

Collier joined the Dyersburg Civitan Club in March 1968 cause he believed it would provide an opportunity to serve the community. He ended up also serving the club as the Valley District (middle and west Tennessee) lieutenant governor this past year, as president in 1977-78 and in 1994-95, as secretary-treasurer several times and as fruitcake sales chairman in 1980. In August, he was selected as the "Lieutenant Governor of the Year," beating out 12 other potential winners in the district. In the fiscal year that started this month, Collier will serve as the Civitan Clubs' Area 9 director.

Active in First United Methodist Church, Collier serves on the church finance committee and as a Sunday school teacher and participates in the men's chorus. He formerly was a member the church's nominations committee, the pastor-parish relations committee and served as chairman of the administrative board.

In addition, Collier serves as chairman of the craft advisory committee for the office occupations division of the Tennessee Technology Center at Newbern; serves on the advisory committee for typing, shorthand and secretarial science at Dyer County High School; and is a former chairman of the local advisory board for the Tennessee Vocational Training Center in Dyersburg.

QUOTE

"If I have (a motto), it's part of the Civitan creed: 'To follow the golden rule and to make it pay dividends both material and spiritual.'"

TRIBUTE TO COMMANDER BRIAN NUTT, USN

HON. CURT WELDON

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, November 10, 1999

Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Commander Brian Nutt, who for the past two years has served as the Deputy Director of the House Liaison Office of the Navy Office of Legislative Affairs. Commander Nutt will soon be leaving Capital Hill to attend Prospective Commanding Officer Training, and will eventually take over as the Commanding Officer of the U.S.S. *Bremerton* (SSN 698) stationed in San Diego, CVA.

As the Chairman of the House Armed Services Research and Development Subcommittee, I have relied heavily upon Commander Nutt's support for some of my most important endeavors. In the last year, I have traveled on several Congressional delegations with Commander Nutt. During these trips, I worked to foster improved relations between the United States and Russia. The success of my endeavors was in no small part due to the contributions of Commander Nutt.

I am not alone in my deep respect for Commander Nutt. He has made many friends here on Capitol Hill with Members of Congress on both sides of the aisle. Each and every Member of Congress who has worked with him has come away with a better understanding of how the decisions which we make in this House will affect the men and women who protect and serve our nation. Commander Nutt's skill and dedication have reflected well on him and all of our men and women in uniform.

Commander Nutt has consistently worked to remind this Congress that we must support our troops. No nation has ever been defeated because it is too strong, and we must under-

stand that one of our most important responsibilities outlined in the Constitution is the defense of the American people, wherever they might be, at home or abroad. Leaders like Commander Nutt have made our military the envy of the world.

I ask my colleagues to join me in bidding him farewell, and in wishing him continued success as he embarks on his newest journey to protect our country's national security.

I would like to submit for the RECORD a history of Commander Nutt's service to the United States:

Commissioned through Officer Candidate School in Newport, RI (Nov 82)
Completed Nuclear Power School in Orlando, FL (Jun 83)

Completed Prototype Reactor Operation Training in Idaho Falls, ID (Dec 83)

Completed Submarine Officer Basic Training in New London, CT (Mar 84)

Junior Officer Sea Tour—U.S.S. *New York City* (SSN 696), Pearl Harbor, HI (Apr 84-Feb 87)

Received my Dolphins (qualified "Submarines") Jun 85

Completed Submarine Officer Advanced Course in New London, CT (Mar-Sep 87)

Served as Weapons Officer on U.S.S. *Louisville* (SSN 724), San Diego, CA (Oct 87-Oct 89).

Served as Submarine Liaison Officer on the staff of Commander, Cruiser-Destroyer Group THREE, San Diego, CA (Nov 89-Nov 91)

Served on the Combat Systems Training Team conducting submarine weapons certification, San Diego, CA (Nov 91-Oct 93)

Served as Radiological Controls Officer on the submarine tender, U.S.S. *Frank Cable* (AS 40) in Charleston, SC (Nov 93-Feb 95)

Served as Executive Officer on U.S.S. *Puffer* (SSN 652) in San Diego and then decommissioned her in Bremerton, WA (Apr 95-Jun 96)

Served as Executive Officer on U.S.S. *Alabama* (SSN 731) in Bangor, WA (Jul 96-Sep 97)

Served as Officer of Legislative Affairs, Deputy Director, House Liaison Office (Nov 97-Dec 99)

Commander Nutt's inspirational leadership, breadth of vision, and complete success have earned the award of the Meritorious Service Medal for his superb accomplishments

TRIBUTE TO FATHER PIO OLIVA GOTTIN

HON. BARNEY FRANK

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, November 10, 1999

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, I was saddened to learn yesterday of the death of Padre Pio Oliva Götting. Nho Padre Pio, as he was known to many, was a pastor of St. Patrick's Church in Roxbury, Massachusetts, and was one of the most respected and dedicated leaders of the Cape Verdean Community both in the United States and in the Republic of Cape Verde. A native of Italy, and a missionary of the Order of Capuchins, he devoted his pastorate and life to responding to the needs of the community, and he was an important spokesman and advocate of the Cape Verdean-American and Cape Verdean immigrant people living in the Northeast, and

in particular, Massachusetts. As a Member of the U.S. Congress, with the proud honor of representing one of the largest Cape Verdean-American constituencies in the United States, it is with great sadness that I join his family, friends, the members of his congregation, and the entire Cape Verdean Community both here and abroad in remembering and paying tribute to Padre Pio for his decades of valuable contributions to the spiritual and cultural life of the Cape Verdean people from around the world. Mr. Speaker, I ask that the statement by the Prime Minister of Cape Verde, Dr. Carlos Alberto Wahnnon Veiga, on the death of Padre Pio Oliva Götting, be printed in translated form.

TRANSLATION—OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER, GOVERNMENT COMMUNIQUE

The People and Government of Cape Verde learned with profound sadness and regret of the death, yesterday afternoon, of FATHER PIO, a missionary with eminent qualities and a great friend of Cape Verde and particularly of the Brava Island and its people.

The Catholic Church and the People of Cape Verde lost a man of great stature, a friend and protector of the poor.

FATHER PIO, a native of Italy, came to Cape Verde as a young missionary from the Capuchin Order doing his work mostly in the Brava island where he gained much respect and admiration.

In the process, on that island, "Nino Padri", as he was affectionately called, tirelessly sought to respond to the needs of the disenfranchised by creating conditions for self-improvement and social integration through education and training.

This is how the "Escola Materna de Nova Sintra", founded by Father Pio, has assumed such an important role in numerous professional arenas such as carpentry, secretarial and others which today still have a relevant role in the Braven Community.

Even though he resided in the United States in the last few years, he continued his missionary work with the Cape Verdean community for whom FATHER PIO continued to be a point of reference.

In this moment of pain, the Government of Cape Verde expresses its profound sorrow for the irreplaceable loss of a man who became Cape Verdean to better serve his high ethical and spiritual ideals.

OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER,
PRAIA NOVEMBER 8, 1999.

SENSE OF HOUSE REGARDING THE TRAFFICKING OF BABY PARTS

SPEECH OF

HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, November 11, 1999

Mr. ADERHOLT. Mr. Speaker, I would like to lend my support to H. Res. 350, which I have co-sponsored, which expresses the sense of the House that Congress should exercise its oversight responsibilities and conduct hearings into the possible trafficking of baby parts for profit.

Throughout the abortion debate, many Americans have come to realize that abortion is a morally repugnant act which has no place in a civilized society. In spite of the brutality of partial-birth abortion and other abortion methods which more Americans have become aware of in recent years, Congress has been

unable to override a Presidential veto which would outlaw this practice.

Many Americans are beginning to reevaluate their views on this issue. Recently uncovered evidence shows that infants "delivered" by partial-birth abortion and even those born alive have been killed for their body parts. Private companies have circumvented laws banning this practice by acting as "middlemen" in this gruesome trade by selling baby body parts from abortion clinics to research facilities.

My colleagues, certainly we can begin to take some action to address this terrible practice. I strongly urge you to join me in voting for H. Res. 350, to express the sense of the House that Congress should conduct hearings into the possible trafficking of baby parts for profit. Let's show this Nation that the unborn should be protected by conducting hearings and getting more information on this issue.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MAJOR R. OWENS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 10, 1999

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, yesterday I was unavoidably absent on a matter of critical importance and missed the following vote: On the agreement to the amendment to H.R. 1714 introduced by the gentleman from Michigan, Mr. DINGELL, I would have voted "yea."

WESTSIDE AMERICAN HEART WALK

HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 10, 1999

Mr. WAXMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the American Heart Association on the occasion of the 1999 Westside American Heart Walk.

The Westside American Heart Walk will kick off on Saturday, November 20, 1999. This year's event chair is Philip P. Thomas, the Chief Executive Officer of the V.A. Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System. More than 3,500 enthusiastic walkers are expected to participate in the non-competitive 5K walk and fun run. Proceeds from the event will go toward cardiovascular research grants and community education programs throughout the greater Los Angeles area. I am delighted to participate in this very important cause.

Cardiovascular disease is the leading cause of death in our country. It takes the lives of about 960,000 each year, including more than 25,000 residents of Los Angeles County. I want to commend the American Heart Association for its fight against cardiovascular disease and strokes. It raised \$312 million during fiscal year 1997–1998 for research and education and community programs. Without the hard work and dedication of more than 4 million volunteers, the American Heart Association could not fulfill its important mission each year.

I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Philip P. Thomas and the staff, volun-

teers, and friends of the American Heart Association on their tremendous work to make the 1999 Westside American Heart Walk a success.

OP-ED BY FORMER CONGRESSMAN PETER RODINO ON THE NEED FOR WARNING LABELS ON RAW SHELL EGG CARTONS

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 10, 1999

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, over the last two years I have been growing increasingly concerned about the difficulty the federal government has had in combating outbreaks of food borne illnesses in this country. Food borne illnesses are on the rise and, according to a recently released report by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention are occurring with a far greater frequency—more than double the rate—than was previously thought.

In an effort to address this troubling trend, I have introduced two pieces of legislation this Congress that would improve the safety of the Nation's food supply. The first, the Consumer Food Safety Act, would establish a comprehensive food safety inspection and education program across the nation. The second, the National Uniform Food Safety Labeling Act, would help consumers make more informed choices about the food they eat through warning labels placed on food packaging.

One particular aspect of the second bill I wanted to mention tonight concerns the placement of warning labels on egg cartons. I wanted to mention this for two reasons. The first is that the Secretary of Health and Human Services is expected soon to make a final recommendation on a proposal put forth in July to require warning labels on raw shell egg cartons. I strongly support that language and recently sent a letter to the Secretary urging her to finalize the language proposed in July, which I think will go a long way in protecting consumers against food borne illnesses caused by eggs.

The second reason I wanted to mention this particular provision is one of the House's most distinguished former Members, Congressman Peter Rodino from my home State of New Jersey, has written an op-ed on this matter. Congressman Rodino's op-ed succinctly describes the problem, and the reasons why the Secretary's July language on raw shell egg safety should be finalized.

I commend Congressman Rodino for recognizing the importance of this issue. He is right on the mark in his suggestion that the Federal Government should be looking at food safety as a priority issue. To that end, I submit his op-ed for the record and urge all of my colleagues to follow the suggestions of one of the most respected public figures to ever have served the people of New Jersey and the Nation.

Over the past few years, I've followed with great interest news and television stories about food poisoning. And, this summer, I was disturbed to learn that the incidence of food borne illness is on the rise, and that according to the Centers for Disease Control, 76 million Americans became ill and 5,000 die annually from food poisoning. While E. coli

and mad cow disease are significant, severe illness caused by salmonella bacteria are pandemic, and eggs stubbornly remain the number one source of food poisoning caused by salmonella.

Salmonella contaminated shell eggs is an excellent example of government recognizing a major health problem on one hand, and having a solution on the other, yet sitting on its hands.

The Department of Health and Human Service (HHS) projects that the number of cases of illness due to food poisoning from eggs will continue to rise significantly from an estimated 660,000 cases each year. Recently at a public hearing in Washington, both the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) agreed upon a goal of reducing salmonella egg related illness by 50% by the year 2005.

I commend Secretary Donna Shalala for her efforts to combat food borne illnesses by proposing stronger warning labels on egg cartons to warn consumers about the risk of illnesses caused by salmonella.

I've also learned, the very same FDA created a standard to pasteurize a raw egg in its shell, and the USDA designed a process to inspect raw egg pasteurization, even certifying it with a special seal of approval. Experts point out this is a 99.999% solution to the problem.

While I commend the FDA for approving this egg pasteurization technology and the USDA for creating a mechanism for the protection against salmonella, until full-scale, raw egg pasteurization equipment is available to egg producers, there are other common sense steps to protect against food borne illnesses.

One step is in a bill introduced by my friend, New Jersey Congressman Frank Pallone together with a number of other cosponsors earlier this year. The bill, known as the National Uniform Food Safety Labeling Act, requires warning labels on raw or soft cooked eggs, unpasteurized juice, and fish. These foods could be harmful to as much as 30% of the population consisting of children, the elderly, pregnant women and persons with weakened immune systems such as AIDS patients.

Senator Durbin (D-IL), recognizing the gravity of the problem of food borne illnesses, introduced his bill, The Safe Food Act, to address this problem. It would replace the current fragmented federal food safety system with a single, independent agency to oversee all federal food safety activities.

With all the risks facing us, eating eggs should not be one of them. The CDC calls salmonella food poisoning from raw or soft cooked eggs "epidemic," the USDA says that salmonella costs the U.S. economy up to \$2.3 billion annually. A story related by Congressman Pallone before the House of Representatives concerning Lynn Nowak, his personal friend and constituent, describes how Lynn became ill from food poisoning while pregnant. This resulted in severe health complications for her unborn daughter, Julia. Although modern antibiotics cured Lynn, her daughter was left scarred.

Until such time as pasteurization is required, I urge that the Congress take the simple step of supporting the egg carton warning label language proposed by Secretary Shalala which states, "Eggs may contain harmful bacteria known to cause serious illness, especially in children, the elderly and persons with weakened immune systems. For your protection, keep eggs refrigerated, cook eggs until yolks are firm, and cook foods containing eggs thoroughly."

Hopefully this warning label could help reduce the possibility of one more death or illness like Lynn's from ever occurring again.