

HONORING REVEREND DEVIN MILLER, RECIPIENT OF THE 1999 FBI DIRECTOR'S COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP AWARD

HON. BRUCE F. VENTO

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 9, 2000

Mr. VENTO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the work of the Reverend Devin Miller. Mr. Miller was recognized as the recipient of the 1999 FBI Director's Community Leadership Award. Since 1990, the FBI has publicly recognized the achievements of individuals and organizations within the area of drug education and prevention by presenting them with the Director's Community Leadership Award. Included in this group of eligible recipients are those individuals or organizations who are actively involved in gang, crime, and violence prevention/education.

This award was presented in recognition of Reverend Miller's work to promote non-violence in Saint Paul. Among his initiatives is the creation of the Black Teens for Advancement youth program, which stresses academics, self-esteem and a nonviolent lifestyle. He recently expanded this program with "Becoming Everything You Set Out to Be," a similar initiative for junior high students.

I commend Reverend Miller for his work with the youth of Saint Paul. His efforts benefit not only the young people with whom he works directly, but also our community as a whole. There is a lot of talk about the growing incidences of violence among teens, what the causes are and how to prevent problems in the future. Reverend Miller has shown through his work, that the best thing we can do is to act, to mentor, and most of all to care about our young people. I applaud his efforts to implement programs that address the concerns and needs of our youth, and wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors.

30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PACIFIC DAILY NEWS AND ITS LONGEST TENURED EMPLOYEES, LEE P. WEBBER, PEPITO C. LADERA AND MAGGIE N. CASTRO

HON. ROBERT A. UNDERWOOD

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, as we all know from direct experience, our relationship, as elected public officials, with the news media is a necessary but not always comfortable one. We are quick to turn to the news to find out what's going on, but we dread facing the cameras and microphones when we ourselves get swept up in newsworthy circumstances. Some of us try to avoid media attention. Some of us bravely face it head on. Some of us are more media savvy than others. Most of us learn from our mistakes. Of course, when we have what we think is good news—something that places us in a good light—we often find ourselves banging on the media's doors for attention.

The news media, the "Fourth Estate," regards itself as the guardian and champion of our First Amendment rights. While the great

debate rages about responsibility, accountability, fairness and where the line lies between the public's right to know and the public's right to privacy, I daresay we all still believe, as Thomas Jefferson held, that democracy cannot flourish without a free press.

With this as my preface, I wish to congratulate Guam's Pacific Daily News on its 30th anniversary. Known affectionately, and sometimes disdainfully, simply as the "PDN," this Gannett-owned newspaper is Guam's only general circulation morning daily, publishing seven days a week. In my district, which is a small island with a small population, where elected officials, media personalities and news reporters are not distanced and insulated from the public at large, the PDN has worked valiantly to report the news as fairly, as accurately, as fully, and as objectively as possible, despite the inescapable network of familial and personal relationships that bind us all together as a small island community.

Mr. Speaker, as a young teacher over twenty years ago, I organized and led a public protest demonstration against the PDN over its English-only publication policy. After several exchanges in the days following, some which were rather heated, we arrived at a compromise: the Daily News would accept non-English advertisement if accomplished by an English translation. In the years since then, the PDN has made commendable efforts to truly reflect the multi-ethnic, multi-cultural island community which it serves. It has recruited reporters locally and supported their continued education and training in journalism. It has a long-established summer intern program and promoted reporting and writing among high school students by devoting an entire section, called "Vibe," for the news and entertainment interests of young people. Now, English translations of foreign language ads are optional. And finally, the PDN routinely fills management positions from within.

Thus, I again congratulate retired editor Joe Murphy, whose "Pipe Dreams" column entertained, antagonized, and inspired many over the years; Managing Editor Rindraty Celes Limtiaco, whose career I been privileged to watch develop; the section editors and reporters who have had to ask me tough questions, have often put me on the spot, and have generally treated me fairly. Lastly, I send special congratulations to the three PDN employees, who, like the newspaper itself, are celebrating 30 years on the job. To Publisher and President Lee P. Webber, who started out as PDN's Circulation Manager; to Comptroller Pepito C. Ladera, who has kept the paper's books and ledgers; and to Senior Account Executive Maggie N. Castro, who could probably run the entire operation singlehandedly, I send my best wishes. Yanggin mauleg che'cho'-ta, mauleg i ma sanggan-ta. When our work is good, good is said of us. Biba, PDN!

RECOGNIZING THE WORK OF THE 1ST BATTALION, 103RD ARMORED DIVISION OF THE PENNSYLVANIA NATIONAL GUARD

HON. JOHN P. MURTHA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 9, 2000

Mr. MURTHA. Mr. Speaker, the community spirit and dedication of National Guard units

are a key to communities throughout the United States, and I want to recognize an especially strong community effort by the 103rd Armored Division based in Johnstown, Pennsylvania.

In particular, their support of Red Cross efforts with the Keystone 500 race and blood drives has been recognized by the Chairman of the local Red Cross Board as extremely significant and in the highest tradition of public service.

The Guard Unit has also helped with the Cambria County Air Show, the Kosovo Relief Project, the Penn Woods Council of the Boy Scouts, the United Way Summer Youth Employment Program, and school efforts on Veterans Day and Memorial Day.

Along with training for their military readiness and providing vital back-up to active duty forces, this kind of community support is in the highest tradition of the Armed Services and of our Nation.

In particular, I want to recognize Major Preston Scott Stape, the Administrative Officer, and the particularly strong work of SFC Donald F. Scholly, SFC Donald F. Williams, SSG James P. Livella, SSG Ronald L. McKelvey, and Mr. David J. Lavigne.

It's this type of service to family, Nation, and community that is such a great part of our Nation's history and continuing strength, and I commend these individuals for their efforts and dedication.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. EVA M. CLAYTON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 9, 2000

Mrs. CLAYTON. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 10, Tuesday, February 8, 2000, I was absent due to my husband's illness. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

TRIBUTE TO JERRY W. WEST, SR.

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 9, 2000

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, it is with profound sadness that I rise to mark the passing of Mr. Jerry W. West, Sr., of Neptune, NJ, who died on Saturday, December 4, 1999, at the age of 73.

Jerry West was an outstanding leader in our community, dedicated to the effort to improve the quality of life for the residents of the Jersey Shore area. He was also a good friend whose support and advice I have always valued. Jerry also worked closely my predecessor, a great Member of this House, the late Representative James J. Howard of New Jersey.

Born in Asbury Park, NJ, Jerry West lived in the Shore area for most of life. He served his country in the Navy during World War II. He received his bachelor's and master's degrees in business administration from Monmouth University in West Long Branch, NJ. He went on to earn his doctorate from Temple University, Philadelphia. He was an adjunct professor at his alma mater, Monmouth University. For 20 years, Jerry served as a contract

specialist for the U.S. Army's Fort Monmouth in Eatontown, NJ, retiring in 1997.

Jerry West made great contributions to the building and maintaining of a prosperous and healthy community along the Jersey Shore. He was a member of the Neptune Township Board of Adjustment and the Environmental Commission. He also served on the Fletcher Lake Committee, contributing his efforts to the restoration of this beautiful lake located between the Ocean Grove section of Neptune and Bradley Beach. In fact, in recognition of Jerry's devotion to the cause of protecting our environmental resources, the West family is asking that, in lieu of flowers, memorial donations be made to the Fletcher Lake Committee.

As dedicated as he was to serving our community, Jerry was most devoted to his family. He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Edna Brand West, his son, Jerry West, Jr., his daughter, Linda W. Maxwell, his brother, John West, his sister, Ann Connelly, five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, the passing of Jerry West is a terrible loss for his family, his many friends and all those in our community who have benefited from his good work. It is, nevertheless, an honor for me to pay tribute to him in the pages of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 9, 2000

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate African-American History Month. The contributions of African-Americans to America are too numerous and wide-sweeping to mention in a minute, so I decided to tell you about my district's Citizen of the Month, a shining example of a strong, determined, beautiful African-American woman.

Hempstead Town Board Member Dorothy L. Goosby is an amazing person, embodying what it means to be well-rounded person, a community activist, a citizen legislator and a trail-blazer.

Dorothy is a woman whose life reflects many "firsts." On November 2, 1999, she was elected to the Town of Hempstead Town Board as only one of three Democrats to serve on the board since 1905. A major achievement topped by the fact she is the first African American woman elected to the board. To her political experience, Dorothy brings her careers as a dietician, chemistry teacher and nursing home administrator.

Long been a community activist in Nassau County and the Town of Hempstead, Dorothy challenged the very town on whose board she now sits. In 1988, Dorothy and others filed a class action suit against the Town of Hempstead charging voters' bias. In 1997, a federal judge agreed and ruled that the town's voting methods was not representative of all its residents.

Twelve long, hard years later, Dorothy's class action suit came to a positive close recently when, on January 24, 2000, the New York State Supreme Court ruled that the Town of Hempstead did in fact discriminate against

African-Americans and that board members must be elected from council districts rather than in town-wide voting.

A long-time advocate and supporter of children and youth programs, Dorothy is an adult member of the Girl Scouts, and has served on the Board of Directors for the Girl Scouts of Nassau County. She is the former Vice President of Hempstead School Board; former President of Hempstead's United Parents Association and retired President of Marshall School's Parents Teachers Association.

Dorothy's success and sheer determination to do the right thing is an inspiration to everyone. I hold up my friend, Dorothy Goosby, as a shining example in this bright month of African-American History Month.

IN TRIBUTE TO SIMI VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMIC DECATHLON TEAM

HON. ELTON GALLEGLY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 9, 2000

Mr. GALLEGLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the Simi Valley High School Academic Decathlon Team, which will represent Ventura County in the Academic Decathlon California state finals on March 16–19.

The Simi Valley team's win this past weekend was impressive, setting a new county record of points scored. And, in winning the county competition against 15 other schools, they also beat last year's National Champions—Moorpark High School, Simi Valley's neighbor to the west. Moorpark placed second in this year's county competition. The two have been trading the county title for the past eight years.

This time, the accolades belong to Simi Valley High School. The nine-student team is representative of the best and brightest our county has to offer. They have been accepted to such universities as Harvard and Stanford. Seniors David Bartlett, Steve Mihalovitz, Cary Opal, Jeff Robertson, Jennifer Tran, Michael Truex, Justin Underhill, Randy Xu and junior Kevin White ended the competition with a slew of medals and trophies.

Now these bright young leaders are readying themselves to take on the top teams in the state. They will probably face Moorpark High School again, as Moorpark is expected to compete as one of the state's wild card teams. Simi Valley High School is confident, but not taking Moorpark for granted.

It promises to be an exciting contest—the Super Bowl of intellectual competition.

"We're cooler than the athletes now," Jennifer Tran told a local reporter after this weekend's contest. And just as tough.

Mr. Speaker, I know my colleagues will join me in congratulating the Simi Valley High School Academic Decathlon Team for its impressive win this week, and in wishing the team great success in the state championships.

INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION TO ASSIST LAW ENFORCEMENT WITH THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH PROTECTING THE PRESI- DENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE FIRST LADY

HON. SUE W. KELLY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 9, 2000

Mrs. KELLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today for the purpose of introducing legislation to assist law enforcement agencies that are facing additional costs due to the new residency of the President and the First Lady in Chappaqua, NY.

It is fortunate that my new constituents will now have the benefit of the services of some of the finest local law enforcement agencies in the nation. My intention in introducing this legislation today is simply to ensure that the local taxpayers are not overburdened with the additional costs which are normally associated with providing the necessary protective services for the Nation's First Family. Though their presence in our community at this point has been limited and sporadic, some local police departments have already incurred costs in the tens of thousands of dollars. While it is difficult to forecast, these local agencies project that the costs will increase dramatically in the coming months.

Similar legislation was introduced and acted upon in 1989 when Representative Brennan, whose district included Kennebunkport, ME, proposed legislation to provide funding to local police departments in order to limit the costs incurred by the frequent visits of President Bush. It is my hope that the Federal Government will again take action to prevent a local community from being overburdened by these additional costs, and I ask my colleagues to join me in supporting this legislation.

CODIFYING THE CLEAN WATER ACT

HON. MAX SANDLIN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 9, 2000

Mr. SANDLIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce a bill that will codify the 27-year statutory interpretation of the Clean Water Act that has consistently classified forestry activities as a nonpoint source for potential water impairment and specifically exempted forestry activities from permitting requirements. Quite simply, this legislation will preserve the current system whereby our waters are kept clean through cooperative efforts between State and local governments and private landowners.

The 1987 Clean Water Act Amendments enacted section 319 to specifically address nonpoint source runoff, including silviculture, through State Best Management Practice [BMP] programs. Under section 319, any regulatory program to control nonpoint source pollution is at the State level and not at the Federal level. Congress determined that it is the State's responsibility to develop nonpoint source controls and determine if there is a need for regulatory programs. Additionally, it is the State's responsibility to have the legal