

A TRIBUTE TO MARILYN DIGIACOBBE ON THE OCCASION OF HER APPOINTMENT AS SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR PUBLIC LIAISON

HON. THOMAS M. FOGLIETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 8, 1997

Mr. FOGLIETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Marilyn DiGiaccobe. She has been promoted to the position of special assistant to the President for public liaison, and will be honored in my district on May 17.

Marilyn was born in the great city of Philadelphia and raised across the Delaware River in Glendora, NJ. After receiving her bachelor's degree in political science from Rutgers University, Marilyn worked as a counselor for disadvantaged teens enrolled in Camden County, New Jersey's summer employment and training program. She then got her introduction to politics as an intern in the office of our former colleague, Jim Florio. Marilyn has since worked on the staff of the Presidential transition team and the Democratic National Committee. She has also worked on political campaigns in Pennsylvania and New Jersey, and established her own small business, DiGiaccobe and Associates.

Enroute to her latest position, Marilyn has honored her skills for communicating the President's policies to diverse constituencies on a wide range of issues. In addition, she has assisted in the planning of special events such as the October 1995 visit of Pope John Paul II to the United States, White House Conferences for Trade and Investment in Northern Ireland and Central and Eastern Europe, and has coordinated and participated in Presidential delegations to Ireland and Poland. Based on her work in the Italian-American community, Marilyn was honored with the Democrat of the Year Award by the Italian-American Democratic Leadership Council in October 1995.

As someone who has been fortunate enough to know Marilyn on both a personal and professional basis, I am confident that the President has made the right choice in appointing her as special assistant for public liaison. Mr. Speaker, in light of her many past accomplishments and her recent appointment, I ask that my colleagues join me today in extending their congratulations and best wishes to Marilyn DiGiaccobe.

TRIBUTE TO GARTH C. REEVES,
SR.

HON. CARRIE P. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 8, 1997

Mrs. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise this afternoon to pay tribute to a great Floridian and a great American, Garth C. Reeves, Sr.: reporter, editor, publisher, banker, entrepreneur, community activist, and humanitarian.

Tomorrow Mr. Reeves will receive the honorary Doctor of Journalism degree from the University of Miami in recognition of his professional commitment and contributions as a leader of the Nation's African-American press,

as well as his personal involvement in promoting understanding in South Florida and beyond. Garth Reeves currently serves as publisher emeritus of the Miami Times, a newspaper founded by his father, Henry E.S. Reeves, in 1923.

Garth Reeves' life has been dedicated to the achievement of excellence and service to humankind. Owner of the Miami Times, he has served South Florida for more than 50 years. He has been a reporter, columnist, managing editor, and publisher since 1940 when he earned his B.S. degree in printing at Florida A&M University.

Garth Reeves' community involvement has not been limited to publishing the Miami Times. His impressive resume does not reveal the depth of his participation in struggles to bring civil rights to all Dade Counties. In the 1950's, for example, Reeves was part of a group who filed lawsuits to open up previously all-white public beaches and golf courses. His non-public actions indicate a quite, low-profile man who has been known to pay hospital and funeral bills and school expenses for the less fortunate and then seek to avoid any fanfare for himself.

In professional journalism activities, Reeves served as a juror for the prestigious Pulitzer Prizes in 1977 and 1978 and was chosen Publisher of the year by the National Newspaper Publishers Association, which he once served as president, on three separate occasions.

In education, Reeves served as vice chairman of the Miami-Dade Community College board of trustees and as a trustee of Barry University, Bethune-Cookman College, and Florida Memorial College. He has earned service awards from Florida A&M University (1965 and 1974), Florida Memorial, and Barry.

He has been justifiably honored for his youth work with the Boy Scouts of America and the YMCA. Reeves also has been active in attempting to create new opportunities for south Floridians through banking and his involvement in numerous foundations and charities. Predictably, this involvement has brought him a long list of awards.

Florida A&M University has recognized him for his leadership and service by creating the one million dollar Garth C. Reeves Eminent Scholars Chair in Journalism. The Reeves chair honors Garth's contributions to his profession and provides support for the education of aspiring journalists.

Garth Reeves' caring commitment to his fellow man and his service to his community have taken him to where few others have gone before. The University of Miami is right to bestow one of its highest awards on this true son of South Florida. Garth C. Reeves, Sr., servant of the people, community activist, journalist, great Floridian, and great American.

THE STAIN OF NAZI GOLD

HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 8, 1997

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, as the only survivor of the Holocaust ever elected to the Congress of the United States, I want to share with my colleagues a thoughtful editorial from the New York Times, entitled "The Stain of Nazi Gold."

Under Secretary of Commerce Stuart Eizenstat, one of our Nation's most respected and serious public servants, deserves enormous credit for having pursued this entire matter with extraordinary diligence, intelligence, and integrity. We all owe him a debt of gratitude.

THE STAIN OF NAZI GOLD

The honest excavation of history can bring sobering discoveries, as the American Government has now found in an examination of Nazi Germany's stolen gold and its redistribution after the war. No nation emerges unscathed from this investigation, including the United States, and many are disgraced. It is saddening but not altogether surprising to learn that morality and justice, especially the international obligation to look after the survivors of the Holocaust, were swiftly sacrificed to expediency when the gold was divvied up after the war. Remedying this failure, as the report rightly notes, is the unfinished business of World War II.

The extraordinary inquiry, which involved the declassification of nearly one million pages of documents, was initiated by President Clinton after Switzerland coldly rebuffed Jews seeking to recover gold and other assets their families had deposited in Swiss banks before the war. Under the determined direction of Stuart Eizenstat, the Under Secretary of Commerce, and William Slany, a State Department historian, it touches on wartime economic collaboration with Germany but deals mainly with the anemic postwar effort to restore gold and other valuables to the nations and peoples from which they had been stolen.

Sweden, Portugal, Spain, Turkey and Argentina will want to take notice. The extent of their economic cooperation with the Nazis has been slowly unfolding in recent years, but Mr. Eizenstat makes clear they profited from their neutrality. Even as the threat of German invasion waned in the last years of the war, Sweden sold Germany iron ore and ball bearings, Portugal provided tungsten for steelmaking, Spain traded goods and raw materials and Turkey shipped chrome. Argentina defied efforts to prevent the transfer of German funds there from Europe.

Switzerland is properly singled out. Though helpful to the Allies as a base for spying, it served as Nazi banker, gold keeper and financial broker. Switzerland provided Germany with arms, ammunition, aluminum and agricultural products. These countries made only a fitful effort after the war to return the looted gold and other assets they received in payments from Germany during the war. Here America bears considerable responsibility. It led the postwar effort to recover and distribute the gold. Yet only a small portion of the \$580 million in gold stolen from conquered governments, worth some \$5.6 billion today, was ever recovered. Even less of the millions of dollars in gold and other assets taken from individuals was returned.

Switzerland was aggressively unhelpful, resisting accounting and recovery efforts for years and not honoring agreements to liquidate German assets held in Switzerland. The American report estimates that as much as \$400 million in German-looted gold remained in the Swiss National Bank at the end of the war, but no more than \$98 million was returned.

The task of tracing and apportioning the gold and other assets was daunting, but American officials tolerated intransigence by other nations and accepted pitiful restitution agreements in the name of cold-war solidarity. Eager to obtain access to an Azores air base in the 1950's, Washington let Portugal surrender only about one-tenth of the German gold it held at the end of the war.

Spain eventually returned just \$114,000 in looted gold from a stockpile of \$30 million. Turkey, which held \$44 million in Nazi assets and \$5 million in looted gold, made no restitution. Only Sweden paid up.

The victims of this dismal record were the survivors of the Holocaust and others left homeless and stateless by the war. Assets that could have been used to help them were never returned to the countries plundered by Germany. Worse still, gold and other valuables found in Germany that had been seized from millions of individuals and households across Europe were knowingly mingled with assets stolen from European governments by the Nazis. As a result, gold that should have gone to help individuals through relief and compensation programs ended up in European and American government vaults, where some remains today.

These matters remained too long obscured from public view, shielded by excessive secrecy and national pride. It is late to redress the wrongs, but every effort should now be made to return gold and other assets to those with a legitimate claim. Switzerland, after long delay, is finally making an effort to trace and return assets deposited before the war. Mr. Eizenstat and Mr. Slany have performed a high public service by digging for the truth.

HONORING KEEP HOUSTON
BEAUTIFUL'S 2D ANNUAL NEIGHBORHOOD CLEANUP

HON. KEN BENTSEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 8, 1997

Mr. BENTSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the efforts of Keep Houston Beautiful and the success of the second annual neighborhood cleanup in making Houston a better—and cleaner—place to live.

On May 3 more than a thousand volunteers across the city committed to improving the quality of life in Houston in wrapping up the 1997 neighborhood cleanup effort. Boy Scouts, students from area schools, parents and children worked side by side at the Thank You Celebration at the Fondren YMCA. It was quite an experience. For almost 2 months, thousands of people all across the city of Houston bagged thousands of pounds of trash and gathered hundreds of tons of recyclables, all in an effort to make their community a better place to live. Because of the efforts of these volunteers, our neighborhoods are cleaner, our parks are more fun, and our environment is safer.

Each and every person who took time to participate in the Keep Houston Beautiful effort understands the importance of community, that it thrives on involvement and starves from apathy. They understand that it is our government, our schools, our churches and our neighborhoods that they make better when they take the time to get involved. They understand that, when they take an hour, a day, or a week to clean up their community, the effects are felt for much longer. They are setting an example for others to follow, sowing the seeds for the success of future cleanup efforts.

This year, Keep Houston Beautiful launched its biggest attack on litter yet, enlisting nearly 35,000 volunteers in their effort to get trash off our streets. Keep Houston Beautiful has done

a tremendous service to the people of Houston by organizing a neighborhood cleanup event in our community. Working with the city of Houston, the Board of Realtors, and civic and neighborhood groups, Keep Houston Beautiful is doing its part to make a long-term difference in Houston.

But neighborhood clean-up is not just occurring in Houston. Now entering its 12th year, this program is America's largest organized cleanup effort, involving 1 million volunteers in 100 cities nationwide. These volunteers have collectively removed more than 178 million pounds of debris from public lands so far.

I commend the great work of Keep Houston Beautiful and their efforts to cleanup our city through community cleanup events. And I congratulate the thousands of volunteers who gave their time to clean up their neighborhoods and make Houston an even better place to live and raise a family.

THE HAMMOND POLICE
DEPARTMENT

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 8, 1997

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, It gives me great pleasure to announce that the Hammond Police Department will represent northwest Indiana in the Police Memorial Week taking place in our Nation's Capital from May 11 to 16, 1997. The Hammond police motorcycle brigade, comprised mainly of traffic enforcement officers, will leave northwest Indiana tomorrow for their day long journey to Washington, DC.

The Hammond Police Department, which conducts its own memorial ceremony for its fallen officers every year, will be the first police department in northwest Indiana to participate in the Police Memorial Week. On May 11, the Hammond police officers will gather with other motorcycle officers from across the country at Robert F. Kennedy Stadium to attend the Law Ride Motorcycle Parade, which will include a procession to Judiciary Square. During the week, the officers will be given the chance to attend seminars, candlelight vigils, and the main memorial on May 16 at Judiciary Square. The Hammond motorcycle brigade, which has expressed interest in participating in this memorial in past years, took the initiative in earning the necessary funds by conducting a raffle and securing donations from Hammond businesses. Any remaining money will be generously donated to the Indiana Surviving Families Fund, which helps families who have lost a police officer in the line of duty.

Those Hammond police officers who will ride in the brigade tomorrow include: Lt. John Pohl, Sg. Dennis Serafin, Cpl. Anthony Sonaty, Cpl. Charles Legg, Cpl. Danny Small, Cpl. George Gavrilos, Cpl. Kerry Newman, Officer Bret Plemons, and Officer Richard Tumidalsky. In addition, Chief of Hammond Police, Fred Behrens, will be joining the aforementioned police officers in Washington on Wednesday, May 14.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome the Hammond police brigade to our Nation's Capital as they remember police officers who have been killed in the line of duty. I would also like to take this op-

portunity to commend the Hammond police, as well as police officers across our Nation, on the dedication and courage they demonstrate daily in working to keep our communities safe.

TRIBUTE TO ROLLING MEADOWS
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HON. PHILIP M. CRANE

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 8, 1997

Mr. CRANE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize three very special business leaders and one special community leader in my district who will be honored today by the Rolling Meadows Chamber of Commerce.

Daniel Sawusch, President of Citadel Management and general partner of Woodfield Gardens Apartments, will be honored as the 1996 Business Leader of the Year. Under Dan's guidance, Woodfield Gardens has been turned into the showplace it now is. In addition to receiving the Exemplary Business Partnership Award from Governor Edgar and the C.A.M.M.E. [Chicagoland Apartment Management and Marketing Excellence] Award for its ongoing public relations programs, Woodfield Gardens has been awarded the Grand C.A.M.M.E. Award for property excellence for being the best in the business.

Mr. Philip Burns, Fire Chief of Rolling Meadows, will be honored as the 1996 Community Leader of the Year. Aside from serving residents as Fire Chief, Mr. Burns has belonged to, and held positions in, a wide range of local and State organizations. Over the years he has served as President of the Rotary, President of Great Lakes Division of the international Fire Chiefs, and Chairman of the Resource Committee of Illinois Fire Chiefs. Other activities that have benefited the community include his involvement with Community Make a Difference Day and Clearbrook Olympics and Tag Day.

Meadows Funeral Home will be honored with the 1996 Business Beautification Award. Bill Haberichter, proprietor of Meadows Funeral Home, took an unattractive, undeveloped piece of property and transformed it into an attractive, functional building and grounds that serve the community well. The funeral home is on approximately 2 acres of land which required 11,000 yards of fill to bring the parcel of property up grade level.

G.L. Technology also will be honored as the Small Business of the Year for 1996. Company president Samuel Kim has over 20 years of product design and development experience in the coin-operated and consumer electronic industries. To date, Mr. Kim has been issued 35 patents for his designs. G.L. Technology is a leading developer and manufacturer of sports games which are distributed throughout the U.S., Canada, and over 20 other countries worldwide. The success of G.L. Technology's games has earned the company a reputation for being able to develop innovative games that people enjoy playing.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate these leaders of Rolling Meadows for their hard work and dedication. Rolling Meadows and the Eighth Congressional District of Illinois is a better place to live because of them.