

CONGRESSIONAL TRIBUTE TO
MIKEL RYAN

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 5, 1997

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mikel Ryan for his contribution to the national defense and economic health of the United States. Mr. Ryan has displayed outstanding leadership in a wide ranging civil service career that culminated as Chairman of the Department of Defense Range Commander's Council Frequency Management Group.

Mr. Ryan received a B.A. in telecommunications from the University of Northern Colorado in 1981, and has done graduate work in telecommunications at Colorado State University.

On August 26, 1997, Mr. Mikel Ryan completed his 2-year tenure as Chairman of the Department of the Defense Range Commander's Council Frequency Management Group [FMG]. Under Mr. Ryan's leadership, the FMG greatly enhanced its role assisting the development of national spectrum policy that affects the test range spectrum requirements and issues to senior level DOD personnel. In addition, he enhanced the links between the DOD and the civil aerospace industry, a key component of the national economy. Mr. Ryan's leadership of the FMG minimized negative effects of recent losses of Federal spectrum access on the entire DOD test range structure.

Currently, Mr. Ryan heads the Mid-Atlantic Area Frequency Coordination Office at the Naval Air Warfare Center Aircraft Division at Patuxent River, MD. He is responsible for frequency management for the entire division. Mr. Ryan is also the executive coordinator for the automated spectrum planning, engineering, coordination, and tracking system. This system is the frequency management software with over 2,300 users worldwide.

Mr. Ryan has over 23 years of experience in the U.S. Government in communications. He joined the U.S. Army in October 1973, and served as a paratrooper/radioman in the 82d Airborne Division for 3 years. After earning his special forces qualification in September 1977, Mr. Ryan served as a senior communications sergeant on an operational detachment in the 19th Special Forces Group Airborne, Aurora CO. In August 1982, Mr. Ryan joined the 11th Special Forces Group Airborne.

Mr. Ryan's greatest contribution has been his exceptional leadership and support to the entire spectrum of the Nation's wide variety of policies, including support for the test and operation of highly complex National defense systems, and the civil aerospace industry. He has played a key role in assuring that there is spectrum available to support the test and operation of highly complex National defense systems, and the economic health of the United States. Thanks in large part to Mr. Ryan's diligence and committed hours of persistent and effective coordination, the National Test Range spectrum requirements has become an integral part of the daily defense operations. His support for defense and economic health will have a long lasting impact. Mr. Ryan's development of new range policies and increased cooperation is the cornerstone of a growing 21st century.

The United States is indeed indebted to Mr. Mikel Ryan for his selfless and distinguished

service. Mr. Ryan, your outstanding leadership and ceaseless efforts have laid a solid foundation for the development of range policies. We offer our thanks and appreciation for a job well done and wish you continued success in the future.

UNITED STATES AIRMEN HELD IN
GERMANY'S BUCHENWALD CON-
CENTRATION CAMP DURING
WORLD WAR II

HON. DAVE WELDON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 5, 1997

Mr. WELDON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, on June 10 Representative PETER DEUTSCH and I introduced House Concurrent Resolution 95, a resolution that would officially honor United States airmen held in Germany's Buchenwald concentration camp during World War II. Senators TIM HUTCHINSON and JOSEPH LIEBERMAN introduced an identical resolution in the Senate the same week. Our bill recognizes the service and bravery of 82 U.S. airmen, who were the only U.S. soldiers ever held in a concentration camp.

At the time I introduced the bill, I submitted a list of U.S. military prisoners that had been held in Buchenwald, but inadvertently left off some of those names. The list I have included below is a complete list and corrects that earlier mistake. I would appreciate your inclusion of this new list in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

LIST OF WW II AMERICAN AIRMEN HELD AT
BUCHENWALD CONCENTRATION CAMP

UPDATED SEPTEMBER 5, 1997

Not located (5)

Freeman, E.C.; Hanson, J.T.; Horrigan, R.J.; Scharf, B.T.; and Scott, G.W.

Deceased (33)

Alexander, William; Allen, Roy W.; Appleman, S.M.; Beck, Levit C.; Bozarth, J.W.; Chapman, Park; Crouch, M.E.; Dearey, R.W.; Duncan, James H.; Edge, W.L.; Fix, E.E.; Granberry, W.L.; Heimerman, L.A.; Hoffman, R.B.; Horwege, G.L.; and MacLenahan, J.H.

Martini, F.; Masters, L.O.; Mauk, W.E.; Mikel, G.; Pecus, Steve; Pederson, J.W.; Pennel, Sam; Salo, L.H.; Smith, J.W.; Stralka, P.A., Jr.; Suddock, D.E.; Vallee, E.; Vance, Ira E.; Vincent, E.H.; Wilson, P.J.; Wojnick, R.J.; and Zeiser, J.

Still living (44)

Bauder, W.F.; Bedford, R.L.; Bowen, C.E.; Brown, R.H.; Carr, F.W.; Chalot, J.A.; Chessir, D.; Coats, B.A.; Cowan, F.K.; Coffman, J.D.; Dauteul, D.F.; Denaro, Joe; Fore, J.W.; Hastin, J.D.; Hilding, R.D.; Hunter, H.F.; Johnson, R.T.; King, Myles A.; Larson, M.E.; Little, B.S.; Ludwig, E.F.; and McLaughlin, D.G.

Mitchell, G.E.; Moser, J.F.; Pacha, A.M.; Paxton, S.K.; Powell, W.; Reynolds, N.L.; Richey, G.T., Sr.; Ritter, E.W.; Roberson, C.W.; Ryherd, W.H.; Shearer, D.R.; Sypher, L.H.; Thompson, W.A.; Vratney, Frank; Watson, J.P.; Ward, Robert; Williams, W.J.; Zander, A.E.; Phelps, B.F.; Pelletier, A.J.; Friel, Edward J.; and Petrich, M.R.

HIGHER EDUCATION MADE MORE
AFFORDABLE

HON. RON PACKARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 5, 1997

Mr. PACKARD. Mr. Speaker, with global technology and competition what it is today, a quality education is more important than ever. Middle-class families work hard day-in-and-day-out in order to save enough money to afford college for their children. They should not be punished by a perverse Washington tax system that demands more and more money from families. They should be allowed to keep more of their money. After all, it is their money.

Fortunately, furthering one's education after high school has just been made more affordable and accessible with the enactment of the Taxpayer Relief Act. Various education tax incentives, such as the \$1,500 HOPE tax credit and the Lifetime Learning credit, will bring the dream of a college education more within reach than ever before.

But while it is important to make higher education more accessible, we must also ensure that future college students are prepared to enter the halls of higher learning. We need to focus on providing the best possible education system at the elementary and secondary levels. Money should go directly into the classroom and be spent wisely on classroom instruction, not wasted on education bureaucracy.

As a father, grandfather, and former member of the Carlsbad, California School Board, I take a personal interest in providing quality education for our children. Parents and local school boards know best what their children's educational needs are—not bureaucrats in Washington. Families should not only have the opportunity to choose the educational path that is best-suited for their kids' needs, but education should be affordable and accessible for all. The education tax incentives in the Taxpayer Relief Act do exactly that.

SALUTE TO CHARLES
WILLOUGHBY

HON. JAMES V. HANSEN

OF UTAH

HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 5, 1997

Mr. HANSEN. Mr. Speaker, my colleague, Mr. BERMAN, and I rise today to pay tribute to Mr. Charles Willoughby who, after 7 years of loyal service to the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct, is leaving to become senior associate general counsel at Howard University. We wish Chuck well in this new endeavor.

We join past committee members in expressing gratitude to Chuck for his dedicated service to the committee. Chuck came to the committee from the U.S. Attorney's Office in the District of Columbia. He served the committee in both its investigation function as well as its education function. He has served the committee in difficult times yet always with

dignity and grace, with a spirit of bipartisan-ship, and a deep respect for the House of Representatives.

Chuck has served the committee under four different chairmen. We speak for all of them in thanking him for his dedication to the committee and a job well done. In saying goodbye to Chuck, we say goodbye to someone universally liked and respected—a very difficult compliment to obtain in our business.

We wish our friend Godspeed in his new position and will remember his excellent service to the House of Representatives.

TRIBUTE TO PHIL HOLLYWOOD

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 5, 1997

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, on Saturday, August 23, one of the races at Monmouth Park in Oceanport, NJ, was dedicated to Mr. Phil Hollywood, a native of my hometown of Long Branch, NJ, who has distinguished himself as a business leader in our Nation's Capital. It is an honor for me to join in paying tribute to this good friend and great citizen.

Phil Hollywood was born in Long Branch, attended grade school at the Lyceum, and served as an altar boy at Star of the Sea Roman Catholic Church. While attending Red Bank Catholic High School, he worked as a stockboy at the local Woolworth's and as a part-time caddie at the Old Orchard Country Club in Eatontown, NJ. After high school, he enlisted in the Navy, serving on a destroyer in the South Pacific during World War II. After the war, he took a job as a desk clerk at the Shoreham Hotel in Washington, a venerable Washington landmark. He stayed there for 47 years, rising to the position of vice president and managing director, while also serving in various capacities for the Hotel Association of Washington.

During this storied and distinguished career, he had the honor of greeting many Presidents of the United States as well as many foreign leaders. Mr. Hollywood was Inaugural housing director for three Presidential Inaugurations. While he was always extremely attentive to the needs of the eminent visitors to the Shoreham, Phil Hollywood extended special care to guests from Monmouth County and especially Long Branch.

Phil retired in 1991, and he resides in Washington with his wife Brinda. Their two daughters and three grandchildren all live nearby.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor for me to join with the many friends of Phil Hollywood in paying tribute to the many accomplishments of this Long Branch boy who made for himself a great career in Washington but never forgot his native roots.

NURSING HOME PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT OF 1997

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 5, 1997

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, when millions of Americans must make the difficult decision to

put an aging relative in a nursing home, we trust the institution to care properly for our loved ones. But as a recent General Accounting Office [GAO] study points out, nursing homes across the United States don't always treat the 1.8 million residents like family.

At a time when the nursing home industry is undergoing explosive growth as a result of an aging population, my recently introduced Nursing Home Public Information Act of 1997 would allow families to make an informed choice when choosing a nursing home. By directing HHS to publicly disseminate information currently compiled in databases maintained or available to HHS concerning nursing homes, this bill takes a step in the right direction toward educating the public.

While most nursing homes adhere to Federal and State regulations, each year billions of dollars are lost to fraud and abuse. According to the GAO, Federal Medicare and Federal/State Medicaid programs paid nursing home providers more than \$35 billion in 1995. The Department of Justice estimates that as much as 10 percent is lost to fraud and abuse.

By aggressively targeting five States, the Department of Health and Human Services [HHS], through Operation Restore Trust, has obtained 74 criminal convictions and recovered \$67.3 million for Medicare. More than four dozen civil suits have collected \$72.8 million in fines and settlements, and companies have returned another \$47.4 million.

Convicting abusive providers, levying fines, recovering overpayments, negotiating settlements—all these actions are necessary to reduce fraud and abuse. But they will never be more than the second best way to do this. The best way is to prevent fraud, abuse, and waste from occurring in the first place. This requires informing the public. As a recent Government Reform and Oversight Human Resources Subcommittee hearing revealed, the public receives little or no information relating to fraud, abuse, and quality of care in nursing homes.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join my efforts to assist millions of families across the Nation by supporting the Nursing Home Public Information Act of 1997.

25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NORTHEAST COUNCIL OF SENIOR CITIZENS, INC.

HON. ROBERT A. BORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 5, 1997

Mr. BORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to an organization in my district that serves as a unified voice of senior citizens.

It was 25 years ago this week—on September 13, 1972—that six senior citizen clubs gathered for a meeting in which they formed the Northeast Council of Senior Citizens, Inc., also known as the Region V, Archdiocesan Senior Citizen Council.

An ecumenical, nonpartisan, organization for senior citizens, their mission was simple: to develop programs which would promote the health, welfare, spiritual growth, safety and protection of senior citizens in northeast Philadelphia.

Over the past 25 years, the Northeast Council has grown to include 52 senior citizen

clubs with a membership of over 10,000 elderly citizens. Its commitment to improving the quality of life for seniors in Philadelphia grows stronger each day.

Mr. Speaker, the Northeast Council of Senior Citizens, Inc. serves as a positive role model for older Americans across the country. It consistently demonstrates that seniors can gather together, share common interests and ideas, and speak in a powerful, unified voice on issues important to this large segment of our population.

The council regularly holds meetings, seminars, brainstorming sessions, dinners, picnics, and social events. In addition, the council supplies knowledgeable speakers and distributes literature, keeping seniors well informed of current issues which directly affect their lives. In many ways, the members serve as the eyes, ears and powerful voice of the senior community—a voice I listen to frequently.

The Third Congressional District of Pennsylvania, which I represent, is the 20th oldest district, by population, in the country. Over 100,000 constituents—1 of every 5—is over the age of 65. Issues like Social Security, Medicare, nursing homes, and long-term health care are of great concern to them and their families.

An organization like the Northeast Council of Seniors brings our elderly citizens together to discuss these crucial issues. Their passionate opinions also remind me of the responsibility I have to ensure that their concerns are addressed.

The Northeast Council of Senior Citizens brings together the most dedicated and energetic members of our senior community. By uniting the most active and energetic seniors who are dedicated to improving the quality of life for their fellow men and women, these individuals are doing much to dispel stereotypes of the aging community, and encouraging people of all ages to be active and involved.

Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to represent the men and women who belong to the Northeast Council of Senior Citizens. I ask you and my colleagues to support this commendation and congratulate the Northeast Council of Senior Citizens as they observe their 25th anniversary as an organization, and join me in wishing them many more years as a positive and active force in Philadelphia.

DEPARTMENTS OF LABOR, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, AND EDUCATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1998

SPEECH OF

HON. SUE W. KELLY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 4, 1997

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2264) making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes:

Mrs. KELLY. Mr. Chairman, I rise today in strong opposition to the Istook amendment and in support of the Porter substitute.