

TRIBUTE TO THE JOHN RAAD  
POST NO. 438 OF THE AMERICAN  
LEGION

**HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 30, 1997*

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call to your attention the John Raad Post No. 438 of the American Legion as it celebrates its 50th anniversary.

The John Raad Post elected its first slate of officers on February 9, 1947 and was granted its American Legion charter No. 438, on December 7, 1947.

Since that time, the Post has been a tremendous resource to its members and to the community. As a former mayor and south Paterson native, I am aware firsthand of the contributions of the John Raad Post. It has been the center of civic and social activity in south Paterson for many years. The Post has been a place for veterans to congregate and for members of the community, including the variety of new immigrant groups who settled in Paterson, to use for social gatherings.

The members of the Post themselves have been active. Members of the Legion not only take care of veterans by visiting them in hospitals and sponsoring recreation activities, but they care for the community. They and their auxiliary sponsor boys and girls to participate in Boys' Town and Girls' Town. They give donations to charity and their concerns for the welfare of our children, Americanism and the world around them are evident.

The Post has 25 members who were original with the Post when it was first conceived 50 years ago.

Mr. Speaker, I therefore ask that you join me, our colleagues, the members of the John Raad Post, and members of the entire community, as we recognize the invaluable services of this American Legion Post on its 50th anniversary.

TRIBUTE TO WILLIAM MORTIMER

**HON. ROBERT A. WEYGAND**

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 30, 1997*

Mr. WEYGAND. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to pay tribute to an exceptional young man, Mr. P. William Mortimer, who has devoted much hard earned effort to achieving the Boy Scout's highest rank of Eagle Scout. This award reflects great initiative, determination and hard work.

Bill currently serves as junior assistant Scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop 7 of Warwick, RI. By coordinating a horticulture project at Meadowbrook Terrace, a senior citizen retirement community, Bill demonstrated organizational and leadership abilities that have enabled him to achieve his goal of becoming an Eagle Scout. He not only oversaw the entire cultivation process of planting beautiful flowers for the senior community, but he also managed more than 30 other Boy Scouts and parents during the day of planting. His efforts to improve the quality of life for others should be commended.

The 16-year-old son of Paul and Mary Ellen Mortimer and a 1996 recipient of the Who's

Who in American High Schools, Bill resides in Warwick, RI, where he is a student at Warwick Veterans Memorial High School. I am sure his parents are extremely proud of their son's numerous awards and achievements. As an active member of the Warwick Police Department's cadets program, Bill will continue to serve the public to pursue his dream of working for the FBI.

I have confidence that the Boy Scouts have prepared him to face life's challenges with great determination and character. Bill is an example of the best of America's youth, those dedicated to improving life in their community and who strive to reach their highest potential. On behalf of the people of Rhode Island, I would like to thank Bill for his service to the community and wish him great success in the future.

TRIBUTE TO HARRY "SKIP"  
GOULD

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Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call to your attention Harry "Skip" Gould of Nutley, NJ who is being presented this evening with the 1997 Dr. Virginius D. Mattia Service Award in recognition of his 36 years of community service to the Township of Nutley.

Skip serves the community in a volunteer capacity and remains an active member of the Nutley Volunteer Emergency and Rescue Squad. Considering the average volunteer emergency medical technicians active participation is between 4 to 6 years, Skip's dedication is truly outstanding and noteworthy.

Throughout his 36 years of service, Skip has compiled an impressive record. His volunteer hours are estimated to be over 75,000 and he has answered well over 5,100 calls for assistance. He has devoted thousands of hours to receiving training and providing training to other members. Skip has served eight terms as captain of the Nutley Volunteer Emergency and Rescue Squad and two terms as its president.

In addition, Skip is also the mechanic who ensures that when someone needs emergency medical care, the ambulances and equipment are functioning at peak performance. All vehicles and equipment are maintained at the squad's headquarters by Skip, which eliminates a very substantial cost to the squad. He also leads the squad in the maintenance of the headquarter's building.

Skip is looked upon throughout the State of New Jersey as a volunteer EMT [Emergency Medical Technician] with significant expertise in the emergency medical field. His vast knowledge has enabled new volunteers to learn from him and to develop their skills under his direction. He demands excellence in everything he does and the squad's ability to render the best possible care to the community is a direct result of his leadership.

Mr. Speaker, I would like for you to join me, our colleagues, Skip's family and friends, and the Township of Nutley in recognizing the 36 years of outstanding dedication and leadership of Harry "Skip" Gould to the community.

TRIBUTE TO ATIM ENEIDA  
GEORGE OGUNBA

**HON. SOLOMON P. ORTIZ**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 30, 1997*

Mr. ORTIZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend a talented and committed public servant, Atim Eneida George Ogunba, the principal officer of the United States Consulate in Matamoros, Mexico, the sister city of Brownsville, TX, on the international border.

Consul Ogunba was made principal officer in Matamoros in 1994 and has proven herself an outstanding diplomat in the south Texas-Northern Mexico region. She is a wealth of information to area business people and tourists who wish to come to the United States.

My office has numerous dealings with the consulate on a weekly basis. Any time we have asked Consul Ogunba for assistance, she has always been willing to go the extra mile and help. She is an eloquent advocate for the Consulate and has developed a reputation in the State Department, south Texas, and Northern Mexico for fairness, a valuable attribute for a diplomat.

Consul Ogunba was an enormous help to me in 1995, when the U.S. Consulate in Matamoros was targeted for closure by the budget cutters at the State Department and in Congress. She worked closely with me on this issue, and we were ultimately successful in persuading the State Department to remove the U.S. Consulate in Matamoros from their list of recommended closures.

Ms. Ogunba joined the U.S. Foreign Service in 1982, serving in Tijuana, Mexico, the Dominican Republic, Washington, DC, Nicaragua, and Costa Rica. She is a highly decorated consul officer. She was honored with the Harriman Award for her "extraordinary contributions to the practice of diplomacy, intellectual courage and a wazzu zeal for creative accomplishment" in 1994. That same year, she won a State Department Meritorious Honor Award for her service in Costa Rica.

As a result of her efforts to spare the consulate in Matamoros from closure, in 1996 she was recognized with the State Department Superior Honor Award for "creative and inspired leadership as Principal Officer in Matamoros during a difficult period when post faced prospect of closing."

Her next posting will be South Africa, an experience which will be both challenging and rewarding for her. She studied Africa extensively, both in Nairobi, Kenya, and at Rutgers University here in the United States. I ask my colleagues to join me in offering her best wishes and thanks for outstanding public service.

TRIBUTE TO CARLOS A. NEYRA  
ESTENS

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Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call to your attention Dr. Carlos A. Neyra Estens, associate professor in the department of plant sciences at Cook College, Rutgers University.

Dr. Estens was recently awarded two patents for the discovery of a novel *Bacillus licheniformis* strain that produces a lipopeptide antibiotic which is effective against fungal pathogens that affect corn, turfgrasses and vegetable crops.

In addition, Dr. Estens was a key speaker at the "NATO Advanced Workshop on Azospirillum and Related Bacteria" in Sarvar, Hungary, the "Mediterranean Colloquium on Protected Cultivation" in Agadir, Morocco, and more than 100 symposiums and international conferences. He has written three books and over 100 articles in scientific publications. Dr. Estens is also a consultant for the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the National Academy of Sciences and other organizations.

Dr. Estens was born on October 4, 1940 and earned his bachelor of science in agronomy at the University of Tucuman, Argentina in 1965. He earned his Ph.D. in biology at the University of Illinois in 1974. Dr. Estens' post-doctoral fellowship was conducted at EMBRAPA, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil with Dr. Johanna Dobereiner, sponsored by the Brazilian Research Council/USA National Academy of Sciences.

For over 30 years, Dr. Estens has taught at numerous universities including the Universidad Nacional de Tucuman (Argentina), the Universidad Agraria, La Molina (Lima, Peru), the Universidad Rural de Rio de Janeiro (Brazil), the University of Chihuahua (Mexico). Since 1977, Rutgers University has been fortunate to benefit from his vast experience.

In addition to his involvement in the scientific community, Dr. Estens has been very active in the Peruvian community. He served as past president of the Union Peruvian Lions Club and was recently honored by this fine organization. Dr. Estens has been a role model and great praise must be extended for all his worthy achievements.

Mr. Speaker, I would like for you to join me, our colleagues, Dr. Estens' family and friends, and the scientific community in recognizing the outstanding and invaluable lifelong contributions Dr. Carlos A. Neyra Estens has made to plant biology and to our society.

#### A TRIBUTE TO NICHOLAS VECCHIO: ORANGE-WEST ORANGE UNICO MAN OF THE YEAR

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Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to bring to your attention Nicholas Vecchio of West Orange, NJ who is being honored by the Orange-West Orange Chapter of UNICO as their Man of the Year.

A member in good standing of the Orange-West Orange Chapter for more than 23 years, Nick has faithfully served UNICO as treasurer, vice-president and president, 1979-80. He has also served as a delegate to UNICO's national convention for 9 years and was a member of the board of directors of district XI, New Jersey as many years.

His personal successes have been followed by tremendous generosity. Nick has donated Toys for UNICO; is a major contributor to the Orange-West Orange Sports Breakfast; is a frequent contributor to the Sisters of St. Lucy

Filippini Mother House, Villa Walsh, Morristown; and is a supporter of A.C.T. Now, Abolish Cancer Today, affiliate of Memorial-Sloan Kettering Service Center.

Through his outstanding and invaluable contributions, Nick has aided many people, using his personal funds to assist them in their time of need. He has been and still is instrumental in raising thousands of dollars for various organizations where he is a member, among them: the Pack 3 Boy Scouts of America, the West Orange American Cancer Society, and the West Orange Cerebral Palsy Campaign.

Nick is happily married for 45 years to Camille, and is the proud father of five children: Beth, Andrea, Lisa, Camille, and Anthony. He is also the proud grandfather of nine grandchildren. Nick is a graduate of Rutgers University and attended Rutgers Law School. Currently he serves as a member of Rutgers' Committee on Academic Excellence.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me, our colleagues, Nick's family and friends, and the members of the Orange-West Orange Chapter of UNICO in recognizing the exceptional dedication and service to the community of Nicholas Vecchio, Orange-West Orange UNICO's Man of the Year.

#### TRIBUTE TO ADOLPH J. GALLUCCIO

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Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call to your attention the deeds of one of my closest friends, Adolph J. Galluccio of Wyckoff, NJ. Adolph is being honored tonight as Man of the Year by the House of Compassion. It is only fitting that the House of Compassion honor Adolph, for he epitomizes caring and generosity of spirit.

He was born and raised in Paterson and still considers it home. Adolph practices law in Paterson, is involved in charitable organizations in Paterson, and he has given his heart and soul to Paterson.

Adolph continually touches the lives of others. Whether he is performing stand-up comedy to benefit charity or giving turkeys he personally buys for the needy, Adolph unceasingly and enthusiastically keeps giving to his community.

Adolph has been a parishioner of Blessed Sacrament R.C. Church in Paterson for more than 40 years. He has been a member on the original board of directors for Eva's Kitchen and has served on the board of trustees for Paterson Catholic High School.

Professionally, Adolph Galluccio is well-respected as one of the best criminal attorneys in New Jersey. He graduated from Seton Hall Law School in 1964 and received the Bureau of National Affairs award. He is admitted to the New Jersey, U.S. District, and U.S. Supreme Court.

Adolph continues to emphasize the importance of education and serves as a resource for the next generation. He is a regular Career Day speaker and occasional guest lecturer at both Paterson Catholic High School and Ramapo High School.

Adolph and his wife Dorothy have four children, Michael, Terry Lynne, Karen, and Mark, and seven grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me, our colleagues, Adolph's family and friends in recognizing the outstanding and invaluable service to the community of Adolph J. Galluccio.

#### THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PREPARATORY CENTER FOR THE ARTS AT MONTCLAIR STATE UNIVERSITY

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Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to bring to your attention the momentous occasion of the 20th anniversary of the Preparatory Center for the Arts at Montclair State University. This occasion will be celebrated on Saturday, May 3, 1997 with a concert showcasing the winning compositions from the Music Division Composition contest in which some 250 scores from composers in seven countries were entered.

In 1976, Dr. Ruth Rendleman, professor of music at Montclair State University, was the driving force behind what was then called the Music Preparatory Division. The division was created by the Department of Music to seek out, encourage, and develop the talents of qualified music students of all ages from the State of New Jersey and adjacent areas.

The Preparatory Division officially opened its doors in September 1976, with an enrollment of 54 students. It offered courses in private instrumental instruction, class piano, music theory, and chamber ensembles. Today, the Music Preparatory Division has evolved into the Preparatory Center for the Arts. Three hundred and twenty students participate in similar music courses as those offered 20 years ago, and can also be involved in large ensembles such as orchestra and choir. They can also take classes in jazz, dalcroze and eurythmics, traditional and electronic music composition, and introductory music history.

In addition to its curriculum, the Preparatory Center for the Arts now offers classes in ballet and tap dancing. It further has inaugurated its Theatre Kids program of drama classes for children, ages 5 through 10.

The scholarship program, for which students and faculty perform a few benefit performances each year, allows Montclair State University to offer both talent- and need-based scholarships to many deserving students. This year, the center will be hosting their fifth summer music camp at the New Jersey School of Conservation at Stokes Forest. This camp is a 2-week extension of the 30-week academic year program in which students from various parts of the country can come to study music and the environment. The Preparatory Center clearly has come a long way since its inception.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me, our colleagues, the students and faculty of the Preparatory Center for the Arts, and all of Montclair State University in recognizing the outstanding and invaluable service to musical development Montclair State University has made on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of the Preparatory Center for the Arts at Montclair State University.