

LARRY LUCCHINO: THE JOHNS FELLOWSHIP AWARD OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION TRADES COUNCIL, AFL-CIO

HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 27, 2000

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Larry Lucchino, as he is honored by the San Diego County Building and Construction Trades Council, AFL-CIO at the Eighteenth Annual John S. Lyons Memorial Banquet.

Larry Lucchino, President and Chief Executive Officer of the San Diego Padres, is being recognized for his contribution to the community of San Diego and for fulfilling three fundamental commitments of ownership which he made as he purchased the San Diego Padres baseball team on December 21, 1994.

First and foremost, the Padres, under the leadership of Larry Lucchino have become active participants in the community, assisting the children of the region in their education, recreation, and health. The Padres Scholars Program was established in 1995 to aid students with college scholarships. The Little Padres Parks Program has committed to building or refurbishing 60 youth ballfields in San Diego and Northern Baja. The Cindy Matters Fund, named for a lifelong Padres fan who inspired Padres players and staff during her fight against cancer, pledges assistance in the fight against children's cancer and provides funding to the UCSD Medical Center's Pediatric Oncology Research Laboratory.

Second, he has helped to rebuild the club so that they were recognized as the most improved team in the National League in 1995 and champions of the National League West in 1996. In 1998, the Padres captured the National League West Championship and then proceeded to the World Series to play against the New York Yankees.

He has also created a warm and fan-friendly environment at the local Qualcomm Stadium, and his passion for the internationalization of baseball has led to historic achievements with the Padres playing games in Mexico and Hawaii, and establishing relations with teams in Japan and Korea.

In addition, Larry Lucchino is active in both civic and charitable institutions in San Diego, serving on the CEO Roundtable, the Board of Directors of the Economic Development Corporation, the Binational Advisory Council on Border-Crossing Process, and the Board of Directors of the Padres Foundation.

He has the unique distinction of earning a Final Four watch with Princeton in 1965, a Super Bowl ring with the Washington Redskins in 1983, and the World Series ring with the Baltimore Orioles in 1983. He has earned a reputation as one of baseball's modern-day innovators. As President and CEO of both the Baltimore Orioles from 1988–1993 and the San Diego Padres since 1995, he has broken ground in ballpark design and planning, the development of new marketing concepts, and the furthering of player-owner relations.

Larry Lucchino is being honored by a very special award. The JOHNS Fellowship Award was established to commemorate the late John Lyons of the Teamsters who was one of

the founders of the San Diego Chapter of the Leukemia Society of America. The proceeds from the Memorial Banquet will be used to support local charitable causes including bone marrow testing and local research grants.

My sincere congratulations go to Larry Lucchino, and I am proud to salute him and to recognize his accomplishment with this statement in the United States House of Representatives. Thank you, Larry.

TREASURY AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2001

SPEECH OF

HON. CONSTANCE A. MORELLA

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 20, 2000

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 4871) making appropriations for the Treasury Department, the United States Postal Service, the Executive Office of the President, and certain Independent Agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and for other purposes.

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Chairman, I want to support the efforts of Congressman WYNN and his desire to provide funding for FDA consolidation in Montgomery County, Maryland. In last week's Treasury Postal Appropriations bill, no funding was made available for the consolidation project. I wholeheartedly agree with Rep. WYNN's request that greater consideration for the project be made in conference.

Presently, the FDA has approximately 39 different buildings in 21 different locations and 6,000 employees throughout the Washington, DC metropolitan area. The purpose of the consolidation project was to condense those buildings, employees, and locations into one site, the former Naval Surface Warfare Center in White Oak Maryland. There are several benefits of this consolidation: one, it would allow for the design and construction of a Center for Drug Evaluation and Research Laboratory (CDER). Two, there would be a savings of more than \$200 million in lease costs over a ten year term. Three, it would help fill the void left by the closure of the 700 acre White Oak Naval Surface Warfare Center.

I am aware that no construction projects were funded by the Treasury/Postal subcommittee; however, this project benefits the nation by establishing a much needed drug evaluation and research laboratory while reducing costs for taxpayers.

I urge the conferees to restore the funding that was part of the President's proposed FY 2001 budget.

A TRIBUTE TO DETECTIVE MATT EATON

HON. GARY G. MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 27, 2000

Mr. GARY MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Detective Matt Eaton, of the Montclair, California Police Department,

for earning the Montclair Chamber of Commerce 1999 Annual Achievement Award.

Detective Eaton was hired as a full-time police officer in 1989, working the cornerstone of policing, patrol enforcement. Over the past eleven years, Detective Eaton has developed his highly specialized skills through training and daily experiences.

Known for his energy and enthusiasm, Detective Eaton is quick to volunteer to help others with their tasks. He commits great effort and dedication to his job, often working late on his days off. His vision and leadership led to the development of a county-wide standardized Crimes Against Children Protocol. However, Detective Eaton's dedication is not limited to the City of Montclair. He drafted a California State Assembly Bill designed to protect all residents from the invasion of concealed cameras.

Detective Eaton has been recognized by Project Sister, Child Protective Services, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department, and he has been honored by his own department as the recipient of their Annual Achievement Award.

Detective Eaton's eleven years of exemplary service distinguishes him as a true American hero, worthy of this Congress' praise and gratitude.

HONORING THE CHILDREN'S INN AT NIH

HON. CONSTANCE A. MORELLA

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 27, 2000

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize and celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the Children's Inn at the National Institute of Health, located in Bethesda, Maryland. The Children's Inn has provided the critical service of a warm, friendly, and comfortable environment for seriously ill pediatric patients and their families since June of 1990.

The NIH is the premier biomedical research facility in the world. Children from across the nation and around the world regularly travel to the NIH to receive extraordinary treatments for many illnesses and disorders. While patients receive their medical treatments, the Children's Inn provides a comforting, stable environment for families going through the emotionally draining experience of treating a seriously ill child.

During the past 10 years, nearly 4,000 children and their families have made 23,263 visits to The Children's Inn. The facility provides a welcome solace for both patients and families. A warm group of staff members and volunteers assure that each resident of the Children's Inn is comfortable and feels at home. At the end of long days filled with tests and treatments, the young patients are greeted at the Inn with a variety of activities. The children can enjoy arts and crafts, bingo, movies, video games, computers, and the fellowship of other children sharing similar experiences.

Families staying at the Children's Inn are provided a 24-hour support network of gracious and compassionate staff, volunteers, and other parents caring for children. This provides an invaluable resource in boosting morale, and makes the treatment process not

only bearable, but also enjoyable for both patients and family members.

A recent story in a local Montgomery County, Maryland newspaper told the story of a mother of a terminally ill child who was a resident at The Children's Inn on various occasions. Speaking of the positive influence the Children's Inn has had on her family, she said, "The Inn was one of the greatest gifts I could receive."

Congratulations to the Children's Inn for 10 years of devoted service to our community. Keep up the great work!

EDWARDS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL:
MUSTAFAA SALEH AND LISA
MATTESON

HON. WILLIAM O. LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 27, 2000

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, these students are all credit to their families and the Chicago community. I wish them tremendous success in their continuing education and future aspirations. Furthermore, I charge all of them to use their strength and leadership in service to this great nation. Mr. Speaker, I am again pleased to offer my sincere congratulations the winners of my 2000 Spirit of Achievement Award program.

RICHARD H. BLADES, 1930-1999:
PUBLIC SERVANT

HON. STEPHEN HORN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 27, 2000

Mr. HORN. Mr. Speaker, late last year, we lost a remarkable man—a man who made significant contributions to every field he touched: the non-profit sector, business, politics, and government, including the House of Representatives.

Richard H. Blades was an expert in public relations who never sought publicity for himself, a political strategist of the first rank who never held office, a man of comfortable means who never forgot those less fortunate, and a man with a great sense of humor who never failed to confront the serious issues of his community, state, and nation.

Dick Blades was born in Huntington Park, California, and established a reputation in high school, and at the University of Southern California, as a skilled debater. After graduating from U.S.C. in 1952, Dick began work as a public relations consultant and political strategist. He also established an extraordinary partnership with Alphonzo Bell.

In the 1950s, Al Bell was a major figure in the California Republican Party serving as Chairman of the State Republican Central Committee, and later as Chair of the Los Angeles County Republican Central Committee. Dick worked with Al Bell on some of the legendary internal battles of the Republican party in the 1950's—featuring such larger-than-life figures as Governor Goodwin Knight, Senator William F. Knowland, the Republican Leader of the United States Senate, Senator Thomas H. Kuchel, the Republican Whip, and Vice President Richard M. Nixon.

Alphonzo Bell was then elected to the House of Representatives in 1960 from Los Angeles and would serve for sixteen very distinguished years. During those years, Dick assisted Congressman Bell in a variety of capacities, including campaign manager, field representative, and administrative assistant. Dick also found time to consult on Nelson Rockefeller's 1964 campaign for President, and Charles Percy's victorious 1966 campaign for United States Senate in Illinois.

The partnership of Congressman Bell and Dick Blades enjoyed great success and they had many significant legislative accomplishments in the 1960's and 1970's, especially in the areas of education, space and technology, and the environment. Their proudest achievements included initiating the preservation of the Santa Monica Mountains and the Channel Islands, and establishing the San Onofre area as a public beach.

Dick had great respect for the House of Representatives as an institution where diverse people and interests would come together to resolve conflicts. He is an example of what makes this institution work—the dedicated staff member who serves his Representative, Congress, and the country, with honor, wisdom, and loyalty. Dick also respected the electoral process and was known for his keen understanding of the issues. The campaigns he managed spoke honestly and intelligently to the people, and Dick treated the voters as independent citizens capable of exercising good judgment, not as a pliable mass to be manipulated with modern media techniques.

After Congressman Bell's retirement, Dick provided consulting services to Bell Petroleum and embarked on another extraordinary career as a volunteer board member in the non-profit world. All of the skills Dick displayed in the political world were now being used to help charities—many of them very small or new organizations doing innovative work.

Dick's qualities of judgment, wisdom, and ability to get things done, along with his skills in finance, public relations, policy, and personnel, made him a revered and sought after board member in a variety of worthy causes, especially in the areas of health care, disability rights, and literacy. Dick was a life-long asthmatic who ultimately succumbed to respiratory failure. He served as President of the Asthma and Allergy Foundation of Southern California and helped begin the Breathmobile project which brings critical medical services to inner city children. The Breathmobile program has been credited with saving hundreds, if not thousands, of lives, and was later expanded to the entire country.

Dick was also a valued board member and officer of Centro Latino Educacion Popular, which trains Spanish-speaking adults to read and write, the Western Law Center for Disability Rights at Loyola Law School, and the Rose Foundation for Communities and the Environment.

Although Dick was unquestionably a man of the sensible center, he had a diverse collection of friends who ranged from the far right to the far left. He helped to moderate them, but he, in turn, learned from them and was always open to good ideas from any source.

At Dick's memorial service, there was an astonishing array of friends from all walks of life—business, charities, education, politics, and entertainment—and from all stations in life, young and old, the wealthy and those of

modest means, celebrities and those whose names have never been in the papers.

What they had in common, along with Dick's friends who could not attend, was deep affection and respect for an extraordinary man who had no children but who touched the lives of many, and who leaves a legacy of achievement and generosity of spirit that is a model for us all.

IN HONOR OF EMILIO MILITO
NAVARRO, EUGENE GENE SMITH
AND WILMER RED FIELDS

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 27, 2000

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, today I honor Emilio "Milito" Navarro, Eugene "Gene" Smith, and Wilmer "Red" Fields; three players who have made a celebrated contribution to the baseball history of America.

Emilio Navarro played for the Cuban Stars and is the last known living player from the Eastern Colored League. Considered an excellent hitter, in 1928 Emilio was the regular shortstop and lead off batter for the Cuban Stars and posted a .337 batting average in the following season. Frequently listed as "Milito" in the box scores, he was a star in his homeland of Puerto Rico, and was elected to the Puerto Rican Hall of Fame in 1992.

Eugene Smith played in the Negro Leagues from 1939 to 1950 and pitched for the Cleveland Buckeyes in 1947. He was regarded as a power pitcher with a good fastball and slider, and was one of the "Big Four" on the St. Louis Stars' pitching staff.

Wilmer "Red" Fields was an ace pitcher for the Homestead Grays team that won the National Negro League Championship in 1948. He registered a 7-1 record in league games that year, appeared in the All-Star game, and pitched in two World Series games. After the Grays disbanded, Fields was offered positions with five major league teams, but turned all the offers down. He did, however, play for Toronto in the International League, as well as playing in several Latin American Leagues during winters.

My fellow colleagues, please join with me in honoring these three admirable athletes, whose talents are being recognized at the Third Annual Negro/Hispanic Baseball Legends Celebration this year.

INTRODUCTION OF THE NORTHERN
FRONT RANGE ROADLESS AREA
AND MOUNTAIN BACKDROP PRO-
TECTION ACT AND THE COLO-
RADO FOREST RESTORATION
AND FIRE REDUCTION ACT

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 27, 2000

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, Colorado's forest lands are one of the things that makes our state a very special place to live. But as our population increases, so do the pressures on our forests and the potential damage that can result from intense wildfires