

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

SPEECH OF

**HON. PHILIP M. CRANE**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 25, 1997*

Mr. CRANE. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 235, on agreeing to the Rohrabacher amendment, had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

ON CHAD CHARLES EDWARD SMITH'S ATTAINMENT OF EAGLE SCOUT

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 26, 1997*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Chad Smith of Bay Village, OH, who will be honored this weekend for his attainment of Eagle Scout.

The attainment of Eagle Scout is a high and rare honor requiring years of dedication to self-improvement, hard work, and the community. Each Eagle Scout must earn 21 merit badges, 12 of which are required, including badges in: lifesaving; first aid; citizenship in the community; citizenship in the nation; citizenship in the world; personal management of time and money; family life; environmental science; and camping.

In addition to acquiring and proving proficiency in those and other skills, an Eagle Scout must hold leadership positions within the troop where he learns to earn the respect and hear the criticism of those he leads.

The Eagle Scout must live by the Scouting Law, which holds that he must be: trustworthy, loyal, brave, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, clean, and reverent.

And the Eagle Scout must complete an Eagle project, which he must plan, finance, and evaluate on his own. It is no wonder that only 2 percent of all boys entering Scouting achieve this rank.

My fellow colleagues, let us recognize and praise Chad for his achievement.

## UKRAINIAN CONSTITUTION

**HON. BOB SCHAFFER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 26, 1997*

Mr. BOB SCHAFFER of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, today is an important day to Americans of Ukrainian descent, supporters of Ukrainian democracy, and of course, to the Ukrainian people themselves. Today is the first anniversary of the Ukrainian constitution.

Ukraine was one of the 15 republics that declared independence from the former U.S.S.R. After generations of soviet occupation, the people of Ukraine threw off the yoke of bondage and moved an entire nation closer and closer to free-markets and democratic rule.

Like our own Constitution, the Ukrainian constitution is the pillar of law in the country. Its objective is the fulfillment of individual freedom, liberty, and government of the people.

Americans can be proud of Ukraine today, for the role Americans played in Ukrainian independence is significant. Our democracy is one of the most durable in the world. Our Constitution is clearly one of the strongest, and it has inspired more than Americans united in citizenship. It has indeed inspired freedom seekers throughout the world to choose liberty over bondage—to risk their very lives for the prospect of their children's freedom.

The adoption of the Ukrainian constitution on June 28, 1996 was one of the most significant events in Ukraine since its declaration of independence. The Ukrainian constitution is in fact more than a government document, it is a symbol of great progress and hope for all of eastern Europe, in fact for all of the world.

The Ukrainian constitution is proof again that freedom works—that a democratic movement can spring from the midst of totalitarian occupation. The Ukrainian constitution is proof that the captive can become leaders, and the oppressed can build prosperity. The Ukrainian constitution drives the stake of freedom even deeper into the heart of communism, and further dashes the hopes of the radical left, that they might one day reoccupy Ukraine.

Mr. Speaker, the American people should know that in celebration of the first anniversary of the Ukrainian constitution, that Ukrainian officials here in Washington are invoking the name of our first president George Washington. Tonight, His Excellency Yuri Scherbak, Ambassador of Ukraine will be speaking at a special commemoration. At that ceremony, he will open and dedicate the George Washington Memorial Room in the Embassy of Ukraine. The dedication is offered as a gift to the city of Washington and to the American people.

The gesture is also a sign of the strong friendship and partnership between the American people and the people of Ukraine. George Washington, the Father of the American Constitution, the General, the Commander of the Revolution, War, the President, only dreamed of days like these when democracies around the world rise from the clutches of tyranny, just as Washington led Americans to do, 221 years ago, next week.

Ambassador Shcherbak, on today's observance, said, "Today we have to create a new, completely new legal system of independent Ukraine, which main ideology should be the superiority of human rights and international law; implementation of rule of law; absolute respect to private property and its effective protection; orientation to Western legal standards; as well as integration into the Western political, legal and economic space."

Mr. Speaker, as an American of Ukrainian ancestry, I am very proud to celebrate this day with the people of Ukraine. The fall of communism in Eastern Europe is a tribute to the power of free people. In this regard America is proud to stand shoulder to shoulder with Ukraine to keep the torch of freedom burning bright.

Indeed we should heed the words of General Washington especially this day, "Let us therefore animate and encourage each other, and show the whole world that a Freeman, contending for liberty on his own ground, is superior to any slavish mercenary on earth."—George Washington, July 2, 1776.

May the people of Ukraine enjoy the continued blessings of liberty. May God abundantly bless Ukraine and her people with prosperity

and health. May Ukraine long serve as a haven for democracy and an example of courage.

Congratulations to the people of Ukraine on the anniversary of your constitution.

TRIBUTE TO ELIZA SIXKILLER PADGETT

**HON. STEVE LARGENT**

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 26, 1997*

Mr. LARGENT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Eliza Sixkiller Padgett as a full-blood Cherokee Indian. Eliza Sixkiller Padgett was the daughter of Jacob Sixkiller and Winnie Walkingstick Sixkiller, both full-blood Cherokee Indians. Her five brothers and sisters are listed on the roll of the Cherokee Nation as full-blood members. I would like to honor and recognize Eliza Sixkiller Padgett as a full-blood member of the Cherokee Nation.

HONORING EUGENE L. MCCABE, PRESIDENT AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, NORTH GENERAL HOSPITAL

**HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 26, 1997*

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Eugene L. McCabe, a dedicated advocate of social and economic empowerment.

During his tenure as president and chief executive officer of North General Hospital in Harlem, the hospital became a model for primary health care and community development initiatives. A unique aspect of this model is an integrated computer network and innovative financing which Mr. McCabe played a key role in marketing this future delivery system concept.

Prior to joining North General, Mr. McCabe was affiliated with Deleuw Cather/Parsons and Associates. As the firm's regional director, Mr. McCabe directed the agency's New York staff in activities to launch a \$2 billion rail transportation joint venture involving seven private firms. Mr. McCabe has over 20 years of experience in management consulting including Booz, Allen & Hamilton, Inc., an international consulting firm.

Mr. McCabe's board memberships and community affiliations parallel his commitment to economic and social progress. He is vice chairman of the Apollo Theater Foundation, the operating entity for the world famous Apollo Theater, vice chairman of the Manhattan Empowerment Zone Development Corporation, member of the Harlem Business Alliance, the National Executive Service Corps [NESC], and other organizations involved in rebuilding the community.

As a Member of Congress, I salute Mr. McCabe as a shining beacon of hope for the community. His tireless efforts have blazed a path for many to follow.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in saluting Mr. Eugene L. McCabe for his outstanding contributions to the community and to the nation.

## HONORING BOB LENT

**HON. DALE E. KILDEE**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 26, 1997*

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to rise before you today to pay tribute to a loyal friend and tireless advocate of America's working class citizens. On June 29, 1997, members and friends of the United Automobile, Aerospace, and Agricultural Implement Workers of America will honor Mr. Bob Lent, as he retires from his position as director of Michigan UAW's region 1 after many dedicated years of service.

It is nearly impossible to imagine the State of Michigan's labor movement without the benefit of the wisdom and leadership of Bob Lent. His is a career that has spanned half a century measured by time, but several lifetimes based on those individuals throughout the State, the country, and the world, who have come into contact with Bob.

Bob Lent's career began in 1949, when at the age of 19 he was hired by Dodge Motor Co. as a spray painter. He later left Dodge for the U.S. Army, serving as a paratrooper from 1951 to 1953. Upon his return to civilian life, Bob found employment with Chrysler and reestablished his association with the UAW. As a member of Local 869, Bob served in a number of capacities, including alternate chief steward, trustee chairman, vice president, and a 4-year tenure as president. Bob was appointed as education representative of region 1B in 1972, and became assistant director in 1982. When region 1 and region 1B merged to form a larger, stronger region 1 in 1983, Bob was elected director, the position he has held to this day.

In addition to his illustrious career with the UAW, Bob has also developed a high degree of respect in the political, educational, and civic arenas as well. He has been a precinct delegate, and serves on Labor Advisory committees at Oakland University in Rochester and Wayne State University in Detroit. He is a life member of the NAACP, serves on the board of directors of the United Way of Pontiac-Oakland County, and the Detroit Area United Foundation.

Mr. Speaker, we in the great State of Michigan are more than proud of our reputation as the automotive capital of the world, having recently celebrated the 100th anniversary of the automobile. Just as we are proud of the product, we are proud and grateful for the men and women who day in and day out work to provide these quality products and bolster our pride. Bob Lent is one of those people. I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing Bob, his wife Earline, and their son, Steven all the best.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION FOR  
JUNE 20, 1997**HON. GEORGE R. NETHERCUTT, JR.**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 26, 1997*

Mr. NETHERCUTT. Mr. Speaker, due to prior commitments in my district, I was unable to vote on rollcall votes 219 through 224. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on

votes 219 and 220, "nay" on vote 221, and "aye" on rollcall votes 222, 223, and 224.

IN MEMORY OF THE VERY REV.  
STEPHEN HANKAVICH**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 26, 1997*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the memory of the Very Rev. Hankavich who was the pastor of St. Vladimir Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral in Parma, OH for 37 years.

Very Rev. Hankavich graduated from St. Andrew Ukrainian Orthodox Seminary in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada and was ordained in 1950. Hew was first assigned as pastor of Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ukrainian Orthodox Church in North Hampton, PA, where he remained until his transfer to St. Vladimir 10 years later. He also served as dean of the Penn-Ohio Deanery of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church.

He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Anne; daughters, Mary Ann O'Neill, of Baltimore and Donna Kominko of Independence; five grandchildren; and a brother. His lifetime of accomplishments are evident in his loving family, his parish and the community as a whole. He will be greatly missed by the parishioners of St. Vladimir and by all who knew him.

THE INTRODUCTION OF THE COMMON  
SENSE CAMPAIGN RE-  
FORMS OF 1997**HON. BOB GOODLATTE**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 26, 1997*

Mr. GOODLATTE. Mr. Speaker, when I arrived in this House back in 1993, I was amazed at how desperately Congress was in need of fundamental reform. While we've come a long way since then, we still have a long way to go. Today, I am continuing the effort I began in 1993 to bring fundamental changes to the way our Federal Government operates by introducing a package of five bills to reform our flawed Federal election laws. These bills have been developed in cooperation with renowned political analyst Larry Sabato, professor of government at the University of Virginia and the coauthor of "Dirty Little Secrets," a brilliant yet scathing indictment of our political system and a blueprint for how we can make the changes that are needed to restore the public's faith in its system of government.

The five bills are as follows: The first would make it illegal to receive or solicit political contributions in the White House, Camp David, or any other official residence or retreat of the President or Vice President. This would address the ambiguity in current law that has led to the controversy surrounding the current administration. The second bill would clarify that House Members cannot pay their congressional staff to work on their reelection campaigns while also on the congressional payroll. The third bill would require the electronic filing of Federal Election Commission reports and

expedite the reporting of large contributions to principal campaign committees. The fourth bill would address the problem of push-polling, a practice by which unnamed persons conduct smear campaigns against opponents by providing misleading or false information while conducting a telephone poll. The bill would require the person or group supporting the push poll to identify themselves if the poll uses a sample of over 1,200 people and is conducted during the final 10 days of a campaign.

Finally, the fifth bill would make a number of changes to improve and remove flaws from the motor-voter law enacted in 1993. The bill would require proof of citizenship and/or a Social Security number to register for Federal elections. It would also allow for the removal of certain registrants from the official list of eligible voters. It also permits States to require individuals to produce a photo ID in order to vote in a Federal election. The bill also repeals the provisions of the Voter Registration Act of 1993 that mandate registration by mail. The bill would require a registrant's signature at the time of voting which, if necessary, could eventually be compared to the signature on the registration card. Finally, the bill would repeal the provisions of the act that allows individuals who have recently moved within a county or district to vote at the voting location of either the new or former address.

These bills face an uphill fight in the Congress. But, I believe they represent good ideas which bring real reform to a Federal Government that often remains out of touch and unaccountable to the American families and businesses that we are supposed to be representing. Thank you.

HONORING ILLINOIS LAW EN-  
FORCEMENT MEDAL RECIPIENTS**HON. J. DENNIS HASTERT**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 26, 1997*

Mr. HASTERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the recent recipients of the Illinois Law Enforcement Medal of Honor, for bravery and performance above and beyond the call of duty.

I want to particularly commend one of the recipients of that honor from Illinois Governor, Jim Edgar, an officer from my district, Officer Kevin Bretz of the Batavia, IL, Police Department.

Mr. Speaker, on February 3, 1996, Officer Bretz was involved in the pursuit of a suspect who was attempting to flee in his car. While on foot on the grounds of the Kane County Correctional Complex, Officer Bretz put himself in danger by pulling another officer, Officer Jeff Burton of the Geneva, IL, Police, to safety and out of the path of the oncoming suspect's vehicle. The suspect was arrested a short time later, and has since been sentenced to 12 years in prison, and has reportedly admitted that he would have struck Officer Burton with his car had Officer Bretz not been there to pull Burton to safety.

For his heroic actions on that day, and for putting himself at risk to save a fellow officer, Officer Kevin Bretz deserves to be commended for his actions. I applaud Governor Edgar for his selection of Officer Bretz for the Illinois Law Enforcement Medal of Honor, and