

SALUTE TO ALL ISLAND HANDICAPPED SPORTS, INC. SLED HOCKEY TEAM

HON. PETER T. KING

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 22, 1996

Mr. KING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to salute a very special group of athletes, the All Island Handicapped Sports, Inc. sled hockey team. This outstanding collection of sportsmen has done themselves, and all of Long Island, proud, representing New York at the Wendy's International Sled Hockey Tournament in Hamilton, ON, Canada.

The team defeated Hamilton, 3 to 2, on a goal by Tony Fitzgerald, assisted by Larry Northorn, and two goals by Vic Calise with assists from Larry Northorn, Rich Northorn III, James Abatino, and Tony Fitzgerald.

Downing Kitchener/Elmvale, 3 to 1, the team was led by scorers Fitzgerald, Larry Northorn, Calise, and William Schwarz. Defeating a determined Chicago squad 4 to 2, the team reached the gold medal round against a very tough Kingston, Canada team.

Although downed 7 to 0 by Kingston, the New York team earned the tournament's silver medal. Throughout the tournament, the New York team got stellar goal tending from Ryan Bora, hard-hitting defense from Dr. Stephen Mordecai, William Schwarz, Chuck Albert, and Donald Saracen, and excellent line play from Joey Messing, Vito Giambruno, Zachary Lynn, Gregory Nelson, Anthony Donaroma, Jonathan Rotkin, and Mark Turan.

Every member of the team can be proud of earning the tourney's silver medal. As a fan of the Brooklyn Dodgers, I would like to offer the All Island Handicapped Sports team the following encouragement: wait 'til next year—I know you can bring home the gold.

NEW YORK SLED HOCKEY ROSTER

James Abatino #62, Chuck Albert #8, Ryan Borja #20, Victor Calise #9, Anthony Donaroma #3, Anthony Fitzgerald #22, Vito Giambruno #83, Zachary Lynn #1, and Dr. Stephen Martucci #2

Joseph Messina #52, Gregory Nelson #13, Lawrence Northorn #60, Richard Northorn III #14, Jonathan Rotkin #5, William Schwarz #16, Donald Sorokin #32, and Mark Turan #99.

IN RECOGNITION OF DOROTHY BARNES

HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 22, 1996

Mr. HALL of Texas. Mr. Speaker, one of the privileges that I have most enjoyed as a Member of the House of Representatives is the opportunity to offer assistance to the hundreds of veterans who reside in the Fourth District of Texas, and today I would like to recognize and pay tribute to someone who has devoted countless hours in this cause—Dorothy Bateman Barnes, whose exemplary service as the Van Zandt County Veterans Service Officer has earned her the respect and gratitude of those veterans who have called on her for help.

"Dottie" Barnes was appointed to the veterans post in August, 1984. A native of Wills

Point in Van Zandt County, she contributed to the war effort in the 1940's while working in the accounting office of North American Aviation. Years of Federal Government service followed, the last 7 with the Department of Defense. Her late husband, Maj. (Ret.) Matthew J. Barnes, was a veteran of World War II and the Korean war, and was wounded in the Korean war and left for dead but managed to escape. This ordeal gave Mrs. Barnes a heightened awareness of veterans' needs and an empathy for their plight.

Known for her dedication, professionalism, and long hours of service, Mrs. Barnes was presented the Outstanding Veterans Service Officer of the Year award for the Dallas Region in 1991, having been selected from 200 officers for the annual award. Commenting on the award, she stated, "My main purpose in life is serving the veterans of this county and anybody else who walks through my door." In addition, she was given a Distinguished Service Ward by the United States Marine Corps League and has received frequent commendations from the Van Zandt County Judges and Commissioners. The county's consultant on the Americans With Disabilities Act stated that Mrs. Barnes "may be one of the best veterans services officers in the country."

Veterans Service Officers routinely provide an array of assistance to veterans—including compensation and pension matters, hospitalization, insurance, transportation, education, G.I. home and farm loans, disability retirement, military records, and others. Mrs. Barnes provides all these services—and more. She works long hours and takes paperwork home with her at night in an effort to provide efficient service to those in need. She organized the first veterans' health screening clinic in the area, which continues to be an overwhelming success.

In addition to the long hours that she devotes to veterans, Mrs. Barnes somehow finds time for a number of other worthy causes. She is a member of both the Canton and Wills Point Chambers of Commerce, a member of the Business and Professional Women's Club, holds lifetime memberships in the Wills Point Historical Society, the Van Zandt County Genealogical Society, and the Van Zandt County Friends of the Library. She served as chairman of the Van Zandt County Historical Commission for a number of years, is the current vice-chairman, and was chairman of the county's Sesquicentennial Committee. She is also a certified nursing home ombudsman and is chairman of the Selective Service Board for the East Texas area.

In recognition of her outstanding service to the county, Mrs. Barnes was named Van Zandt County Citizens of the Year in 1987. She also received an Award of Achievement and Appreciation from the Wills Point Chamber of Commerce and was given an Award of Merit for Outstanding Achievements from the Genealogical Society.

Mr. Speaker, Van Zandt County is truly fortunate to have a veterans service officer with the depth of experience, compassion, and integrity that Mrs. Barnes brings to her job—and a citizen so devoted to community service. Dorothy Barnes embodies the highest ideals of both government service and civic responsibility, and she deserves our profound gratitude and respect. I ask my colleagues to join me today in paying tribute to this outstanding American.

TRIBUTE TO TEXAN WHO WILL OFFICIATE AT OLYMPICS

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 22, 1996

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in a tribute to a great citizen of Texas, Mr. Herbert Allen, Sr., who has been selected as one of the track officials for the Summer Olympics Games in Atlanta, this coming summer.

Mr. Allen is very deserving of this opportunity and responsibility. He has officiated the Texas State High School Track and Field Championships and the Texas Relays at the University of Texas at Austin for the past 6 years and served as referee of the State High School Track and Field Championships. He also officiated the Olympic Trials in 1992, the NCAA Track and Field Championships in 1992 and 1993, the Mobil Track and Field Championships from 1989 through 1995, the Youth National Track and Field Championships from 1992 through 1995, and the Junior Olympics Track and Field Championships last year.

Mr. Allen also coached at Klein High School, taking the Bearkats to the State final-four baseball tournament in Austin in 1983. He was the first African-American baseball coach to take a team to the Class 5A Final Four and was named the Houston Post High School Baseball Coach of the Year in 1983. Later that same year, Mr. Allen coached the North All-Stars to a 5-3 victory in the Astrodome in the Texas High School All-Star Baseball Game. In 1986, Mr. Allen was honored with induction into the Texas High School Coaches Hall of Honor.

Mr. Allen's job this summer will be on the field officiating the long jump and triple jump events, during the Olympic Games, July 22 through August 4. He will also work the Olympic Trials in June.

Congratulations to a great Texan, Herbert Allen, Sr.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY 1996: A DAY OF CELEBRATION AND DEDICATION

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 22, 1996

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, we are all looking forward to St. Patrick's Day festivities back home.

For me, the upcoming celebrations bring back memories of the wonderful friends I made in Ireland last year when I accompanied President Clinton on his historic visit to that beautiful country—and of the message they conveyed in their words and actions: We want peace.

For those of us involved with Irish issues, the recent setbacks brought true heartache. But that's why now, more than ever, the United States must stand firm in its commitment to help the Irish people win a lasting peace.

Perhaps our best opportunity to do this is by promoting opportunities for economic growth in Northern Ireland and the Republic. This will

be mutually beneficial, since one-third of all foreign business in the Republic is United States-owned.

We've already taken several steps toward that goal. President Clinton has appointed a Special Envoy for Economic Initiatives on Ireland, and the White House convened a conference on trade and investment in Ireland. This week I was proud to vote to continue funding for the International Fund for Ireland.

But I firmly believe we must do more. Along with my New York colleagues PETER KING and TOM MANTON, I have introduced H.R. 2844, the Ireland Economic Development Act. My bill would authorize the issuance of loan guarantees for economic development and job creation activities in the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland.

I think Dan O'Kennedy said it best: "Prosperity and peace go hand in hand—that's why the Irish American Unity Conference strongly supports H.R. 2844, the Ireland Economic Development Act."

I urge all my colleagues who are friends of Ireland to cosponsor H.R. 2844 before going home this St. Patrick's Day.

And every Member of this Congress should support the MacBride Principles, which I and 226 other Members of Congress cast our vote for earlier this week.

I authored the New York City MacBride Principles Contract Compliance Law, which made it illegal for the city of New York to award contracts to companies which discriminate against Catholic workers in Northern Ireland.

We should have a zero tolerance policy for discrimination: That's the statement we make when we vote for the MacBride Principles.

Last, but by no means least, my heart goes out to all the families still threatened with cruel separation by deportation proceedings. I am committed to continuing my work on this issue with members of the Ad Hoc Committee for Irish Affairs, and I urge my colleagues to get involved.

We all love taking part in the fun of St. Patrick's Day celebrations. But this year, as we put on our green shirts, we must all resolve to roll up our sleeves and do the hard work to help realize a bright and promising future for Ireland and her people.

LEGISLATION TO AMEND FOREIGN ASSISTANCE INTRODUCED

HON. BENJAMIN A. GILMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 22, 1996

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to introduce legislation which amends the Foreign Assistance Act [FAA] and the Arms Export Control Act [AECA] to make improvements to certain defense and security assistance provisions under those acts, to authorize the transfer of naval vessels to certain foreign countries, and for other purposes.

There are two titles to this bill. The first title—Defense and Security Assistance—is nearly identical to the text of title 31 of H.R. 1561, the American Overseas Interests Act, which the Committee on International Relations marked up and reported out during the first session of the 104th Congress.

Title I amends authorities under the FAA and the AECA to revise and consolidate secu-

rity assistance authorities, in particular by eliminating outdated policy and statutory language. In addition, this title moves provisions which have been carried on annual appropriations measures into permanent authorization law where they belong. In other words, title I of this bill fulfills the committee's responsibilities as an authorizing committee.

Title II of this bill—Transfer of Naval Vessels to Certain Foreign Countries—authorizes the transfer of 10 ships to the following countries: Egypt, 1; Mexico 2; New Zealand, 2; Portugal, 1; Taiwan, 4; and Thailand 1. Eight of these ships are being sold, one is being leased, and one is a grant transfer (Portugal).

Legislation authorizing the transfer of these naval vessels is required by section 7307(a) of title X (U.S.C.) which provides in part that "a naval vessel that is in excess of 3,000 tons or that is less than 20 years of age may not be disposed of to another nation (whether by sale, lease, grant, loan, barter, transfer, or otherwise) unless the disposition of that vessel is approved by law * * *". Each naval vessel proposed for transfer in this legislation displaces in excess of 3,000 tons and/or is less than 20 years of age.

The United States will incur no costs for the transfer of the naval vessels under this legislation. In addition to the revenue generated by the sale of eight of these ships, which amounts to over \$70 million, title II of this bill will also generate over \$500 million in revenue to the public treasury and private firms for repair, reactivation, services, and future ammunition sales.

I commend this bill to the Members of the House of Representatives and, in particular, to the Committee on International Relations.

NATUROPATHY ADVANCES IN PUERTO RICO

HON. BILL RICHARDSON

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 22, 1996

Mr. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to be able to advise my colleagues in the House that the Legislature and Governor of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico have committed themselves to provide legislation which would license and regulate the practice of naturopathy in Puerto Rico, and at the same time, assure to the citizens of Puerto Rico the freedom to be able to continue to select health-care practitioners of their choice. I commend the Legislature and the Governor of the Commonwealth for this commitment.

As Members of the House may already know, modern naturopathy was introduced into Puerto Rico in the 1950's. Subsequent thereto, traditional naturopathy began to be promoted earnestly in the 1960's. However, it was not until the 1970's that naturopathy began to flourish in the island paradise, largely as a result of the efforts of Dr. Carmen Martinez, Dr. Ivan Martinez, and Dr. Norman Gonzalez.

In the 1980's, the profession of naturopathy began to organize with the establishment in 1981, of the Puerto Rico Association of Naturopaths [PRAN]. In 1983, PRAN established a Self-Examining Board and Continued Education, and called for legislation to regulate the practice of naturopathy. The legislation was

opposed by certain groups wishing to limit economic competition and the legislation ultimately died. Another legislation effort was launched in 1985, but once again, the legislation died. Other aborted legislative efforts followed but each were unsuccessful. The current legislative effort, unfortunately, is facing strong opposition from the leadership of certain medical doctors in spite of 90-percent support from the citizens, including health-care practitioners, as reflected in a February, 1996, poll.

Late in 1995, the Puerto Rico Supreme Court, in a four-to-three decision, confirmed a lower court decision that held that naturopathy was a part of medicine and consequently, only a licensed medical doctor could practice naturopathy. This decision led to such an uproar throughout the Commonwealth that the legislature and Governor enacted a law which established a 1-year moratorium delaying the implementation of the decision of the Puerto Rico Supreme Court while enabling the legislature and Governor the opportunity to present and enact legislation to license and regulate the practice of naturopathy. This moratorium, which recognized and established the naturopathic profession as a different science, separate from conventional Naturopathic Associations which is composed of PRAN, the Puerto Rico Association of Naturologists, the Christian Federation of Naturopaths, and other supporting organizations.

In February of this year, Senate bill 1329 was introduced and hearings were expected shortly in both the Senate and House. The bill is a comprehensive bill designed to recognize and regulate the naturopathic profession in Puerto Rico who practice traditional naturopathy. The bill includes provisions to certify the competency of, and license, the existing naturopaths in Puerto Rico, which approximates 200 doctors. It also establishes a mechanism to examine and license future naturopaths who have successfully completed a comprehensive educational curriculum in naturopathy.

Unfortunately, legislation to extend, and possibly alter the existing moratorium, is now being considered by the Senate majority party leadership in response to lobbying from the leadership of certain medical doctors.

During the next several weeks, other colleagues and I will report further in the House regarding the progress of naturopathic legislation in Puerto Rico. We will also report on further developments in the naturopathic profession in Puerto Rico. Each of us warmly applauds those members of the Puerto Rico Legislature and the Governor who hold steadfast to their original commitment to the people of Puerto Rico to regulate the naturopathic profession.

TRIBUTE TO R. HUGH "PAT" UHLMANN

HON. KAREN MCCARTHY

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 22, 1996

Ms. MCCARTHY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a distinguished business and civic leader, R. Hugh "Pat" Uhlmann, who would have celebrated his 80th birthday Sunday, March 17. Born on St. Patrick's Day