

A TRIBUTE TO HERB FISCHER,
GARDENER TO GENERATIONS

HON. JERRY LEWIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 9, 1999

Mr. LEWIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I would like to bring to your attention today the fine work and outstanding public service of Herbert L. Fischer, who celebrated his 80th birthday today—still working every day as the well-respected owner of Flowerland Nursery in San Bernardino and as a volunteer in a myriad of community organizations.

Herb opened Flowerland in 1947 with his wife, Mary L. Fischer, and has been at the store every day except Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day. Sought out by three generations of gardeners for his sage advice, Herb says he can't take a day off because his customers are all his friends, as well. He's recognized as one of the longest-serving licensed landscape architects still practicing in California.

He and Mary both served as state presidents of the California Association of Nurserymen, and his community involvement includes serving as president of the National Orange Show, and lifelong involvement in the Future Farmers of America, Boy Scouts, San Bernardino Chamber of Commerce, Calvary Baptist Church, and many school programs.

During his 52 years of business, Herb has hosted thousands of school children in field trips to Flowerland, and has given out thousands of tree seedlings to youngsters to celebrate Arbor Day. His son, Herb Fischer Jr., is San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and our colleagues to join me in recognizing the tremendous contributions of a man who has brought decades of natural beauty to his community and wonder to the lives of generations of children.

TRIBUTE TO DR. DOROTHY N.
FRANK

HON. DAVE CAMP

OF MICHIGAN

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Mr. CAMP. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Dr. Dorothy N. Frank, who is retiring after nine years of dedicated service as president of Kirtland Community College in Roscommon, MI.

Dr. Frank began her distinguished career at Kirtland Community College in 1990 after serving as vice president for instructional services at Victor Valley Community College in California. Her impressive credentials include a master's and a bachelor's degree in biology, and a Ph.D. in educational policy studies from Vanderbilt University.

While at Kirtland, Dr. Frank was instrumental in the creation of community programs that helped enrich the lives of children of all ages. These programs included cultural events, a volunteer center, a summer camp for fourth grade MEAP passers, technical training for high school students, and a summer creative writing institute.

Her dedication to community colleges and her own community is evident in her work. In

addition to her Kirtland duties, Dr. Frank was president of the Michigan Community College Association for the 1996–1997 academic year. She also serves on several local boards and committees.

I would like to commend Dr. Frank for her service to her students and congratulate her on her retirement on September 30, 1999.

Dr. Frank's contribution to education and the community makes her an outstanding role model and a respected professional in her field. On behalf of the residents of the 4th Congressional District of Michigan, I am honored to recognize Dr. Frank and her professional accomplishments. I wish her good fortune for the future.

PRESIDENT SHOULD SIGN
FINANCIAL FREEDOM ACT

HON. RON PACKARD

OF CALIFORNIA

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Mr. PACKARD. Mr. Speaker, I would like to emphatically urge President Clinton to sign the Financial Freedom Act into law when it reaches his desk. After hearing from my constituents over the August recess, I am convinced that America's hard working taxpayers do want tax relief. America's families today face staggering levels of taxation. Over the next 10 years, the average family will pay \$5,307 more in taxes than the government needs to operate. The Financial Freedom Act of 1999 will shift money, power and resources out of Washington and back to America's families.

The Financial Freedom Act offers meaningful tax relief for every taxpayer by lowering income tax rates across-the-board. It also reduces the Marriage Tax Penalty, repeals the Death-Tax, cuts the capital gains tax rate, expands Education Savings Accounts and increases private pension coverage. Additionally, the legislation expands access to affordable health care by increasing consumer choice and allows families without employer-paid coverage to deduct 100% of health insurance and long-term care premiums. Finally, the Financial Freedom Act leaves more than \$2 trillion for Social Security and Debt Reduction.

Mr. Speaker, I trust the American people to spend their own hard-earned dollars as they see fit. The President doesn't think families can make the right spending decisions for themselves and their children. I disagree. The truth is, it is not Washington's money to spend in the first place. The President should help give it back by signing the Financial Freedom Act into law.

TRIBUTE TO GEORGE AND IRENE
BAUER

HON. DAVID D. PHELPS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PHELPS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to George and Irene Bauer, who will be celebrating their fiftieth wedding anniversary on September 11, of this year. George

and Irene are formerly of Chicago, IL, but now reside in Scottsdale, AZ. George is the son of Jerry (deceased) and Wallis Bauer, who at 94 years of age, lives in Phoenix, AZ. Irene is the daughter of Michael and Tecla Wazecha (deceased). George and Irene have two wonderful children; their son Mark lives in Scottsdale and the daughter Christine, resides in Eldorado, IL, my hometown.

George served his country valiantly during World War II in the U.S. Navy and helped to build the first naval hospital in Guam. When he returned home from the war he met his future wife Irene, who was working for Peabody Coal Company. Since retiring from Martlett Importers of Canada, George had been keeping himself busy. Keeping in tradition with his life long affinity for sports, which in his younger days led to him being drafted by two major league baseball teams, he now play on a softball team, coaches, and he has won World Series rings. Irene enjoys aerobics and going bowling.

Mr. Speaker, the marriage of George and Irene Bauer is a truly wonderful example of the strong family values reflected through an enduring commitment to each other that helps ensure the tradition in this country of strong, loving and dedicated families. Again, I would like to take this opportunity to wish George and Irene a wonderful fiftieth anniversary, wish them God's speed, and encourage all my colleagues to join me in doing so.

CELEBRATING A CENTURY OF
MANUFACTURING IN BAY CITY

HON. JAMES A. BARCIA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, for the past 100 years GM Powertrain has been an anchor for the families in my hometown of Bay City, Michigan by providing stability and economic security. For generations, plant managers and members of United Auto Workers Local 362 have worked together to create a unique partnership. It is this relationship that in many ways makes Bay City a model for communities all across the United States.

Since the dawn of this century, the company and the community have worked together in the transportation industry to provide high quality vehicles for our community, state and nation. Initially a successful producer of bicycles, the factory expanded to the newly burgeoning automotive industry. By 1909, nearly 500 employees were producing parts for the legendary Packard and Studebaker. And by 1912, the National Truck Company was producing the chain-driven Natco Truck. In 1916, Mr. William C. Durant bought the plant and began production of the four-cylinder engine, introduced by Chevrolet. It was at this juncture in the company's history that an important milestone was achieved, not only for the families of Bay City, but for families everywhere. This was the organization of one of the oldest UAW locals in the country, Local 362, which remains greatly influential today.

In 1937, UAW Local 362 received its official charter, and shortly thereafter, pay for many of the employees rose to about one dollar per hour. And thus the remarkable relationship between the two entities—the union and the

company; the working men and women and their employer—was off to an auspicious beginning. Today, that relationship is renowned across our nation for pioneering the concept of the “living agreement”.

This unique relationship between labor and management is truly an incredible success story. In 1986, GM Powertrain-Bay City and UAW Local 362 agreed to resolve disputes as they came about, rather than letting these disputes fester until a designated negotiating period. This “living agreement” has strengthened the ties between the two entities and most importantly, has resulted in a better standard of living for all of the families in Bay County.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to add my voice to those who speak with pride about GM Powertrain-Bay City and its centennial of civic achievement and contribution. GM Powertrain would not be the pillar of our community that it is today without generations of dedicated individuals including the current Plant Manager Bill Bowen, and the current Local UAW 362 President Louis Roth. I urge you and our esteemed colleagues to join me in applauding General Motors Powertrain and its 100 successful years.

GOOD LUCK AND CONGRATULATIONS TO ROBERT A. GLACEL

HON. CHET EDWARDS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 9, 1999

Mr. EDWARDS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to congratulate Brigadier General Robert A. Glacel on a distinguished military career and wish him the very best on his retirement. I hope Members will join with me to thank General Glacel for his contributions to our Army and our country.

General Glacel is a consummate professional whose performance in over three decades of service, in peace and in war, has personified those traits of courage, competency and commitment that our nation has come to expect from its Army officers.

Robert Glacel entered service after graduating from the United States Military Academy and being commissioned as a second lieutenant in 1969. He served as a forward observer, artillery liaison officer and assistant executive officer in the 3rd of the 319th Field Artillery battalion in Vietnam. There he received the Bronze Star Medal for his valor. He immediately assumed command of an artillery battery in Germany in 1971, followed by successful command of a division artillery platoon and as the division artillery intelligence officer.

After earning two masters degrees from MIT, Cambridge, Massachusetts, General Glacel instructed and was an assistant professor at West Point in the Engineering Department. He also earned his MBA while tenured there. After the West Point assignment, he returned to the field and served as the Operations Officer and Executive Officer for the 1st of the 37th Field Artillery battalion in Fort Richardson, Alaska. With a stint at the Pentagon as an Operations Research/Systems Analyst in between, General Glacel was then selected to command the 1st Battalion, 4th Field Artillery, 3rd Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division in Korea from 1987 through 1989.

After attendance at the Industrial College of the Armed Forces, General Glacel returned to

the Pentagon as a Military Political Planner in 1990 with the Joint Chiefs of Staff. He became the Chief of the Conventional Forces in Europe (CFE) Branch, and was the lead negotiator in the historic CFE Treaty process and was a mainstay on the United States planning teams in Washington and Brussels, Belgium. He was also a major contributor to the new European security structure.

General Glacel was then selected by the Army to command the 7th Infantry Division (Light) Artillery Commander out of Fort Ord, California. Following his successful command, he served as the Executive Officer to the Under Secretary of the Army. In this role, he ably provided guidance and direction to the Army staff, and served as liaison between the Under Secretary, the Office of the Secretary of Defense, Office of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and assistant secretaries and Army Staff. He demonstrated diplomacy, decision making, leadership and perseverance.

General Glacel was then selected to serve as the Chief of the Requirements and Programs Branch for the Commander, SHAPE. He was the SHAPE commander's subject matter expert for the Defense Planning Process across the whole of the Allied Command Europe.

His most recent assignment put the general at the head of the Test and Experimentation Command (TEXCOM) at Fort Hood, Texas, which is in my congressional district. He quickly gained credibility with senior Army leadership through the data collection effort for the Division Warfighting Experiment (DAWE), making TEXCOM the Army's data collector of choice for all future experiments associated with the digitized division and corps design through the Force XXI process.

On a personal note, I am grateful to call Robert Glacel a close, personal friend. He is a role model for all of us: a man of integrity, decency, and compassion.

Let me also say that every accolade to Robert Glacel must also be considered a tribute to his family, his wife of 30 years, Barbara, and his three lovely daughters, Ashley, Sarah and Jennifer. As a wife and mother, Barbara has been a true partner in all of Robert's accomplishments. Robert and Barbara have made their community and our country a better place in which to live. They have touched so many lives, through their consideration and sincere caring.

Robert Glacel's career reflects a deep commitment to our nation, which has been characterized by dedicated, selfless service, love for soldiers and a commitment to excellence. I offer my heartfelt appreciation for a job well done over the past thirty years and best wishes for continued success, to a great soldier and defender of freedom. I ask Members to join me in wishing Robert, Barbara and their three daughters every success and happiness in the future.

INTRODUCTION OF THE UNITED STATES LIFE-SAVINGS SERVICE HERITAGE ACT

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 9, 1999

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, today I introduce the United States Life-Saving Service

Heritage Act, legislation to celebrate one of the most inspiring periods in America's maritime history. This legislation would establish a comprehensive program to inventory, evaluate, document, and assist efforts to restore and preserve surviving historic lifesaving stations. I am pleased that my Jersey Shore colleague Representative FRANK LOBIONDO has joined me in this effort.

The history of lifesaving in the United States dates back to 1785, when the Massachusetts Humane Society began building huts along the Massachusetts coast to aid shipwreck victims. These huts were later fitted with surfboats, beachcarts, and other lifesaving equipment. Beginning in 1847, the Federal government recognized the importance and necessity of lifesaving efforts when Congress provided a series of appropriations to establish lifesaving stations equipped to render assistance to shipwrecked mariners and their passengers. These stations were first established along the Atlantic coast with the assistance of Representative William Newell, who during the 31st and 39th Congresses represented some of the same areas of New Jersey that I represent today. Representative Newell's efforts contributed to the establishment of a network of lifesaving stations along the Jersey Shore from Sandy Hook to Cape May. In 1871, Congress approved the first appropriation for the Federal government to employ crews of lifesavers. On June 18, 1878, the “Act to Organize the Life-Saving Service” was enacted. In 1915 the Life Saving Service merged with the Revenue Cutter Service to form the Coast Guard. At that time, there were over 275 lifesaving stations to aid shipwreck victims on the Atlantic, Pacific, Gulf, and Great Lakes coasts.

The volunteer and professional lifesaving personnel who staffed these stations risked life and limb to prevent shipwreck casualties. Winslow Homer immortalized these great heroes of the American coast in this painting *The Life Line*. Walt Whitman celebrated their inspiring actions in the following excerpt of his poem *Patrolling Barnegat*—

Through cutting swirl and spray watchful
and firm advancing,
(That in the distance! Is that a wreck? Is the
red signal flaring?)
Slush and sand of the beach tireless till day-
light wending,
Steadily, slowly, through horse roar never
remitting,
Along the midnight edge by those milk-
white combs careering,
A group of dim, weird forms, struggling, the
night confronting,
That savage trinity warily watching.

An outstanding example of this period survives today in my district. The historic Monmouth Beach lifesaving station, established in 1895, is a Duluth style station designed by the architect George Tolman. In 1880, every member of the station's crew was awarded a gold lifesaving medal for rescuing victims of two shipwrecks on the same evening. Earlier this year, this historic structure was slated for demolition to make way for a new parking lot for beachgoers. Fortunately, the entire community came together to save this important structure. However, much work needs to be done to preserve the station's history and the inspiring stories of those who served there.

It is not certain exactly how many stations like the one in Monmouth Beach remain. Many surviving historic lifesaving stations are of rare