICTIONS ON THE INFORMATION MEDIA AND GOVERNMENT CLOSING OF THE SOROS FOUNDATION

HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 19, 1996

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, just a few days ago, with my colleague from Nebraska, Mr. BEREUTER, I introduced House Resolution 378 deploring the recent actions by the government of Serbia restricting freedom of the press and freedom of expression and ending the legal authority of the Soros Foundation to continue its democracy-building and humanitarian activities in Serbia.

The Washington Post in an excellent editorial last week commented on the Serbian decision to close the Soros Foundation and the measures taken by the government against the independent information media. I commend this excellent editorial to my colleagues, and I ask that it be placed in the RECORD.

[From the Washington Post, Mar. 7, 1996]

SHUTTERING UP SERBIA

No task is more important in the former Yugoslavia than building a nongovernmental civil society to open up the ingrown local regimes. And in no place is this work more vital than Serbia, the dominant and pace-setting part of the broken-up country. Finally, in this activity no one plays a larger individual role than George Soros, who, as U.S. Information Agency chief Joseph Duffey puts it, does what the U.S. government would do if it had the money. In a score of formerly Communist countries, the billionaire speculator runs private foundations "to enable people to do things which are not centrally determined but autonomous and spontaneous." Except not in Serbia. Not anymore.

"Even as he offered himself internationally as a man who could bring peace to Bosnia, Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic was further consolidating his power at home. He has made a special target of the local Soros Foundation, which does scholarships, summer camps and toys for children, relief for Serb refugees, medical institutions, nongovernmental organizations, the independent works. The foundation has sustained Serbia's only independent media, including the newspaper Nasa Borba and television's Studio B. But after a campaign (400 articles and broadcasts) in the official media, Serb authorities hoked up a technicality to close the foundation down. Evidently Mr. Milosevic, heading toward elections, wants no opposition, democratic or otherwise—least of all an open society.

The other day, a week after Belgrade closed out the Soros project, the State Department called on President Milosevic to "reverse the trend of anti-democratic repressive measures." The question arises, however, whether Mr. Milosevic had not taken a contrary clue from the secretary of state's failure to receive the independent sector when he buzzed through Belgrade last month.

The Serb leader seems to be carefully weighing what his—undeniably considerable—contributions to ending the war will