

TRIBUTE TO SALVATORE MILONE

HON. PETER T. KING

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 31, 1997

Mr. KING. Mr. Speaker, Long Island lost one of its most distinguished citizens recently with the passing of Salvatore Milone. Mr. Milone, who I knew personally and with whom I had the privilege of working, was a leading contractor in the Islandwide community. His company, which his father, an Italian immigrant, founded in 1899, was responsible for the construction of the St. Agnes Cathedral, the seat of Catholicism on Long Island. In addition, Dominick Milone Inc. built many of his buildings at Mercy Hospital and at Molloy College, both located in Sal Milone's native Rockville Centre.

As the head of the family business, Salvatore Milone was a pioneering figure but to the community at large he was much more. Mr. Milone was a long time member of the fire department and the Knights of Columbus. Until recently he was a prominent figure in Republican politics, serving as his village's Republican leader as well as vice chairman and treasurer of the Nassau County Republican Committee.

As a leading Long Island businessman, Mr. Milone was asked to serve as a board member of the Chemical Bank and the Nassau Savings and Loan Association. In addition he was a former chairman of the board of Molloy College.

Because of his service to his church, Salvatore Milone was installed as a member of the Knights of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem, one of the highest honors accorded a Catholic layman. Bishop John McGann, spiritual leader of the Rockville Centre Catholic Diocese, said the Mass of Christian burial for Mr. Milone and John Cardinal O'Connor participated in the service as well. Fittingly, the Mass took place in St. Agnes Cathedral for it was in this beautiful edifice that Mr. Milone married his first wife in the first marriage ceremony upon completion of the cathedral. Margaret Milone died in 1966 and Mr. Milone remarried 3 years later.

Sal Milone, who was just days shy of his 90th birthday, leaves his wife, Maria; a son, Dr. Richard Milone; a daughter, Elissa Metz; three sisters, Caroline, Vera, and Grace; two brothers, Louis and John, and five grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, nothing is more impressive than a life well lived and Sal Milone's certainly meets that test. His charitable impulses, his civic leadership, his business acumen and—most important of all—his dedication to family make him one of the most noteworthy citizens of our Long Island. It is fitting that the rest of America know him as well.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 2015,
BALANCED BUDGET ACT OF 1997

SPEECH OF

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 30, 1997

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, as a longtime proponent and sponsor of

colorectal cancer screening legislation, I am particularly pleased that the House and Senate conferees have reached an agreement to authorize Medicare coverage of colorectal cancer screening as part of the preventative benefits package in the reconciliation bill before the Congress today.

Passage of this legislation is not, however, the final step in establishing comprehensive colorectal cancer screening for Medicare recipients. The legislation requires the Department of Health and Human Services to determine, within 90 days, whether the barium determination is an appropriate alternative to procedures covered by the bill. Once this determination is made, the initial Medicare Program for colorectal cancer screening will be fully established.

I hope and expect that in making the determination with regard to coverage of the barium examination, the Secretary of HHS will consider the particular screening needs of African-Americans. Although colorectal cancer screening is an important preventative care procedure for all Medicare recipients, it is a particularly important screening procedure for African-Americans who suffer a disparate impact from this disease.

One statistic that has often been cited in the debate on colorectal cancer bears repeating: African-Americans who get colorectal cancer are 50 percent more likely to die of the disease than other Americans. There are a number of reasons for this statistic, but it is, at least, in part because African-Americans tend to get colon cancer in the portion of the colon beyond the reach of the sigmoidoscope. This means that the most common screening procedure for colorectal cancer, sigmoidoscopy, is inadequate for these elderly Americans, and a full colon screening procedure is required.

Mr. Speaker, I once again commend the conferees for developing this colorectal cancer screening provision. This provision has the potential to save thousands of lives that would otherwise be lost to colorectal cancer, and to improve the quality of life for those whose colorectal cancer is detected early in a routine screening. I am proud to have been involved in developing this legislation, and for being part of the Congress that saw its enactment.

IN HONOR OF MARY EMERSON ON
HER 100TH BIRTHDAY**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 31, 1997

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Mary Emerson on her birthday, September 3, 1997. At 100 years young, Mary continues to live a fulfilling and happy life. She has prospered in her professional career as well as in her personal life.

Mary is a joy to be around. She is loved by her family and many friends in the community. My fellow colleagues, please join me in wishing a great lady a very happy birthday and many more delightful years to come.

TRIBUTE TO DR. RICHARD
LESHER, U.S. CHAMBER OF COM-
MERCE**HON. CONSTANCE A. MORELLA**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take some time today to pay tribute to a man of great integrity and fortitude. For over 22 years, Dr. Richard Leshner has been at the helm of the largest business advocacy group in the Nation, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. Since the chamber was founded in 1912 at the request of William Taft, its motto has been "The Spirit of Enterprise." No person deserves more credit in promoting that ideal than Dr. Leshner.

Dick Leshner has not only continued the chamber's longstanding tradition of being a distinguished advocacy group but has also made the chamber a distinguished media group. During his tenure, he established the chamber's grassroots network which helps American business be more aware of and involved in the issues we debate here in Congress. Dr. Leshner supervised the creation of BizNet, the chamber's telecommunications network, which syndicates television shows like "It's Your Business" and "First Business" to one million homes each week. He also oversaw the rapid growth of the chamber's flagship publication, Nation's Business magazine which now has a readership of more than two and half million readers a month.

From Capitol Hill to main street America, Dick has been a constant source of inspiration and advice. His knowledge of issues and his keen ability to navigate Washington has earned him the respect of Members from both sides of the aisle. We appreciate Dick's hard work, commitment, and contribution to America's political process.

It is an honor to count Dick and Agnes Leshner among my constituents and my friends. We wish them all the best for the future.

TRIBUTE TO DR. RICHARD LESHER

HON. MICHAEL P. FORBES

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FORBES. Mr. Speaker, next month the American business community will lose a potent and proactive leader as Dr. Richard Leshner, steps down as president of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. Since 1975 Dr. Leshner has presided over the day-to-day activities of the world's largest broad-based business organization, and its dramatic growth into a powerful voice for American businesses and organizations in Washington and around the world.

After more than 20 years with Dr. Leshner at the helm, the chamber's membership has grown to 215,000 business members, 3000 State and local chambers of commerce and 1,200 trade and professional associations. Membership also includes 72 American Chambers of Commerce abroad in 65 countries. Since Dr. Leshner became president, the chamber's annual budget has risen from \$40 million to over \$70 million.

Dick Leshner's energy and vision has transformed the direction and thinking of the chamber leading to the creation of the most advanced and effective communications network of any business organization. With television facilities producing daily and weekly syndicated business programming, satellite training seminars and televised town-hall meetings. Her chartered the National Chamber Litigation Center, a public policy legal arm, that widely represents business interest in the Federal courts with great success. And, he created an extensive pro-business, proactive and powerful grassroots legislative-action network throughout the country to track, rank and hold Members of Congress accountable for their voting record on business issues. Dr. Leshner's accomplishments were honored in March 1994 when association Trends presented him with their Executive of the Year Award for " * * * the dynamic leadership that he has brought in sharpening the focus of the chamber and broadening its activities."

Dr. Leshner has been a great leader and a forceful spokesman for business and I urge my colleagues to join with me in congratulating Dr. Leshner for his years of service and wishing him a long, happy, and healthy retirement.

A TRIBUTE TO MRS. RUTH LYNCH

HON. GERALD B.H. SOLOMON

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to a great woman. I call her great because she has always known the value of giving back to the community by using her artistic ability for the betterment of others. The woman of whom I am speaking is Mrs. Cornelius (Ruth) Lynch, a resident of South Glens Falls, NY. Mrs. Lynch will be honored by the Historical Society of Moreau and South Glens Falls for her 80 years as an artist on August 17, 1997.

Mr. Speaker, Mrs. Lynch was born in Indiana, but spent her early years in Florida. While in Florida, Mrs. Lynch received her artistic training at the Miami Art School. She later studied at the Hyde Museum under Joseph Dodge and Frank Murone where she further developed her artistic abilities. Mrs. Lynch distinguished herself as an animator for the Fleicher Studios completing work on such full length films as, "Gulliver's Travels" and "Mr. Bugs Goes to Town," not to mention work on famous cartoons like Popeye and Betty Boop. But Mr. Speaker, although any other artist would have been satisfied with these accomplishments, Mrs. Lynch has continually sought to use her artistic inclination to help others while avoiding the spotlight herself.

Mr. Speaker, it is this side of Mrs. Lynch that makes her so special to the South Glens Falls community. Her benevolent record began during World War II, where she helped to produce training films for the Army Signal Corps Photographic Center on Long Island. Mrs. Lynch was only too happy to do her part in this noble effort. After her marriage to Cornelius Lynch, Ruth moved to New York and continued her good work. Her work for the community extended to numerous areas, whether it be designing Christmas cards for

UNICEF, or teaching schoolchildren the art of cartooning through the ATTIC [Art Techniques To Inspire Children] program, Mrs. Lynch has always given her time, talents, and energies in a selfless manner.

Actions like these are what makes Mrs. Ruth Lynch a pillar of the South Glens Falls community. Mrs. Lynch, who remains an active member of the Historical Society of Moreau and South Glens Falls, is indeed a model we would all do well to emulate. An example of one who helped others, and whose artwork brought enjoyment to many, I wish to personally offer my congratulations to this great American. On that note, Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and all Members of this House rise and join me in this tribute to Mrs. Lynch.

HONORING THE BRONX

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 31, 1997

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, today I rise not to praise a person, but rather the spirit of a group of people—the residents of the Bronx.

My borough, where I was born, live and which I am proud now to represent in the House of Representatives, became a regular stop in Presidential politics as a symbol of inner city decay and was nationally televised during a World Series game as burning. The borough became an example of desolation for Hollywood. When people said Bronx Zoo they meant it as a term of derision, not the world famous facility it is.

But throughout it all the people of the Bronx knew how to work with sparse resources, how to work together, and how to go the distance.

Community groups joined to make the most of what was available. Through their perseverance they showed what could be accomplished by keeping their eye on the prize and not on the distractions.

The hard work of our people showed they cared deeply about their home county. They worked on the problems that plague all American cities: crime, poverty, inadequate education, and homelessness among others.

They worked for 20 years and their work has now been recognized by the National Civic League and the Allstate Foundation which named the Bronx one of 10 All American Cities.

Now the world knows what we Bronxites have known for a while—the Bronx is back and better than ever. Being named an All American City is a cheer for the Bronx from the rest of the country which is richly deserved.

HONORING SHERIFF YOUNG

HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 31, 1997

Mr. HALL of Texas. Mr. Speaker, it has been 6 months since Hunt County Sheriff Bobby Young retired, and I hope that he is finally able to enjoy some peace and quiet after serving 20 years as the chief law enforcement officer of Hunt County. He was and is a close

friend of mine, and I have always enjoyed every contact I had with Bobby.

Sheriff Young occupied that office longer than any other Hunt County sheriff, having first been elected in 1976. During his tenure the old jail in the Hunt County Courthouse was replaced by the Hunt County Criminal Justice Center, and his department grew over the years in an effort to provide more protection for the 840-square-mile area of jurisdiction for which he was responsible. Despite these accomplishments, Sheriff Young notes that there is still much more that needs to be done. His successor, Don Anderson, will have that opportunity.

Sheriff Young spent much of his life maintaining law and order in Hunt County and protecting its citizens—and they rewarded him for his efforts by continuing to re-elect him for 20 years. Mr. Speaker, law enforcement officials like Sheriff Young not only uphold the peace—they uphold the principles of justice and liberty that define our way of life. They are often the unsung heroes of our communities, so I am honored today to salute this legendary law enforcement officer of Hunt County and to wish him well in his retirement. As we adjourn Congress this day, let us do so in honor of and with great personal thanks to Sheriff Bobby Young.

THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL— GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE VACANCY

HON. NEWT GINGRICH

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 31, 1997

Mr. GINGRICH. Mr. Speaker, before leaving for the August recess, I want to address the House briefly on the matter of the vacancy in the Office of the Comptroller General. The General Accounting Office is a vital organization to the Congress, and the person selected to head the GAO must have the confidence of both the majority and minority. When a vacancy occurs, a commission is established by statute to consider and recommend candidates to the White House. The members of this commission are: the Speaker of the House, the President pro tempore of the Senate, the majority and minority leaders in the House and Senate, and the chairman and ranking member of the House Committee on Government Reform and Oversight and the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee.

Members should be advised that the commission has been organized on a bipartisan, bicameral basis, and we are moving forward. Based on the precedent of alternating between Houses, I will serve as vice chair of the commission and the majority leader of the Senate will serve as chair. There are a number of candidates who have already expressed their interest in the Comptroller General position, but I wanted to put all Members on notice that we are open to additional candidates and recommendations. If any Member knows of someone interested in being considered for the position, please advise one or more of the members of the commission as soon as possible to ensure that the commission has an opportunity to consider all qualified candidates.