

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

A TRIBUTE TO PROF. MARK SARGENT

HON. ROBERT L. EHRLICH, JR.

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 28, 1997

Mr. EHRLICH. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to a friend, constituent, lawyer, and academician who has reached a new pinnacle in an already distinguished career, Prof. Mark Sargent.

Professor Sargent will soon be relinquishing his current job at the University of Maryland School of Law, where he teaches and serves as associate dean for academic affairs, to accept the position of dean of the Villanova University Law School. As an attorney, I know many fine lawyers who have distinguished themselves in the courtroom as well as the classroom. Yet Mark is the only attorney I know whose accomplishments earned him a trusteeship over the future of the legal profession itself.

Mark Sargent, a man of great integrity, keen mind, and a scholarly passion for the law, is uniquely qualified to undertake this assignment. Prior to accepting his current assignment at the University of Maryland, Mark held teaching posts at the University of Baltimore Law School; Southern Methodist University Law School; and the Washington College of Law at American University. Mark's teaching style has earned him great praise. He was named the 1994-95 "Teacher of the Year" at the University of Maryland; and received the Spirit of Excellence Award at the University of Baltimore in 1984.

An acknowledged expert on business and securities law, Mark has written, coauthored, or edited dozens of articles which have appeared in legal journals across the Nation. He has also written or cowritten a total of three legal textbooks. In addition to his academic success, Mark has been a fixture in Maryland's legal community, and has chaired numerous committees of the Maryland Bar Association regarding various aspects of business and corporate law.

My respect for Mark Sargent goes beyond his many professional achievements. Early in my career, as a young associate at the Baltimore law firm of Ober, Kaler, Grimes, & Shriver, I met Mark's wife Joan, also an associate, and have been friends with her ever since. Bright and talented in her own right, Joan currently works as a staffer in my district office. Moreover, my wife Kendel, a graduate of the University of Baltimore Law School, is a former student of Mark's.

I wish Mark Godspeed as he assumes his new responsibilities later this year. As much as I will personally miss Mark and Joan, I am happy that this opportunity has presented itself to a man who so richly deserves it. The Maryland legal community's loss is Villanova Law School's gain.

TRIBUTE TO THE MEMORY OF JACKIE ROOSEVELT ROBINSON

SPEECH OF

HON. LOUIS STOKES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 15, 1997

Mr. STOKES. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to join my colleague, the gentle lady from Florida, Congresswoman CARRIE MEEK, to commemorate an important occasion. Fifty years ago this month, Jackie Robinson broke major league baseball's color barrier. When he made his debut with the Brooklyn Dodgers, Jackie Robinson opened doors closed to African-American athletes. This week, activities are being held across the country to pay tribute to an outstanding individual who changed the course of history. I am honored to join my colleagues and others as we recognize the historic accomplishments of Jackie Robinson.

When he entered the major baseball league, Jackie Robinson carried the hopes and aspirations of the black community on his shoulders. It wasn't an easy road. When they recruited him, it is reported that Robinson signed a contract which included a clause that he turn his cheek to all abuse for 2 years. Jackie Robinson encountered the unrest of his teammates, some of whom wanted to be traded rather than play with Robinson. He was also barred from staying in that team's hotel in St. Louis and Philadelphia, and several clubs threatened to boycott games in which Jackie Robinson played. Through it all, Jackie Robinson endured. He changed people and he changed America.

Mr. Speaker, many of us in this Chamber can recall watching Jackie Robinson during his legendary career. As a young man in Cleveland, OH, I recall that Jackie Robinson was a hero and a role model who inspired me to set goals and then achieve them. It is fitting that we recognize the efforts of an individual who started America on a new course in race relations.

A few days ago, President Clinton spoke at Shea Stadium on the significance of Jackie Robinson's life. He said that Jackie Robinson, "changed the face of baseball and the face of America forever." Others recalled the passage from Jackie Robinson's gravestone which reads: "A life is not important except in the impact it has on other lives." I take pride in honoring Jackie Robinson on this important occasion. He is more than a hero and more than a legend in the eyes of all Americans.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BOB CLEMENT

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 28, 1997

Mr. CLEMENT. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 91, I was detained by important events in my

State. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

BLOOMFIELD CITIZENS COUNCIL AWARDS

HON. WILLIAM J. COYNE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 28, 1997

Mr. COYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a number of Pittsburgh residents who will be honored on May 2 with 1997 Bloomfield Citizens Council awards. Every year, the Bloomfield Citizens Council grants these awards to members of the community who have made a significant contribution to the quality of life in Bloomfield.

For 23 years of sharing her musical gifts with the children and adults of Bloomfield, Ginny Plowey has been selected as the 1997 recipient of the Mary Cercone Outstanding Citizen Award.

A Public Safety Award will be bestowed upon city of Pittsburgh Police Officer R. Thomas Jacques for his work in keeping zone 5 safe. I should also note that Officer Jacques was recently married and that he and his wife are currently on their honeymoon. I want to extend my congratulations and best wishes to the happy couple.

A Public Safety Award will also be given to Pittsburgh Police Commander Maurita Bryant for her leadership in protecting the residents of zone 5.

The recipient of the Community Commitment Award this year will be the Bloomfield Community Food Pantry. The Bloomfield Community Food Pantry utilizes the services of between 30 and 40 volunteers to provide a helping hand to more than 100 people in need.

Jack Schimmel, a lifelong resident of Bloomfield, will be honored with the Neighborhood Loyalty Award. He has been active in the Bloomfield Lions organization over the last 24 years, serving as both club secretary and club president during that time. He has also been actively involved in sponsoring and supervising athletics programs for young people in the community.

The Ateleta Beneficial Society and the Bloomfield Liedertafel Singing Society will each receive Heritage Awards this year. The Ateleta Beneficial Society was organized in 1924 by 235 Italian-Americans from the town of Ateleta, Abruzzi, and since that time it has promoted camaraderie and brotherhood. The Bloomfield Liedertafel Singing Society was founded in 1884, and for over 110 years it has preserved and promoted traditional German vocal music, an important component of German culture.

For their creative use of lights to depict a massive Christmas tree, as well as a number of other symbols of the season, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Armenti will receive the Most Creative Christmas Design Award.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Caldwell will receive an award for Most Charming Decorated Home,

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receiving an award for the second straight year.

Scott Graham will receive the Keeping Christ in Christmas Award.

Mr. and Mrs. Nick DiGiacomo will receive the Most Festive in Contemporary Style Award for their Christmas light display.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Magliocco will receive the Most Festive in Traditional Style Award for their Christmas decorations. This will be their second award in as many years.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Meyers will receive the Award for Most Original Use of Colors. This year, the Meyers' house and yard were decorated with miniature pastel lights.

The entire Weimerskirch family has been selected to receive the Most Creative Use of Christmas Colors Award. Their house and yard were decorated exclusively with red and green light bulbs this year.

And finally, Nancy Hilliard Goldberg will receive the Most Extensive Property Decoration Award for decorating every inch of her block-long property in memory of her late husband, Sam Goldberg.

The individuals receiving this year's Bloomfield Citizens Council awards have all made significant contributions to the quality of life in Bloomfield. They deserve recognition for their efforts.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BOB ETHERIDGE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 28, 1997

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Mr. Speaker, on two recent occasions, I was unavoidably detained on official business in my congressional district while the House was in session. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on rollcall votes 72 and 73 and "no" on rollcall vote 85. I ask that this statement appear at the appropriate place in the permanent RECORD.

SALUTING THE ORGANIZERS OF THE THYAGARAJA FESTIVAL

HON. LOUIS STOKES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 28, 1997

Mr. STOKES. Mr. Speaker, I am honored today to recognize an extraordinary group of citizens in my congressional district. Recently, the music department at Cleveland State University hosted the 1997 Thyagaraja Festival. This 2-week celebration marked the 20th anniversary of the Thyagaraja Festival. This festival enables international musicians from the country of India and other parts of the globe to come and perform in the city of Cleveland. In addition, this event offers those in attendance an opportunity to witness an array of cultural performances. Visitors travel from a majority of the United States from Arizona to California and Connecticut to Alaska. Others came from Hong Kong and India to be a part of these phenomenal activities.

This year, the festival's total attendance was estimated at 12,000; the event included the children's music competition, the Aradhana and luncheon, the ballet, Lakshmi Probhavam,

and 18 full-length concerts. The total number of participants is indicative of the tireless effort and dedication put forth by the Cleveland State University Music Department and other volunteers to organize such a spectacular event.

Mr. Speaker, while some countries within our international community are stricken with obstacles such as war and poverty, the Thyagaraja Festival stands as an illustration of our city and Nation's commitment to international unity and appreciation for cultural diversity. Again, I salute the organizers of the 1997 Thyagaraja Festival for creating an opportunity for the city of Cleveland and our great Nation to partake in an attempt to increase multicultural awareness and secure global peace.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BOB CLEMENT

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 28, 1997

Mr. CLEMENT. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 90, I was detained by important events in my State. Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION

HON. WILLIAM M. THOMAS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 28, 1997

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to introduce today, along with Mr. CARDIN, Mr. BILIRAKIS, and Mr. STARK, the Programs of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly [PACE] Act of 1997. Our bill would provide coverage of PACE under the Medicare Program and establish PACE as a Medicaid State option.

As many know, PACE is a quality, cost-effective long-term care program that was pioneered by On Lok Senior Health Services in San Francisco, CA. The PACE program is a fully-capitated acute and long-term health care program in which all covered services are provided through a single organization or a single provider of care, including not only the long-term care services and inpatient hospitalization, but physician services, nurses, physical, occupational and recreational therapists, social workers, dietitians, home health aides and medical equipment suppliers. PACE programs receive capitation payments from Medicare and Medicaid, and in the case of individuals who are not eligible for Medicaid, private individuals. These payments provide payers savings relative to their expenditures in the traditional Medicare, Medicaid, and private payer systems. Finally, PACE programs are unique in that they assume total financial risk and responsibility for all acute and long-term care without limitation.

PACE evolved in response to problems which exist in the current long-term care system, a system that is biased toward institutional care, leads to discontinuity and duplication in the provisions of services, and affords little control over utilization of services and costs. These problems can lead to fragmented care, repeated and lengthy hospital stays,

family stress, premature nursing home placement, and impoverishment.

By expanding the availability of community-based long-term care services, tightly integrating all aspects of their enrollee's care, and emphasizing preventive and supportive services, PACE programs have substantially lowered the utilization of high-cost, inpatient services. In turn, dollars that would have been spent on hospital and nursing home care services are used to expand the availability of community-based care which, again reduces the need for higher-cost institutional care. As a result, PACE enrollees are able to remain at home and enjoy a better quality of life.

The PACE Coverage Act of 1997 offers an alternative to traditional long-term care which has been proven effective—both in terms of quality and cost. While we recognize that PACE is not the only solution to problems facing frail, older Americans, it is one solution that has withstood the test of time and the scrutiny which comes with being visible. On Lok, the first of the PACE programs, has been in existence since 1972 and began offering the full spectrum of PACE services in 1983. In 1986, Congress authorized demonstration waivers for up to 10, later 15, organizations seeking to replicate the achievements of On Lok in San Francisco. These programs have accumulated more than six decades of experience. Based on the success of these pioneers, it is time to make PACE programs available to eligible Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries on a broader scale.

The purpose of our bill is to make this important alternative available across the Nation. It is also urgently needed. As mentioned, 15 demonstration sites were authorized. Far more than that number are now waiting in the wings to serve our frail elderly citizens. By establishing qualified programs as providers, we also will facilitate the ability of the private sector to insure these services and to contract with PACE programs on behalf of individuals who would benefit from this type of care. Again, this, of course, would be voluntary. What we are doing here is providing another significant resource.

As we examine the needs of the elderly, we need to look for ways to move beyond existing programs to make coordinated care networks a permanent competitive options for all beneficiaries, and the PACE model provides a strong foundation for us on which to build.

RECOGNITION OF HAMILTON ELEMENTARY AS ONE OF THE TOP TITLE I SCHOOLS IN THE NATION

HON. HAROLD E. FORD, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 28, 1997

Mr. FORD. Mr. Speaker, I rise to praise Hamilton Elementary School in Memphis, TN. On May 6, the U.S. Department of Education will recognize Hamilton Elementary as one of the top title I schools in the Nation. This is a prestigious award, based on rigorous and competitive process. Schools must compete with tens of thousands of elementary schools from around the United States for this award. The award recognizes a school's ability to help children meet high academic standards