

RECOGNITION OF CLINTON TOWNSHIP DEMOCRATIC CLUB HONOREE HAROLD BREWER

HON. DAVID E. BONIOR

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 9, 1999

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, over the course of my career in the Congress, I have had the good fortune of knowing some of the most committed and impassioned volunteers. No one has done more than this year's Clinton Township Democratic Club Honoree Hal Brewer. I have known Hal Brewer for twenty years now. Through the course of that time, Hal has proven himself to be one of the most dedicated, reliable, and fun loving volunteers we have ever seen.

Not only has he provided Democrats in the state of Michigan with countless hours of folding, stuffing, labeling, tree bagging, walking, cheering and sign posting, but he has also managed to raise his family with his same ethics and ideals. His son, Mark Brewer, a former intern in my office, has gone on to become the current chair of the Michigan Democratic Party.

Hal's contribution has gone beyond the average work night or volunteer brunch. He has involved himself in every level of government, from helping his township treasurer to driving in Vice Presidential motorcades. Hal knows everybody, and everybody knows Hal. His sharp wit and unequalled charm has put Hal on the top of everyone's call list when help is needed.

Please join me today in honoring one of my district's most tireless advocates for democratic ideals. We salute you, Hal Brewer. Your work ethic and civic pride are an inspiration not only to me, but to all who know you.

A TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF LIBERTY TECHNOLOGIES: AN ENTREPRENEURIAL SUCCESS

HON. JAMES A. BARCIA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Liberty Technologies, Inc., located in my home town of Bay City, Michigan. For nearly twenty years, Liberty Technologies has been a leading community-oriented business and a fine example of entrepreneurial initiative for Michigan's small businesses.

Liberty Technologies was incorporated in 1981 to develop, formulate, blend and distribute environmentally-friendly detergents, sealers and dispensing systems. The company has since evolved into a dynamic small business in Bay City, and now produces such products as the trade-marked "The Best Cleaner in The World—World's Best". This cleaner is environmentally-friendly, biodegradable and non-toxic, characteristics which are goals of many companies that are attempting to redesign products which are less harsh on the environment. The company is also leading the way in innovative technologies, such as its web sites, www.worldsbestcleaner.com and www.quicknkleen.com, and its emphasis on continued research and development. But

more importantly, the company has invested in the community. It has donated its products to the annual Bay City Fourth of July Fireworks Festival, Bay County's Created For Caring, which provides for the less fortunate, the Bay Medical Foundation, and many other civic organizations.

Liberty Technologies has been the recipient of a distinguished award. The company received the 1999 Certificate of Merit from the Small Business Association of Michigan, for entrepreneurial experience in developing "products and services that are truly unique and serve a genuine market need." The company's product "The Best Cleaner in The World—World's Best" has been officially recognized by the United States Patent Office.

As this millennium nears to a close, we see that communities across America are becoming more and more successful due to small businesses, and the entrepreneurs who found, oversee and represent these businesses. For many in Bay County, Liberty Technologies serves as just such an example of a local success story.

Mr. Speaker, I invite you and our colleagues to join with me to congratulate Liberty Technologies, for its commitment to the community and for entrepreneurial initiative.

TRIBUTE TO AQUINAS HOUSING CORPORATION

HON. JOSE E. SERRANO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 9, 1999

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, it is with joy and pride that I rise to pay tribute to Aquinas Housing Corporation (AHC) which celebrated its 18th anniversary of providing services to the community on Wednesday, November 3, 1999, at the Marina Del Rey restaurant to families in need.

Aquinas Housing Corporation was founded in 1981 by a group of volunteers who understood the need to provide quality transitional housing services to families in need.

Mr. Speaker, over the past 18 years, Aquinas Housing Corporation has sponsored and developed the rehabilitation of 35 buildings, 990 residential units, 104 cooperatives, and 115 two-and three-family homes. By the year 2000, AHC plans to renovate 10 more buildings with 160 additional units for a total of 1,152 decent and affordable rental housing units that were nonexistent prior to AHC's creation.

Along with housing development, AHC provides a full range of social services to the residents of its buildings and community at large. Services offered include an adult job readiness program, a computer learning center, a clothing bank, case management, tenant organizing, neighborhood improvement projects, classes in English as a second language, parenting skills, senior services, a home-based child care resource and referral center, a tree maintenance program, and activities and field trips for youth and seniors.

It is a privilege for me to represent the 16th district of New York where Aquinas Housing Corporation is located, and I am delighted by its success. I have witnessed first-hand the exemplary work they are doing for our community and I am deeply impressed. I applaud

the commitment and the efforts of Aquinas Housing Corporation's staff in the assistance they provide to the elderly, and low- and moderate-income families, as well as, in facilitating educational opportunities for our talented youth.

I would like to especially compliment this year's honorees, St. Thomas Aquinas Elementary School, St. Barnabas Hospital, and the Bank Street College of Education Center for Family Support, for their leadership in improving the quality of life in our community.

Mr. Speaker, St. Thomas Aquinas Elementary School, an institution which provides quality and caring instruction to the younger members of the community, will receive the Community Education Award, St. Barnabas Hospital, which offers a wide range of services at both their main facility and their numerous satellites throughout the borough, will receive the Community Health Services Award, and the Bank Street College of Education Center for Family Support will receive the Community Family Support Award.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the Aquinas Housing Corporation and its staff and in wishing them continued success.

TRIBUTE TO WALTER P. KENNEDY

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 9, 1999

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, recently, the United States, and the House of Representatives in particular, lost a true public servant. On October 24, long-time Sergeant-at-Arms Walter P. Kennedy passed away at the age of 78.

I first met Mr. Kennedy when my father, John J. Duncan, was a Member of this Body. Daddy always had nice things to say about Mr. Kennedy. I, too, found Mr. Kennedy to be a consummate and dedicated member of the House family. He was a fine Christian man who had a special bond with Members on both sides of the aisle.

Mr. Speaker, Walter Kennedy was also a great family man. He and his wife of 53 years, Ana Luisa Bou, raised a family of seven beautiful children, all of whom still live in the Washington area.

Mr. Kennedy also enjoyed success after his service in the House of Representatives. For six years, he served as Chairman and CEO of the Kennedy Group Companies, a consulting and public relations firm based here in Washington, D.C.

Walter Kennedy set an example that we should all try to follow. He was truly a great American and gave tirelessly to many good causes. He was a volunteer for the Boy Scout program for many years and a long-time and dedicated member of the Catholic Church.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to add my condolences and best wishes to the Kennedy family. America has lost a true statesman in this fine man. The United States would be a far better place if we had more men like Walter P. Kennedy.

I submit a copy of Mr. Kennedy's obituary that I would like to call to the attention of my colleagues and other readers of the RECORD.

[Press Release from the Kennedy Companies, Oct. 25, 1999]

RETIRE REPUBLICAN SERGEANT-AT-ARMS,
U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Walter P. Kennedy, retired Republican Sergeant-at-Arms, U.S. House of Representatives (1950-1993) and a 43 year resident of Bethesda, MD, died on Sunday, October 24, 1999 in the Coronary Intensive Care Unit of the Washington Hospital Center. He was 78.

Born to Thomas Kennedy and Mary Stella McElvogue on February 23, 1921, he was an immigrant with them from Ireland in 1924. He was raised in Paterson, New Jersey.

During World War II, he served in the Army from February 1943 to November 1945. In 1943, as his unit was preparing to deploy, he became a naturalized citizen. He saw combat in France, Germany and Austria as a medic in the 63rd Engineer Battalion, 44th Infantry Division.

After his discharge from the service, he completed his studies at Seton Hall College, in New Jersey and went on to receive a law degree from Georgetown University in Washington, D.C.

He began a 44 year career in the U.S. Congress in 1950 as the chief administrative assistant for the Hon. Gordon Canfield of New Jersey, retiring in 1993 as the Republican Sergeant-at-Arms for the last couple of decades. In his position with Republican Leadership, he served under Charles Haleck, Gerald Ford, John Rhodes and Bob Michel.

Mr. Kennedy's 44 years of Congressional service is significant inasmuch as it represent more than 25% of all the years Congress has been in existence.

Notably, on the day of his retirement, he was honored by the House of Representatives while it was in session with impromptu speeches by many Members.

Subsequent to his retirement, he logged an additional 6 years on Capitol Hill with consulting, political fundraising and public relations through The Kennedy Group Companies of Washington, D.C., for which he was the Chairman and CEO.

Since the death of his father, he had been the patriarch of a big and very close-knit family. He is survived by his wife, Ana Louisa Bou, to whom he was married for more than 53 years, 7 children, Walter P. Kennedy, Jr., Ana L. Kennedy, Thomas F. Kennedy, Dennis M. Kennedy, Stella M. Kennedy-Dail, Kevin J. Kennedy, and Kathleen P. Kennedy McGovern, 4 daughters-in-law and a son-in-law, 12 grandchildren, all who reside in the great Washington, D.C., metropolitan area. He, himself, was the oldest of four children and he is survived by a brother, three sisters, their spouses and children. He was also the brother for two sister-in-laws, Ernestina Bou and Marie Isabel Pelalas.

He was active with the Boy Scouts and the Catholic Committee on Scouting for more than 40 years. Since 1956 he was an active member of Holy Redeemer Roman Catholic Church in Kensington, Maryland, particularly with the Holy Name Society and the Social Concerns Committee. He was an active member and a Knight of the 4th Degree in the Knights of Columbus.

He was a man of leadership and vision, but also, above all else, a good, honest and kind man. Though never losing focus on the future (which he always maintained as promising), he would consider everyone, yet remain vigilant for the underdog.

He was loved deeply by all and he will be greatly missed.

HONORING DR. BARNETT SLEPIAN

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 9, 1999

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, this past October 23rd marked the one-year anniversary of the death of Dr. Barnett Slepian. Dr. Slepian was an obstetrician-gynecologist who provided birth control and fertility service, delivered babies, and, when needed, performed abortions. One year ago Dr. Slepian was shot through the window of his own home in Buffalo, New York. A year later, the murder of Dr. Slepian still casts a chill on everyone who believes in a woman's right to reproductive freedom.

To this day, I am shocked and saddened by the death of Dr. Slepian. For more than a decade, he had bravely stood up to terrorists threats, never wavering in his commitment to his patients and to women's reproductive health. I salute Dr. Slepian's courage and that of reproductive health care workers across the nation. My heartfelt condolences go out to his family, friends, and colleagues.

A nationwide campaign of violence, vandalism, and blockades is curtailing the availability of abortion services and endangering providers and patients. Since 1993, three doctors, two clinic employees, a clinic escort, and a security guard have been murdered. And although clinic protection laws at the state and federal level have alleviated some forms of violence against abortion clinics, the threats, intimidation, and violence against clinic providers and staff continues. This domestic terrorism hinders access to abortion services and threatens the lives of those dedicated in ensuring a woman's right to choose and therefore, must be stopped.

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HON. DAVID E. BONIOR

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Tuesday, November 9, 1999

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, at the heart of every political organization, is a team of volunteers. Tonight, the Clinton Township Democratic Club honors one of its most active members, Eleanor Tocco. Eleanor Tocco is the water that keeps the grass roots growing. As a retired teacher and member of the Michigan Education Association, Eleanor has organized teachers, both active and retired, to get directly involved in the political process.

Eleanor realized early on that the legislative process has a direct effect on the welfare of teachers, students and education. She has been invaluable—educating not only our children, but also her fellow teachers. Because of Eleanor's outreach, on any given work night or phone bank in the Tenth District, a new teacher will show up. She has brought in educators who would normally have no other interest in the political process, and made them a part of shaping policy.

The idea that your life slows down once you retire was lost on Eleanor. She always seems to be in full gear. Whether it is stuffing a mailing, working a bingo, or directing a project for

MEA Local One, Eleanor is always in the middle of it, and is always good for rounding up more volunteers to help out. We can count on her to be outspoken and true to her beliefs—qualities that I greatly respect.

Thank you, Eleanor, for your years of service to your profession and to your chosen party. The Democrats in Macomb County are better organized, better represented, better served for having you among our ranks.

IN MEMORY OF BARBARA KNIPP

HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 9, 1999

Mr. HALL of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a woman who was an outstanding citizen of the Fourth District of Texas—Barbara Alice Knipp of Ladonia, who died on July 3, 1999, at her residence. Barbara was devoted to her community and to her family, and she will be missed by all who knew her.

Barbara was born on April 20, 1921, in English, Red River County, TX, the daughter of Theodore R. and Annie Bell Hunter Duncan. She was a member of Business and Professional Women, worked as a dental assistant and office manager for 34 years, taught at Lawton College of Dentistry at the University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA), and worked in office management and as a consultant. She was president of American Legion Post 247 in Honey Grove and served as fourth district chaplain. She also served as Girls State chairman for Post 247 and Post 17.

In 1993 she married Joseph Daniel Knipp in Wolfe City. She is survived by her husband, son and daughter-in-law Don and Bobbie Callaway; sons Clay, Ray and Bobby Knipp; daughter and son-in-law Joan and Kenneth Alexander; daughter Margaret Manning; sister and brother-in-law Kay and Don Loden; sister-in-law and brother-in-law Bobbie and Sam Smith; 18 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, brother Martin Duncan, a baby brother and a son, Kenneth Callaway.

Barbara was a kind and caring person. She was a longtime valued close personal friend to me and my entire family. She loved her family and loved life. Barbara, in her last battle against cancer, fought bravely—as did her husband, J.D., and her entire family. It is for Barbara—and others in the desperate and menacing clutches of cancer, that we continue to fund medical research—and use the bioreactor in the space station to seek answers to cancer, diabetes, heart, and other dreaded diseases. So Mr. Speaker, as we adjourn today, let us do so in memory of Barbara Alice Knipp and her many contributions to the life of her community and to her family.

IN HONOR OF FRANCES LoPRESTO

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 9, 1999

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to Frances