

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

INTRODUCTION OF A BILL TO CLARIFY THE TAX TREATMENT OF SETTLEMENT TRUSTS ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO THE ALASKA NATIVE CLAIMS SETTLEMENT ACT

HON. DON YOUNG

OF ALASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 25, 1999

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing a bill to clarify the tax treatment of Settlement Trusts authorized by the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act. This legislation is very similar to a bill that I introduced with my colleagues, Congressmen GEORGE MILLER and J.D. HAYWORTH, last Congress.

The bill has been further improved from last Congress and a companion measure was introduced in the Senate recently. The bill's introduction in the House before the Memorial Day recess is aimed at expediting consideration of it in Congress and within the executive branch. Once the recess has ended, I am expecting that the original cosponsors from last year as well as additional cosponsors will reintroduce the legislation for consideration in the House.

At the time the bill is reintroduced, those Members cosponsoring it and I will submit for our colleagues' information a detailed explanation of the bill along with background and history relating to it.

TRIBUTE TO THELMA BARRIOS

HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 25, 1999

Mr. BERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Thelma Barrios, who this year is receiving the 3rd annual Chief Dominick J. Rivetti Award from the San Fernando Police Advisory Council. Thelma is editor and publisher of the San Fernando Sun, a weekly publication that serves San Fernando and the surrounding area. In an age of media conglomerates, and 24-hour news channels, the Sun is an excellent reminder of the value of a good community newspaper. Thelma works hard to make sure that local politics, community news and interesting activities involving Northeast Valley residents receive extensive coverage in the pages of her newspaper. Over the years I have found the Sun a pleasure to read.

Thelma's accomplishments are all the more remarkable considering the trajectory of her career. She started working at the Sun nearly 40 years ago as a bill collector, answering an ad that asked "for a man to do collections." That minor detail didn't deter Thelma, who went in and applied for the job anyway. The owner of the Sun, L.A. Copeland, offered Thelma the job, telling her that results were more important than whether he hired a man or a woman.

Thelma flourished at the paper. She went from bill collector, to telephone operator, to member of the classified advertising department and, finally, editor and publisher. It was a perfect match. Thelma works tremendously hard putting out the Sun each week. At the same time, she is never too busy to take another press release or listen to another story idea.

Though it's hard to believe, Thelma is not a San Fernando native. Along with her family, she came to California from Ohio in the early 1940s. Not long after the move, she met her future husband, Joseph Barrios, when the two of them worked together at a movie theater near downtown Los Angeles. Thelma and her husband, who passed away a few years ago, made the move to San Fernando soon after the end of World War II.

The Barrios family has strong ties to the city; Joe was a member of the San Fernando Police Force for 32 years.

Thelma has won two separate national journalism contests sponsored by the University of Missouri, and is the recipient of several awards from the Valley Press Club. The Dominick J. Rivetti Award, named in honor of my dear friend and the Chief of Police in San Fernando, recognizes Thelma's extraordinary contributions to the city.

I ask my colleagues to join me in saluting Thelma Barrios, whose dedication to her craft and devotion to her community inspire us all.

A TRIBUTE TO ALLEN L. SAMSON

HON. GERALD D. KLECZKA

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 25, 1999

Mr. KLECZKA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in tribute to Allen L. Samson, president, Liberty Bank, who on June 15, 1999 will receive the Star of David Award given by the Israel Bonds organization, Milwaukee. This award recognizes Allen for his support of Israel's economic development, involvement in humanitarian causes and his distinguished service to the community.

Allen Samson received his undergraduate and law degrees from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He served as deputy district attorney for Milwaukee County and was a founding partner in a local law firm. Allen changed careers in 1973 and concentrated his efforts on American Medical Services, a business founded by his father, which operated nursing homes and pharmacies. He served as the company's vice president for 10 years when he became the chief executive officer, as position he held until 1990. In 1994, Allen and a small group of investors purchased Liberty Bank, a community bank which specializes in servicing small businesses and individuals. Allen is currently president and chief executive officer of Liberty Bank.

Allen has been an active leader in the Jewish community where he has received numer-

ous awards and accolades. His support for Israel Bonds, the Milwaukee Jewish Federation, the Milwaukee Jewish Home and Care Center is unprecedented. He has been active in the United Way of Greater Milwaukee, earning the prestigious Fleur de Lis Award in 1996 for Excellent Achievement. He is active in many leadership positions in the Milwaukee-area arts community including the symphony and the art museum.

A devoted husband to Vicki Boxer for 21 years, Allen is the proud father of Daniel, Rachel, David and Nancy. He is a loving and doting grandfather.

Congratulations, Allen. You are truly deserving of this year's Star of David Award.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MICHAEL E. CAPUANO

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 25, 1999

Mr. CAPUANO. Mr. Speaker, due to inclement weather I, along with several other Members of Congress, was unavoidably detained in Massachusetts on the afternoon of May 24, 1999, and was therefore unable to cast a vote on rollcall votes 145 and 146. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall 145, and "yea" on rollcall 146.

RECOGNITION OF HUMANITARIAN SIDNEY WEINER

HON. RICHARD E. NEAL

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 25, 1999

Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize a significant milestone in the life of Sidney Weiner. On June 22, 1999, Sidney was presented the 17th annual Humanitarian Award by Congregation Kodimoh. Sidney Weiner has spent his life volunteering on behalf of many organizations in the community, and I would like to make note today of his many accomplishments.

Sidney was born in Worcester, MA, but moved to Springfield as a teenager. He attended Springfield public schools and eventually married Gert Levi at the old Kodimoh on Oakland St. in 1947. He operated many successful service stations and worked as an insurance agent before retiring in 1972.

Sidney's volunteer service, in his adult life, has been unparalleled. He was a volunteer for the Pioneer Valley Red Cross, through which he recruited countless blood donors. He has also practiced what he has preached, being a 10 gallon donor himself. Sidney is a 32d degree mason and has been Master of the Chicopee Lodge and District Deputy Grand Master of the Chicopee 18th Masonic District. Since joining the Melha Temple Shrine in 1959, Sidney has chaired their blood program. He has

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also brought smiles to countless children through his membership and participation in the Melha Clown Unit.

Sidney has been a volunteer at Baystate Medical Center for nearly 20 years. In 1990, he was elected the first male president of the Baystate Medical Center Auxiliary. Sidney has also been involved with the Ronald McDonald House. In fact, his involvement began even before the house was built almost 10 years ago. He has held many various titles there, and is currently the president of the board of directors. For the past 3 years, Sidney has been chairman of Parking for the Rays of Hope Walk, which raises funds each fall for breast cancer research. He and his wife, Gert, also spend every Sunday in July and August volunteering at Tanglewood. Sidney is a long-time member of Kodimoh and its Brotherhood, and is a regular minyanair. He has also been a regular volunteer on various projects and committees with Kodimoh. Sidney and Gert's daughter, Nancy Squires, and her husband, Bill, and their three daughters, Maxine, Sarah, and Michelle, are also active members of Kodimoh.

Mr. Speaker, allow me to pay tribute to the service, commitment, and character of Sidney Weiner. He has proven himself to be an indispensable member of his community through his service and leadership. Sidney Weiner is truly a role model for community involvement and pride in his faith. Kodimoh, and the entire Western Massachusetts community, has been blessed to have been touched by Sidney Weiner's involvement and service.

ZONTA CLUB OF OAK PARK CELEBRATES ITS 65TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. LUIS V. GUTIERREZ

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 25, 1999

Mr. GUTIERREZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the Zonta Club of Oak Park, Illinois. The Zonta Club of Oak Park was organized in February 1934 and was chartered on May 26 that same year. It is the 127th chapter of Zonta International, a worldwide service organization of executives in business and the workforce that began in 1919 to advance the status of American women. The Zonta Club of Oak Park will be celebrating its 65th anniversary on May 26, 1999.

The Zonta Club of Oak Park has contributed time and money and has worked tirelessly for women's rights since it was organized. Throughout its history, the Zonta Club of Oak Park has supported many local organizations, such as the alliance for the Mentally Ill, Cook County Hospital, Literacy Volunteers of Western Cook County and the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago. The Club also gives financial support to international service projects selected by Zonta International through the United Nations and has directly affected the fate of more than 700,000 women and girls through projects in countries such as Argentina, Bangladesh, Ghana, India, Jordan and Zimbabwe.

The Zonta Club of Oak Park has a strong dedication to women's higher education and has supported literacy projects. The Club supports the Young Women in Public Affairs scholarship program by recognizing and

awarding scholarships to local high school seniors to encourage young women to enter careers or seek leadership positions in social policymaking, government and volunteer organizations. The Club also gives financial support to the Amelia Earhart fellowship award program, which was founded in 1938 to support women pursuing graduate degrees in aerospace-related sciences and engineering. The program has supported more than 500 women from forty-eight countries in more than 800 fellowships.

Mr. Speaker, I commend the work of the Zonta Club of Oak Park and their efforts to promote literacy, fight domestic violence and encourage students to participate in international service projects. I am pleased to congratulate them on their 65th anniversary.

RUSS MORGAN HONORED

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 25, 1999

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Russ Morgan Orchestra as it celebrates more than sixty years in the entertainment business. I am pleased and proud to bring this worthy milestone to the attention of my colleagues.

Born in Scranton, Russ Morgan grew up in my hometown of Nanticoke. After working in the coal mines to earn money for his music education, he began playing the piano at a Scranton theater for extra money at the age of 14. Morgan went on to play trombone with a local band called the "Scranton Sirens," with notable colleagues like Tommy Dorsey, Jimmy Dorsey, and Billy Lustig. When he was 18, Russ left Pennsylvania for New York City to find his fortune in the music business. By the time he was 25, he was arranging music for John Phillip Sousa and Victor Herbert. After playing for Paul Specht and touring Europe with Specht's orchestra, Morgan went to Detroit to work with Jean Goldkette on forming a new band. There, he was reunited with the Dorsey brothers and some of his other associates from his early career. Eventually, Morgan became Musical Director of WXYZ in Detroit with his own very popular show. He also showcased his classical talent by arranging for the Detroit Symphony.

At about this time in his career, Morgan was sidelined by a serious automobile accident that forced him to spend months in the hospital. Upon his recovery, he returned to New York City to restart his career by arranging music for all the famous night clubs of the time and many Broadway shows. In 1934, he worked at Brunswick Records, where he met his wife and became friends with the famous Rudy Vallee. Morgan was encouraged to form his own orchestra and Vallee got him his first engagement at the famous Biltmore Hotel. Following an impressive 4 years at the Biltmore, Morgan played on television and at most of the famous hotels and resorts of the era. On one recording he made during that period, he used a quartet that would later become the famous Ames Brothers. In 1965, with sons Jack and David in the ensemble, Russ Morgan began a long engagement in Las Vegas that was cut short only by his death in 1969.

Mr. Speaker, the Russ Morgan Orchestra, now in the able hands of his son Jack, has been bringing us wonderful music for over six decades. The ensemble's founder never forgot his roots as a young coal miner in Northeastern Pennsylvania. I extend my best wishes for continued success to Jack and the Morgan family as they carry on the legacy of the great Russ Morgan on this milestone anniversary. What greater tribute could his beloved son pay him, than to carry on his music to new generations.

MILITARY INVOLVEMENT IN
INTERNATIONAL AIR AND TRADE
SHOWS

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 25, 1999

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing legislation to stop the use of taxpayer funds from subsidizing the U.S. defense industry at international air and trade shows.

Prior to 1991 the federal government avoided any direct military involvement in air shows and arms bazaars. For the first time, during the Bush administration, military personnel and equipment were permitted in foreign air shows and weapons exhibitions. The aircraft used, during these air shows and weapons exhibitions, is paid for with American taxpayer dollars. The fees involved include the cost of insurance, ramp fees, transportation to and from the show and payment for government personnel needed to attend and monitor the show. In June of 1991 the Secretaries of Defense and Commerce changed the practice that the Pentagon had previously followed of leasing U.S. aircraft to industry at air shows. The practice adopted allows for the loan of the Department of Defense (DoD) aircraft to defense contractors free of charge. This means that taxpayers pay for the cost of industry participation at air shows and arms bazaars. If taxpayers are not sharing in the profits made during the air shows and arms exhibitions, why should they share in the cost?

An example of this wasteful practice occurred in Singapore in 1992, during an air show intended to demonstrate new marine aviation technology. The Marine aircraft crashed and the American taxpayers were left with a bill of \$18.9 million. In response to the crash Congressman HOWARD BERMAN sponsored an amendment to the FY93 Authorization bill which puts a limit on the government's ability to participate in air shows. The amendment requires the President to notify Congress 45 days prior to any participation in further air shows. It also requires that participation be in the interest of national security. In addition, the amendment requires a cost estimate to be submitted to Congress as well.

In order to side step the Berman amendment, DoD sends aircraft and personnel to air shows on so called "training missions." This fulfills the requirement that the air show be in the interest of national security.

It is important to look at the total cost of foreign air shows in order to realize the abuse by the federal government on the American taxpayer. A conservative calculation of the total cost of taxpayer subsidies for 1996 and 1997 was at least \$68.4 million. That is an average