

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE OF THE "SS STEPHEN HOPKINS"

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 29, 1997

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of the distinguished service of the SS *Stephen Hopkins*, an American merchant vessel, who sailed during World War II.

The SS *Hopkins* holds a unique distinction in U.S. merchant marine history. On Saturday, September 27 the city and county of San Francisco will observe SS *Stephen Hopkins* Day and the 55th anniversary of the only American Ship to sink a German Navy Surface Warship.

The *Hopkins* sailed out of her home port in San Francisco on April 14, 1942. On September 17, 1942, during her maiden voyage in the South Atlantic Sea the *Hopkins* and her crew waged a courageous battle against two heavily armed German vessels. This battle earned the *Hopkins* the citation of U.S. Government *Gallant Ship*. Her citation inscription recounts the events of that fateful day when, "Two enemy raiders suddenly appeared out of the morning mist to attack her. The lightly armed merchantmen exchanged shot for shot with the enemy raiders, sinking one and setting the other a fire. The stark courage of her crew in their heroic stand against overpowering odds caused her name to be perpetuated as a *Gallant Ship*." The *Hopkins* was lost as a result of that valiant battle after sustaining destroyed engines, exploded boilers, and catching fire from stem to stern. Only 15 of the 19 surviving crew survived the 31-day lifeboat trip which brought them to safety in Brazil.

Mr. Speaker on behalf of the Congress, let us join the veteran merchant mariners and San Francisco community in commemorating the service of SS *Stephen Hopkins* and the brave crew who sailed her into history.

THE 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY OF KURT AND ELIZABETH BOOTH, OCTOBER 4, 1997

HON. JIM SAXTON

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SAXTON. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct privilege and honor to pay tribute to Kurt and Elizabeth Booth of Lacey Township, NJ. On October 4, 1997, Mr. and Mrs. Booth will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary.

Kurt Booth was born in Elizabeth, NJ on March 23, 1927. After graduating from Thomas Jefferson High School in 1944, he enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps. During his service as a marine, Kurt did a tour of duty in World War II's Pacific campaign and did occupation duty in Japan. He was discharged from the Marine Corps on August 21, 1946.

Elizabeth Mazur was born in Carteret, NJ. She moved with her family to New Castle, NY, and then moved back to Rahway, NJ, where she graduated from high school in 1946.

The couple met in November of 1946 at the Twin City Roller Skating Rink, while Kurt was employed as a postal worker in Elizabeth. On Valentine's Day 1947, they were engaged and on October 4, 1947 they were married at the Russian Orthodox Church in Rahway.

They moved to Lacey Township in October of 1975 and have lived there ever since. Kurt was employed as an electrical contractor with offices in Lacey and Woodbridge, NJ. Since his retirement in 1992, Kurt has worked part time as a photographer with Ocean County, NJ. Kurt Booth served as chairman of the Chairman's Ball Ad Journal for 6 years and co-chairman of the Ocean County Candidates Ad Journal for 12 years. Kurt was also the designer of the journals and most of their ads as well as a very effective fund raiser for the party.

Kurt and Elizabeth have a son, Professor Kenneth Kurt Booth, who spent 14 years in South Africa teaching people how to provide veterinary care to animals in the community. He now resides in the United States with his three children.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. and Mrs. Booth's commitment to each other, illustrated by their 50 years together, is a testament to their characters. Not only have they enriched the lives of those they have come into direct contact with, but they have displayed immense leadership in their community, State, and country. It is with great pleasure that I recognize this couple on this special occasion.

DEPARTMENTS OF COMMERCE, JUSTICE, AND STATE, THE JUDICIARY, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1998

SPEECH OF

HON. NEIL ABERCROMBIE

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 26, 1997

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2267) making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes:

Mr. ABERCROMBIE. Mr. Chairman, I rise in support of the Miller language adopted into H.R. 2267, the Departments of Commerce, Justice and State appropriations bill. These instructions will set aside a small amount of funding for the Executive Office of U.S. Attorneys to provide assistance to the victims of human rights abuses in the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands.

Since at least 1984, Federal officials have expressed concern about the CNMI alien labor system. Worker complaints over wages and

working conditions are continuing undiminished according to the third annual report of the Federal-CNMI Initiative. The Governments of the Philippines and China have expressed concerns about the treatment of their citizens in this U.S. Commonwealth and allegations persist regarding the CNMI's inability to protect workers against crimes such as illegal recruitment, battery, rape, child labor, and forced prostitution.

Without Representative MILLER's language in H.R. 2267, individuals who have been the subject of human rights abuses—right here in the United States—have only the charity of private relief organizations to rely upon for help. In Hawaii, the Filipino Solidarity Coalition is currently providing sanctuary to a young girl named Katrina who came to Hawaii as a Government witness. When Katrina was 14 she was brought to the CNMI by an employer who promised her a good job and fair wages in the restaurant industry. When she arrived in the CNMI her hopes for a better life were destroyed. She discovered that the employer had lured her to the CNMI under false pretenses. Not only was she confined to her assigned living quarters but she was also forced into service as a prostitute. Katrina had few options and even less money but she escaped her confines and filed suit against her employer with the help of the local Philippine consulate. When Katrina's actions were revealed to her employer, her life was threatened. To escape the abusive situation, the consulate helped her to find refuge in Guam. However, Guam's close proximity to her former employer still put Katrina in a dangerous situation.

Through the help of the Filipino Solidarity Coalition, Katrina managed to escape to Hawaii where local donations and a small grant from the Department of Labor helped to provide her shelter, food, and further legal assistance. However, there are many others who remain in the CNMI still suffering the abuse and indignity that Katrina managed to escape. I appreciate the Chairman's support of the Miller language which will help those like Katrina who are victims of human rights abuse, not faraway in a foreign country, but right here in the United States of America.

A TRIBUTE TO REV. RICHARD J. LEHMAN, PASTOR OF THE CON- GREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

HON. MICHAEL P. FORBES

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 29, 1997

Mr. FORBES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Rev. Richard J. Lehman, pastor of the Congregational United Church of Christ, in Farmingville, Long Island, who this Sunday will celebrate the 50th anniversary of his ordination.

Along with the golden anniversary of his ordination in 1947, Reverend Lehman will also

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mark two other important milestones this Sunday: he and his congregants will celebrate the 25th anniversary of his pastorship of the Congregational United Church of Christ, on the same day as his 75th birthday.

A truly gifted and dedicated professional, Reverend Lehman has built a proud legacy of service to the spiritual needs of his congregants. This Sunday, September 28, 1997, the Congregational United Church of Christ community will join in praising his outstanding life of service with a special festival service. Friends, family, and colleagues will come from across Long Island, 13 States, Australia, and England to honor the lifetime of service to the church.

Throughout his 50-year career, Reverend Lehman has dedicated his time, energy, and talents to his alternate calling: educating ministers, rabbis, priests, and seminarians in the skills of pastoral care to the sick. Upon graduating from Oberlin Graduate School of Theology, Reverend Lehman was assigned to his first church in Elyria, OH. It was there that he began his training in clinical pastoral education, completing a 2-year residency at University Hospital in Ann Arbor.

For the next 40 years, Reverend Lehman was employed by the New York State Department of Mental Hygiene, teaching clinical pastoral education to clergy and seminarians at two psychiatric hospitals, the first in Gowanda, NY. Then in 1967, Reverend Lehman arrived at Central Islip Psychiatric Center, on Long Island. During his teaching career, Reverend Lehman trained more than 600 clergy and seminarians for careers in pastoral care.

Though retired from Central Islip Psychiatric Center, Reverend Lehman still serves as pastor of the Congregational United Church of Christ. Reverend Lehman married his first wife, Priscilla, while living in Gowanda, and they had two children, Nancy and Thomas. Priscilla Lehman succumbed to cancer in 1989, and he eventually married again, to longtime family friend, Marilyn Birkmann Blume.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in honoring Rev. Richard J. Lehman for his remarkable lifetime of service to God and man. Through the Grace of God, our Long Island community has been truly blessed with the ministry of this gifted and spiritual man.

SUPPORT OF THE INTERFAITH ASSEMBLY ON HOMELESSNESS AND HOUSING ON OCCASION OF ITS 10TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 29, 1997

Mr. NADLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the Interfaith Assembly on Homelessness and Housing on occasion of its 10th anniversary.

For 10 years now the Interfaith Assembly on Homelessness and Housing has served the homeless of New York City with sensitivity and understanding. This coalition has reached out to those in our society who are without shelter and offered a helping hand. Whether helping individuals rebuild their lives through the Speakers' Bureau and Project Success Pro-

gram or tirelessly advocating for public policy that maintains decent and affordable housing for all New Yorkers, the Interfaith Assembly on Homelessness and Housing has provided the city of New York with a valuable service that we all ought to recognize and acknowledge.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to commend the Interfaith Assembly on Homelessness and Housing for its dedication to the homeless, its fight for affordable housing, and its ability to effect change in a city that desperately needs it. Through testimonials that have touched the hearts of many and raised the consciousness of many more, this broad and diverse coalition, which includes a wide range of religious organizations throughout the city, ought to be proud of the work they have done to spread compassion and serve others.

As we all know, there is a lot more that we must do to end homelessness in New York and across America. I look forward to working closely with members of this coalition in the battles ahead, and sincerely hope that our efforts will one day be unnecessary as our society comes to recognize that decent affordable housing is a right we all deserve.

TRIBUTE TO THE ANTIOCH BABE RUTH ALL STAR TEAM

HON. ELLEN O. TAUSCHER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 29, 1997

Mrs. TAUSCHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the championship victory of the Antioch All Star Team on Saturday, August 17, 1997, at the 16-18 Babe Ruth World Series. The city of Antioch, which is in my district, recently celebrated their homecoming with a parade through the city and a civic celebration at city hall. The accomplishments of these fine young men are a great honor to the city of Antioch.

The 16-18 Babe Ruth World Series was held in Jamestown, NY, where the players from Antioch competed against other such teams from around the Nation. Throughout the 1-week tournament, the team exhibited a true show of perseverance and a dedication to excellence. They managed to come from behind in several of their games, proving to the other teams that they would not give up. These athletes were not only dedicated to winning the game, but also dedicated to each other. The players from Antioch practiced long and hard to earn the right to play for the national championship, and through their hard work on the field and their commitment to teamwork, they rose from underdogs at the beginning of the series to the champions on the final day.

It is wonderful to see such positive support from the community for this talented and dedicated group of East Bay teens. They show us that when we bestow our faith in our children, they can truly achieve excellence.

The Antioch Babe Ruth All Star Team is deserving of the honor as the best 16-18 Babe Ruth League team in the country. These ball-players are an excellent example of the kinds of things that young people in our communities can achieve. I hope you will join me in congratulating them for their achievement and their ambition.

HONORING CAPTAIN NIKOLAOS FRANGOS

HON. RON KLINK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 29, 1997

Mr. KLINK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 1997 Hellenic Chamber of Commerce "Man of the Year Award" recipient, Capt. Nikolaos Frangos. Born in the town of Kardamyla on the island of Chios, Nikolaos's family was no stranger to the maritime merchants trade. Today, he is the owner of one of the largest dry bulk shipping fleets in the world. His shipping enterprise has grown to over 3,000 crew members and shore-based employees.

Captain Frangos has provided a great service to people throughout the world. During the gulf war he assisted the United States by shipping much needed supplies to our troops based in the Middle East. He is a gentleman worthy of the distinction of the Hellenic American man of the year. His accomplishments outside the shipping industry include his membership to the governing board of the Orphanage of Vouliagmeni and his membership to the Leadership-100 of the Archdiocese of America.

It is with great pride and honor that I urge my colleagues to rise and honor the life and contribution of Capt. Nikolaos Frangos and his wonderful family including his wife Stella and his children Angeliki, John, and Maria. His devotion to his family, his country, and the world are truly admirable.

BEST WISHES TOMMY AMAKER

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 29, 1997

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, September 30, a reception will be held for Harold Tommy Amaker in New Jersey. Tommy Amaker is Seton Hall University's (SHU) first African-American men's basketball head coach. He is also the youngest coach in the Big East Conference, one of the top basketball conferences.

Mr. Speaker, I am a proud alumnus of Seton Hall University and my level of pride keeps going up when things like this happen. I was an SHU student when the great Seton Hall team in 1953 won the National Invitational Tournament (NIT). It was the premiere collegiate championship tournament. The Seton Hall team was led by Walter Dukes and Richie Regan. Richie Regan continues to serve the University as the Pirate Blue chairman. The Pirate Blue is an athletic fund raising group at Seton Hall.

I want to applaud Monsignor Robert Sheeran, president of SHU, who used personal leadership to recruit SHU's first African-American basketball coach. I would also like to commend Philip Thigpen, former national middle distance champ in the 50's, for his leadership in assembling a group of African-American alumni of SHU and its School of Law to host this reception.

Tommy Amaker and his challenge to return SHU to championship status have brought excitement. On March 20 he was named the