

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

## TRIBUTE TO MICHAEL VECCHIO

### HON. MICHAEL PAPPAS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 23, 1997

Mr. PAPPAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the efforts of Michael Vecchio and his crusade to bring an all war monument to Flemington, NJ. Currently on the main street of Flemington, there exists a Civil War monument. Dedicated 107 years ago, the monument honors Flemington's Civil War dead. However, Mr. Vecchio, a naval officer during the Vietnam war, noticed that Flemington needed a monument dedicated to those residents of Flemington who died in service of their country in the other great conflicts of this century.

Mr. Vecchio, chairman of the Hunterdon County Veterans Memorial Committee, proposed an upgrade to the already existing Civil War monument, adding a stone walkway and a granite wall around the statue. His efforts have paid off. Dedication ceremonies for the new monument took place on Sunday, September 14.

Mr. Vecchio, like many of us, realizes the importance of remembering fallen patriots from past conflicts. The Korean Memorial, which recently opened in Washington, shows our Nation's ongoing commitment to remembering our veterans. Also, through efforts like Mr. Vecchio's, we will never forget those still lost as POW/MIA's.

Again, I would like to congratulate Mike Vecchio for his campaign to help us remember our war heroes and thank him for his selfless commitment to veterans across our Nation.

## TRIBUTE TO THE LATE DR. ANNE CAMPBELL

### HON. DOUG BEREUTER

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 23, 1997

Mr. BEREUTER. Mr. Speaker, on Saturday, October 18, Nebraska lost a great education leader when Dr. Anne Campbell passed away. There certainly is no need to exaggerate about the tremendous accomplishments of Dr. Campbell in the field of education or about the wonderful person she was. Her leadership on education matters will have a very positive and lasting effect on countless Nebraskans and indeed people throughout our Nation. Her legacy is the kind that enriches our civilization.

This Member frequently called upon Dr. Campbell over the years for her advice on education and in choosing among applicants for our service academies. If sound and far-sighted advice on educational issues was needed, this Member thought first of Dr. Campbell. She will be sorely missed by the great number of us who had the good fortune to have her friendship and by all who bene-

fited from her leadership role in education. It is no surprise that Nebraska Governor E. Benjamin Nelson ordered State flags to fly at half-mast as a final tribute to Dr. Anne Campbell.

The following article from the October 20, 1997, Lincoln Journal Star lists her numerous accomplishments and career highlights.

[From the Lincoln Journal Star, Oct. 20, 1997]

NEBRASKA'S "GRAND LADY OF EDUCATION"  
DEAD AT 79

(By J. Christopher Hain)

One of the pillars of Nebraska education, M. Anne Campbell, Ph.D., died in Lincoln Saturday at the age of 79.

Campbell was a former Nebraska commissioner of education and is the namesake of Campbell Elementary School at North 21st and Superior streets in Lincoln.

She had been suffering from colon cancer and had been in and out of the hospital several times since April, said her husband Leonard Campbell.

Former U.S. Sen. J. James Exon, who was governor of Nebraska when Campbell became state commissioner of education, said "the educational systems in Nebraska have lost an outstanding and stellar person."

"People instinctively liked her and her approach to education," Exon said. "You could sense her dedication to the cause of education."

Campbell began her career as Madison County superintendent of schools from 1955 to 1963. During that time, she earned a master's degree from Wayne State College. She worked for two years as director of professional services and lobbyist for the Nebraska State Education Association.

In 1965, she began work as an administrative assistant for government services at Lincoln Public Schools. Her duties included lobbying the Legislature and seeking and administering federal funds. During her time at LPS, she worked behind the scenes on development of Nebraska's educational service unit system and the state's technical community colleges.

In 1969, she received a doctoral degree from the University of Nebraska. She worked for two years as director of public affairs for the university.

In 1974, Campbell became state commissioner of education. During her tenure, she served as an influential member of the National Commission on Excellence in Education. The commission's landmark report, "A Nation At Risk," helped to focus the nation's attention on the condition of its schools. She retired in 1982.

She was former national president of the PTA and former president of the Council of Chief State School Officers, the American Association of University Women and the Easter Seal Society of Nebraska.

Campbell served as chairman of the Governor's Committee on the status of Women. She was a member of the Committee that selected teacher Christa McAuliffe as the first private citizen to ride in a space shuttle.

Joe Lutjeharms, who worked under Campbell and succeeded her as commissioner of education, said it was her kindness that made her a successful educator.

"She was a very, very great people person," he said. "When you win friends, you influence people."

Lutjeharms said Campbell worked to ensure that education efforts were always directed toward kids. "She was the grand lady of education in Nebraska."

## TRIBUTE TO DR. ROBERT JACKSON

### HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 23, 1997

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recall the life of Dr. Robert Jackson of Toledo, OH, a rare and outstanding citizen, a man of letters. In special tribute to his life and work, he will be remembered in a memorial service in Toledo on September 6, 1997. Our dear friend, Bob, died to this life on July 30, 1997 at age 88.

Bob Jackson was a generous and gifted human being, a genuine brother to us all, a confidante, a soulmate. He relished being a trusted political advisor to many including myself. He understood that community involvement requires commitment. Perhaps it was this sense of civic responsibility which prompted him—at age 85—to be the precinct captain for his neighborhood and work hard to get out the vote. He loved politics and he loved being a Democrat. He pondered the endless possibilities presented to each of us as Americans. He mused always with piercing humor about our body politics, its greatness and its foibles.

A voracious reader and devoted educator, Bob Jackson was elected to the Toledo Board of Education and had retired from the mathematics department of the University of Toledo. An Arkansas native, Bob graduated from the University of Oregon, was a Rhodes Scholar at Oxford University, and earned his Ph.D. in mathematics from Harvard University. A complicated man with a boundless sense of humor, he also was a retired naval officer along with being a proud member of the ACLU. While his education and social position could have taken him to elite surroundings, he used his considerable talent to teach youth at Scott High School in Toledo.

Bob and his wife, Agnes, together pursued commitments to causes dear to their hearts, especially to help those whose voices in the public weal were weak. They advocated on behalf of family planning initiatives for which they labored in order that mothers and fathers and children would have a better chance at successful family life, childhood, and adulthood. Even after Agnes' passing, Bob carried on their work. In poignant tribute to his wife, Bob created a living testament to her while at the same time dedicating himself to their mutual love of nature and of neighborhood: he created the Agnes Reynolds Jackson Arboretum, a truly splendid yet tranquil garden setting adjacent to what was their home in an area of grand old homes in the central city. The arboretum is a place to find true beauty and peace, and now stands as a most fitting memorial to both Agnes and Bob, their love for each other and their lives of service.

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When his friends and family gather to memorialize Bob Jackson—and remember Agnes as well—we will do so in that arboretum. As we share stories and remembrances, together we will recall and enjoy the legacies left by two who lived spirited lives dedicated to others. How we will miss him as we miss her and know we are privileged to have considered them friends.

JITCH WALSH TRIBUTE IN  
CAYUGA COUNTY

**HON. JAMES T. WALSH**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 23, 1997*

Mr. WALSH. Mr. Speaker, I want to pay tribute today to a family with the same last name as mine, though I am not directly related and cannot claim to know firsthand the entire history of their local fame. I, like many central New Yorkers in the Auburn and Cayuga County area, know the Walsh family of which I speak because of Mr. Thomas "Jitch" Walsh.

On October 7, 1997, Jitch Walsh Day was held at the original site of the family hot dog stand in Emerson Park on Owasco Lake. Auburn, for those who do not know, is blessed by its location in the Finger Lakes, close to several of the lakes and accustomed to these lakes for summertime leisure activities. It was at this hot dog stand, Jitch's and his wife Ellie's stand, that at 1940's-era generation of Cayuga County residents watched softball games, went to carnivals and otherwise wiled away the hot and humid mid-year months.

Jitch's unusual nickname, by the way, is a childhood moniker which has stuck over all these years. When friends and elders are nicknamed "Hip 'O Hay," "Joker" and "Pearshape," something like "Jitch" didn't sound so odd.

One of Jitch's nephews is John Walsh, who stars on the television show "America's Most Wanted." Jitch's and Ellie's own son, Thommie, is a very successful choreographer and director who has won three Tony awards. Their daughter, Barbara, is a banker in Syracuse. But the fame of the Walsh clan in Auburn centers more on Jitch's father, T.J., "the mayor of Market Street" and his mother Loretta. Not to mention their connection to Ellie's father, Ross Cosentino, and her mother Rose.

The nickname comes from the word "jits," which in Italian slang is said to mean someone who borrows small change constantly, as Jitch did when he was a young teen who wanted to buy a bag of peanuts at the softball games at the Y-Field. When he and his wife Ellie open their hot dog stand in the park in 1952, it naturally became Jitch's Stand—and a local legend was born.

As a gathering place, Jitch's Stand was a sensation, selling over 2,000 pounds of hog dogs a week. The popularity of the spot, and the spirit of local customers, is evidenced by the reunions. In 1980 Jitch Reunion Days drew 700 people; in 1986, more than 1,000.

And of course this year's Jitch Walsh Day was a huge success as well. In my family we respect family tradition—as does the Walsh family in Auburn. I am very proud to be able to express these sentiments today, and thank my colleagues for joining me in recognizing this important social milestone for many of my constituents.

HAPPY 60TH ANNIVERSARY ST.  
DEMETRIOS GREEK ORTHODOX  
CHURCH

**HON. JAMES A. BARCIA**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 23, 1997*

Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, any student of history knows that one of the strongest nations to offer leadership to the world in the development of civilization, culture, philosophy, and science is the nation of Greece. And it is equally no secret to any student to religion that one of the strongest faiths known to us is that offered by the Greek Orthodox Church. This Saturday, the Greek Orthodox Church, St. Demetrios, in Saginaw, MI, is celebrating its 60th anniversary of providing a place of worship, solitude, and support for its many members.

Just as the structures of ancient Greece provide us today with a moving reminder of the strength of that great era, St. Demetrios church provides a guidepost for its parishioners, including many of Greek heritage. For nearly 100 years people of Greek descent have been an important part of the Saginaw community. Since the mid 1920's, there have been services in the Greek Orthodox faith within the community. The growing population in the area resulted in the founding of St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox church in 1937, with Rev. George Stathis as the first established priest.

The many activities throughout the history of the church are a wonderful lesson in faith and culture. A Greek language school was held in Saginaw and Bay City for many years. Young men visited Greece, and returned to St. Demetrios with their brides. A Greek war relief fund was established, with the grade school children dressing in native Greek costumes to help solicit contributions to help families in Greece who were ravaged by World War II.

A wonderfully detailed history of the church reports of the many proud moments of its history, its growth, its concerns, and its challenges. The church was destroyed by fire and rebuilt in 1950. A new church was built in 1969. A classroom wing for Sunday school and Greek school was dedicated in 1982. The Hellenic center was built in 1991. And through each of these efforts, the most important component of St. Demetrios—its dedicated and supportive members—was the key to its continued success and endurance. The women of the church have seen their role elevated from individuals of support and devotion to that of leadership with three women becoming members of the parish council in 1995—Soula Economou, president; Mary Kookootsedes, secretary, and Elaine Rapanos, treasurer.

Mr. Speaker, as this place of holiness celebrates its 60th anniversary, I invite you and all of our colleagues to join me in wishing Rev. Mark Emroll, the pastor, and all members of St. Demetrios, a very happy anniversary, with best wishes for many more to come.

PRIVATE PROPERTY RIGHTS  
IMPLEMENTATION ACT OF 1997

SPEECH OF

**HON. RICHARD W. POMBO**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 22, 1997*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 1534) to simplify and expedite access to the Federal courts for injured parties whose rights and privileges, secured by the U.S. Constitution, have been deprived by final actions of Federal agencies, or other Government officials or entities acting under color of State law; to prevent Federal courts from abstaining from exercising Federal jurisdiction in actions where no State law claim is alleged; to permit certification of unsettled State law questions that are essential to resolving Federal claims arising under the Constitution; and to clarify when Government action is sufficiently final to ripen certain Federal claims arising under the Constitution:

Mr. POMBO. Mr. Chairman, I rise in support of H.R. 1534 and compliment my colleague, Mr. GALLEGLY, on bringing this long overdue legislation to the floor today. H.R. 1534 will greatly increase the ability of landowners in this country to protect their basic civil and constitutional rights. The fifth amendment of the U.S. Constitution guarantees that no private property shall be taken for a public use without the payment of just compensation. We have seen an increasing disregard by various levels of government for this fundamental civil right.

As chairman of the ESA Task Force of the Committee on Resources in the 104th Congress, I held hearings around the country on how the Endangered Species Act has impacted private property owners. The task force found that our Government often declares private property to be habitat for various species, with little if any concern about how that impacts the legal right of the landowners. We tried to address this problem by setting up a system of administrative appeals and arbitration to insure that landowners are promptly and fairly compensated when the needs of wildlife are placed above the needs of individual landowners. The response by the Government and environmental groups was that we should simply let the courts resolve these problems.

The Environmental Defense Fund, the National Audubon Society, the National Wildlife Federation, the Natural Resources Defense Council, the Sierra Club. These are the groups leading the opposition to H.R. 1534. Have any of these groups ever professed their faith in the abilities of local officials to make land use decisions? No. In fact, they have always taken the exact opposite position, that Federal environmental programs like the Endangered Species Act, the Clean Water Act, and Superfund have to be run in Washington. In their eyes, local officials are not capable of protecting the health and environment of the areas they represent.

Why the sudden change of heart? Why are these environmental groups and their supporters in Congress now posing as champions of States' rights and local decision-making? Because they don't want individual property owners to have fifth amendment rights protected.