

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

THE TEXAS SHRIMP ASSOCIATION

HON. SOLOMON P. ORTIZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 11, 2000

Mr. ORTIZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the Texas Shrimp Association on the occasion of its golden anniversary. On August 6, 1950, the Texas Shrimp Association was born out of necessity; its industry was on the verge of extinction.

The Federal Food and Drug Administration was prepared to utterly reform the industry; it was given the ultimatum "clean up or be cleaned up." While fear motivated the Association at its infancy, safety, customer satisfaction and superior businesses became the focus of the Texas Shrimp Association (TSA) as it grew with the 20th Century.

During the 50-year history of the TSA, it concentrated its energies on becoming leaders in U.S. fisheries. The growth has benefitted many more people than those associated with the shrimping industry; the industry overcame enormous challenges to contribute over \$600 million annually to the Texas economy.

Life has never been easy for those who cast their nets for shrimp. Shrimping is hard, dangerous, dirty and many times lonely. The TSA has faced legal and regulatory changes that often prove to be difficult, although the waters of the Gulf of Mexico are more treacherous than the waters of Washington.

The TSA board conducts a host of efforts to ensure the continued vitality of the shrimp harvesting industry. These efforts include: monitoring legislative activity in Austin and Washington where regulations are written that govern the industry, monitoring the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council and the National Marine Fisheries Service and other agencies with regulatory authority over the industry, and working with the International Trade Commission to protect the industry.

TSA also works closely with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department on activities that enhance our state's fishery resources. It monitors and responds to permit applications that affect wetlands, bays and estuaries, water quality and other environmental concerns. TSA is a group of hard-working, dedicated people.

Through it all, it is primarily about education . . . the education of consumers, of lawmakers at the state and national levels, the press, environmental groups and the public at large. It is part of a market expansion and consumer education program in conjunction with the Texas A&M University system, through which it is developing strategies related to consumer preference for domestic shrimp, and promoting quality assurance programs.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in commending the men and women of the Texas Shrimp Association for the hard work it does on the 50th anniversary of its founding.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE BAYSIDE TIMES

HON. GARY L. ACKERMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 11, 2000

Mr. ACKERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Bayside Times, a weekly community newspaper in Bayside, New York in the borough of Queens, which is hosting its 65th anniversary celebration on Thursday, July 13, 2000.

The Bayside Times was launched by the Alison family early in the last century. The first issue hit the newsstands on July 2, 1935 with the front page headline "Bayside's Own Newspaper Makes Its Appearance." That first edition included stories on local marriages and birthday celebrations, the Bayside American Legion and the Bayside Pet Show. The newspaper attracted many loyal readers and established a strong identity in the area. The "Bayside Times" was actually the first community newspaper that I had ever seen.

Then on July 10, 1989, Steve Blank, who had a vision of creating a daily newspaper that published once a week, purchased the Bayside Times from David Allison Jr., a second generation owner of the publication. Steve Blank brought years of experience in the newspaper business to the Bayside Times. After graduating with a journalism degree from Boston University, he held positions at weekly newspapers in the Massachusetts area, the Daily Record in his native New Jersey and the Post Standard in Syracuse, New York. He was also a court house correspondent and an award winning investigative reporter for the Kansas City Star. In addition, he obtained experience on the business side of the industry as a media buyer for Savermart, a major chain of consumer electronics stores.

Steve Blank used his impeccable credentials to transform the Bayside Times into a model for community journalism. Under his leadership, the quality of writing and reporting of local news events became second to none. Steve Blank also afforded local businesses and merchants, the opportunities to reach their customers in an efficient and cost-effective manner. He redesigned the periodical to give it a more contemporary look and reorganized it to make it easier for readers to find information. He also boosted the newspaper's circulation, computerized its operation and increased the editorial and business staff.

From 1991 to 1998, Mr. Blank expanded his operation to include newspapers throughout the Borough of Queens. Operating under Queens Publishing Corporation, Steve Blank presently publishes 13 newspapers in the Times/Ledger chain.

Yes, from Humble beginnings—including loading newspapers into the trunk of his car—to winning numerous local and state journalism awards, Steve Blank has built the Bayside Times into a newspaper heavyweight in the new millennium. Yet he continues to

stay on the original mission that the Bayside Times set 65 years ago—to provide local news coverage in a fair, accurate and balanced manner. Whether through the breadth of its stories, the quality of its editorials, the informative advertisements, the Q-Guide or its web site—www.timesledger.com—the Bayside Times remains on the cutting edge of community journalism.

Mr. Speaker, I ask all my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me now in congratulating Steve Blank and the entire staff of the Bayside Times and the Times/Ledger newspaper chain for a terrific 65 years of service to the Bayside community. I am confident that the Bayside Times will continue to enjoy success for many more years to come.

TRIBUTE TO MARCELLA R. BROWN

HON. JOSE E. SERRANO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 11, 2000

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mrs. Marcella R. Brown, an outstanding individual who has dedicated her life to public service and education. She was honored on July 8, 2000 by parents, family, friends, and professionals for her outstanding contributions to the community at the Washington Avenue Community Center in the Bronx.

Born in Charleston, South Carolina, Mrs. Brown moved to the South Bronx in 1959 with her late husband, Nathaniel, and their eight children. She is blessed with 19 grandchildren and three great grandchildren. In 1967, Mrs. Brown began as a community organizer at L.A.B.O.R. and was there for twenty years. In 1972, she earned a B.A. Degree in Urban Planning from Manhattan College and continued her pursuit of postgraduate studies and was awarded a certificate in Health & Human Services. She also graduated with honors from the first class at NYCPD Citizens' Policy Academy, an initiative designed to build positive community relations between residents and the police department.

Mr. Speaker, Mrs. Brown, currently, works with the Ehrlick Residential Mental Health Housing Program assisting residents in need of supportive intensive services. She began as a Residential Counselor and for the past eleven years she has served as the Entitlement Intake Specialist. In addition, she served as the District Leader in the 78th Assembly District for two terms. She was on the first community board of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s Health Center, where she served for twenty years and is the proud recipient of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Life Time Achievement's award for dedicated service. Mrs. Brown was responsible for organizing the community to advance the completion of the NYCHA development at 1162-76 Washington Avenue in the Bronx. She also assisted in the screening of tenants for the first "Turnkey"

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NYCHA development in the South Bronx/Morrisania area.

Mrs. Brown belongs to many business, professional, religious and civic organizations and has received numerous honors and awards. Presently, she is serving her fifth term as Chairwoman of Community Planning Board III, she serves as President of the 1162-76 Washington Avenue Tenant Association and has been a resident since the development opened in 1974, she is former Chairwoman for the Interim Council of Presidents for the NYCHA Bronx South District, First Vice President at Lincoln Hospital Community Advisory Board, Worthy Matron at Tyber Chapter #6C Order of Eastern Stars, Member of the Bronx Urban League and the NAACP. She serves as the Chairwoman of Women's Day Program and President of Pastor's Aide-Auxiliary at Mt. Carmel Baptist Church. Mrs. Brown's daily motto has been "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mrs. Marcella R. Brown for her outstanding achievements in community service.

IN MEMORY OF U.S. REPRESENTATIVE WILLIAM J. RANDALL

HON. KAREN MCCARTHY

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 11, 2000

Ms. MCCARTHY of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a former member who was laid to rest today. U.S. Representative William J. Randall died earlier this week in his home town of Independence, Missouri. He served in the United States House of Representatives from 1959 until 1977 representing Missouri's Fourth Congressional District. Through the years redistricting has changed the makeup of the districts in Missouri; his home address is now in the Fifth District which I currently represent. My Independence District Office is located in the U.S. Post Office which now bears his name. Known for his tireless constituent services, my office is inspired by him daily to serve our citizens to the best of our ability.

Congressman Randall had a distinguished career here in the Peoples' House. Elected to fill a vacancy in March of 1959, he served eight additional full terms. His service in the House included work on the House Government Operations Committee. As Chairman of the Government Activities and Transportation Subcommittee he exercised oversight over the Federal Aviation Administration. He is credited with playing a major role in the process of selecting and training air traffic controllers, resulting in improved service and performance in air safety. His tenure is also noteworthy in that he represented then retired President Truman.

As a member of the Armed Services Committee, he rose to the Chairmanship of the NATO Subcommittee. He was an expert in the understanding of the relationship with America and its European allies in the Cold War era.

In his final term in Congress Representative Randall accepted additional responsibility and was named Chairman of the Select Committee on Aging and was an effective advocate for the senior citizens.

Probably the highest tribute I am aware of for Congressman Randall comes from remarks

on the occasion of his retirement by his colleague U.S. Representative J.J. Pickle of Texas. In his remarks about the work on the Armed Services Committee, Congressman Pickle said of Bill Randall: "... many of us can sleep better at night because Bill Randall was so diligent in his duties." Following his service in Congress, Representative Randall returned to his home town of Independence, Missouri, and resumed the practice of law.

Born in Independence, Jackson County, Missouri, July 16, 1909, he graduated from William Chrisman High School in 1927, Junior College of Kansas City, Missouri, in 1929, University of Missouri in 1931, and Kansas City School of Law in 1936. He served in the United States Army in World War II in the southwest Pacific and the Philippines. Elected as a judge of the Jackson County Court in 1946 he served in that capacity until elected to Congress in 1959. He was a valued mentor to me. His advice was wise and insightful. A man of the people, he continued attending community events and visiting with patrons at the Courthouse Exchange Restaurant on the Square in Independence, the city he loved and returned to. Everyone in the area knew Bill Randall and appreciated his service and down-to-earth style.

He is preceded in death by his wife Margaret and survived by his daughter, Mary Pat Wilson and his very dear friend and companion Helen Keen, to whom we offer our sincere condolences.

HONORING THE LOCAL 103 OF THE INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS

HON. WILLIAM D. DELAHUNT

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 11, 2000

Mr. DELAHUNT. Mr. Speaker, one of the great rewards of public service is the opportunity to work with some of the finest people in this great land. It is with pleasure and pride that I honor today the men and women of Local 103 of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers on the occasion of an historic milestone in its long and accomplished legacy.

At the turn of the last century, 12 courageous men gathered in Boston to charter an IBEW local. The national labor union had been formed a decade earlier in St. Louis to help safeguard health and safety for a trade in which half the workers died on the job. Since then, Local 103 has grown to represent over 5,000 men and women working in construction and telecommunications in 106 Massachusetts cities and towns, with over 200 contractors and 30 collective bargaining agreements.

In recent weeks, it was my privilege to participate in a commemoration of Local 103's one-hundredth anniversary. Over the last century, the IBEW has worked tirelessly to improve the quality of life for our community, and it has been a personal and professional inspiration to stand shoulder-to-shoulder with Local 103 on behalf of its extended family.

The able leadership of Local 103 has earned the respect and admiration of all of us who struggle for fundamental safeguards for working families. The breadth and stature of the leadership of Rich Gambino and his entire

team would bring a proud smile to the faces of the 12 pioneers who assembled in 1900 with such vision. We take a moment to salute their memory—Leonard Kimball, Henry Thayer, John McLaughlan, Joseph Hurley, WC Woodward, James Reid, FC Stead, Joseph Matthews, Francis Wachler, Everett Calef, Theodore Gould and WW Harding. We honor their legacy by reaffirming their commitment to paving the way for fair, safe and rewarding work environment for all working men and women.

To commemorate their work and aspirations, following are my remarks to the sisters and brothers of Local 103 to celebrate the dawning of the next century for the IBEW:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

May 6, 2000.

DEAR FRIENDS: To greet the members of Local 103 is to see the face of the American middle class—the people whose mothers and fathers built this nation and the foundation for its future.

From the presidential campaign to the corner grocery, one word you hear a lot these days is "vision". To some, it's little more than a throw-away line. But the rank-and-file of 103 has endured a century of world wars and building booms, of depressions and picket lines, of nonunion competition and responsibilities as big as the Hancock Tower. And the members of 103 have not only endured, but have thrived in ways that literally light up this Commonwealth.

The work of Richie Gambino, the 5000 brothers and sisters of Local 103, and their predecessors over the last century, have laid a sound foundation for our community with genuine vision. Vision for economic opportunity and social justice; for traditional industry and for e-business; for global commerce and human rights.

This vision is an engine of skill, hope and compassion which challenges friends, neighbors and even your adversaries to aspire to the standards of excellence personified by those dozen men who gathered 100 years ago in downtown Boston to lay down a marker for fundamental fairness for working people. Every stride we have made along the way has been earned by the proud work and outstretched hand that defines the vision of this extended family.

We respect these humble beginnings by gathering today to reaffirm our commitment to collective bargaining and the equity it ensures—from wages to health care to retirement security.

Over the last 100 years, this nation has been transformed in dozens of historic ways. But certain truths stand unchanged—and they are embodied in the principles for which we together stand, in Washington and here at home.

Please accept my very best for a joyous celebration.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM D. DELAHUNT.

IMPORTING DRUGS SAFELY

HON. JOHN D. DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 11, 2000

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, last evening I voted against the prescription drug import amendments offered by my good friends and colleagues Representatives CROWLEY and COBURN. I want my colleagues to know that I