

This legislation will enable those growers and shippers to establish their losses, file a claim and recover.

TRIBUTE TO GENE MARTIN

HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 19, 2000

Mr. HALL of Texas. Mr. Speaker, Eugene Eaves Martin was born and raised in Rockwall, TX, my hometown in the Fourth District, and died on August 17 at the age of 78. He was a journeyman printer and production manager and a lifelong member of the International Typographical Union. Gene was also my best friend in high school.

Gene was everybody's favorite. He was on our track team and a great football player. His family was affluent—and Gene had access to cars and other advantages that many of us didn't have in those years of the great Depression. He shared everything he had with other students—including me and my family. He was by far the most popular and best-liked guy in school.

Gene maintained many of his boyhood friendships throughout his life. He never forgot Rockwall High School—and returned to lead each high school reunion. Following high school graduation, Gene attended Texas Christian University in Forth Worth, then served in the U.S. Coast Guard during World War II. He served in the Philippines and in the horse patrol along Florida's eastern coast.

Gene worked as journeyman printer, foreman and production manger for several major newspapers, including the Houston Chronicle, Chicago Tribune, San Francisco Chronicle and Dallas Morning News until his retirement in 1986. He and his wife, Lucille, moved to Llano Grande Lake Park in 1994, where he made many new friends.

He is survived by his wife, Lucille; sons, Eugene, Jr., Mark, Larry and Todd; daughter, Len Lea Noack; step-daughter, Denise Kaplan; nine grandchildren; and several nieces, nephews and cousins. Gene was devoted to his profession, to his family, and to his friends—and I join all those who knew and loved him in remembering this wonderful man and outstanding citizen—Gene Martin.

RETIREMENT TRIBUTE TO DANIEL A. FRANK

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 19, 2000

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to invite my colleagues to join me in congratulating Daniel Frank on the occasion of his retirement after twenty years of service to the Kessler Institute of Rehabilitation, and recognizing him for his many years of dedicated public service.

Through his work as a Physical Therapist Assistant at Kessler Institute, Daniel Frank has inspired countless numbers of people to work through their physical challenges and to reclaim hope and promise for a fulfilling life. His efforts to empower people are legendary. He encourages his patients to take the next step,

to not give up, to value themselves as productive citizens. Both his former patients and his colleagues sing his praises for his unrelenting persistent good cheer.

Daniel Frank is also very active in his church, Calvary Roseville United Methodist Church in East Orange, New Jersey. He wears several hats in the church and can be called on at any time by clergy, members and persons from the community for help. He is a true humanitarian. He delivers food share not only to needy members of his church family but to persons in need in the community. Over the years, he has worked hard and diligently on the following committees of his church: Usher Board; Administrative Board; Visitation; Council on Ministries; Finance; Evangelism; Fund Raising; Church & Society; Stewardship; Greeter.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Daniel Frank for his more than 20 years of exemplary service. His life of leadership and community involvement is instructive to us all. His dedication to the ideals of public service stand tall and it is fitting that he be honored on the occasion of his retirement. Therefore, I ask my colleagues, Mr. Speaker, to join me in honoring a great man for all of his achievements and contribution to our community.

HONORING POLICE CHIEF ROBERT F. NOLAN FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 19, 2000

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to join Notre Dame High School Alumni in paying tribute to an outstanding member of the Hamden, Connecticut community, Police Chief Robert Nolan. In a career that has spanned three decades, Bob has served the Hamden Police Department with dignity and integrity—exemplifying the qualities we expect of law enforcement officials. His unparalleled level of commitment and dedication to the Hamden community throughout his career has been incredible. He has been a driving force in community awareness and public safety, striving to give our families better neighborhoods in which to raise our children. His work has had an invaluable impact on our community and we are all grateful.

Rising through the ranks of the Hamden Police Department, Bob has served the community in several different capacities—the myriad of awards and citations that adorn his walls are testimony to his unwavering dedication. I have had the distinct pleasure of working with him on several projects throughout his tenure. Nearly five years ago, as an Inspector in the Department's Youth Division, Bob participated in one of the first Law Enforcement Forums sponsored by the Anti-Crime Youth Council, a program which I created to help high school students address the increasing occurrence of youth crime and violence. He was an integral part of re-opening the doors of communication between law enforcement officials and teenagers in Hamden. With so many serious challenges facing our young people, his efforts on this issue have been inspiring. I am also proud of the work we have done to bring necessary

funding to the Hamden Police Department. As the grants administrator for the Department, Bob has been responsible for ensuring that the Department has access to available state and federal funding—providing the Department with the ability to continue improving in its mission to serve and protect the residents of Hamden.

In addition to his professional contributions, Bob made time to volunteer for a variety of service and civic organizations. Honored by the Knights of Saint Patrick, the Civitan Club, the Marine Cadets of America and the Notre Dame Scholarship Fund, Bob has demonstrated an incredible and unique dedication to the community on a personal level as well. His volunteer efforts to raise funds on behalf of these organizations have been invaluable. With his outstanding record of good work, he has demonstrated a unique commitment to public service, leaving an indelible mark on the Hamden community.

Bob's dedication and generosity has truly enriched the Hamden community. His diligence and extraordinary hard work have gone a long way to improving the neighborhoods of Hamden and fostering a strong relationship between the community and the Department. I would like to extend my personal thanks to him for all the assistance he has given to myself and my staff. For his many contributions, professional and volunteer, I stand today to join his wife, Shirley, daughters, Dawn and Robyn, family friends and colleagues in congratulating Chief Robert Nolan for his innumerable efforts on behalf of our community and extend my best wishes for continued success.

ONE DAY IN PEACE

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 19, 2000

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise this morning in solidarity with the world, and call on all other Members of the House to stand as well, and join over 100 nations, 25 United States governors, hundreds of mayors and over 1,000 organizations in nearly 140 countries in supporting One Day in Peace. The bill, House Concurrent Resolution 363, which I co-sponsored with Representative DENNIS KUCINICH and many other Representatives, calls for January 1, in accordance with the United Nations General Assembly, to be a 24-hour period designated as One Day in Peace when the people of this Nation and the world act for the most part with unprecedented cooperation and good will. The Chairman and the Ranking Member of the House International Relations Committee have indicated that they will not oppose this resolution being brought to the floor now, and I urge all my fellow Congressmen to support this effort. Let us fulfill the dream by marking 01/01/01 as the first One Day in Peace worldwide. The bill urges people around the world to gather with family, friends, neighbors, and members of their community to pledge nonviolence in the new year and to share in a celebratory New Year meal. It also encourages Americans who are able to match their new year meal with a timely gift to the hungry at home or abroad. This Resolution is important because it acknowledges, the need to work for those goals

that appeal to the greatest positive attributes of our humanity. My friends no better time exists to lift up a new standard of peace and goodwill in this world. Can you imagine, Mr. Speaker, if at the beginning of every year, all of America, and indeed all of the world proclaim aloud and at once, in unison and strength, that these are our goals: brotherhood, charity, understanding, and peace. Such a declaration has never before been made, but it can. I urge support of H. Con. Res. 363 and support its overwhelming passage.

INTRODUCTION OF THE SEAFOOD SAFETY AND MERCURY SCREENING ACT OF 2000

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 19, 2000

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, earlier this year the Mercury Policy Project and the California Communities Against Toxics found the Food and Drug Administration was not testing enough seafood for toxic mercury. Their findings were published in a report that was also cosponsored by the Sierra Club and Clean Water Action. In addition to contending the FDA's recommended level for methyl mercury exposure was inadequate, the report noted that the FDA does not check any domestic tuna, shark or swordfish for toxic mercury even though they tend to have the highest levels of the toxin.

The lack of a system to screen seafood for mercury is a serious gap in the nation's food safety system. Individuals who consume too much mercury can suffer serious health problems. That is why today I am introducing the Seafood Safety and Mercury Screening Act of 2000. This legislation will require the FDA to develop a system for testing seafood for methyl mercury. It will also require the FDA to develop a statutory threshold level for methyl mercury content in seafood and consider the findings of the National Academy of Sciences (NAS), which published a report on mercury exposure in July, when developing that threshold. The NAS report found that the Environmental Protection Agency's recommended level for methyl mercury exposure, which is stronger than the FDA's, is the more appropriate standard.

We know that if people ingest too much mercury they will get sick and we know exactly where to look for it. Domestic tuna, shark, and swordfish have very high levels of toxic mercury. If we have the means to detect this poison and know exactly where it comes from, common sense suggests that we take the time to look for it and take the necessary steps to inform the public. Typically we do not know about the source of an outbreak of food poisoning until the FDA or other government agencies works backwards to find its origin after people have already gotten sick. When it comes to mercury, we have the opportunity to be proactive and prevent illness instead of being reactive after it's too late.

The establishment of a strong, enforceable standard that prohibits seafood that contains mercury above the recommended level from reaching the consumer will stop episodes of food poisoning before they have a chance to occur. Another important component of pro-

tection the public from the contaminated seafood is by providing citizens with the information they need to make informed decisions about what they are eating. To that end, the Seafood Safety and Mercury Screening Act of 2000 will also establish a nation wide education program to educate consumers about the dangers of mercury contamination, with a particular emphasis on protecting the most vulnerable populations, pregnant women and children.

I urge all of my colleagues to join me in the effort to strengthen our nation's food safety system by lending their full support to the Seafood Safety and Mercury Screening Act of 2000.

A BUSY MAN: REVEREND DR. WILLIE A. SIMMONS

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 19, 2000

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, August 31, 2000 marked the retirement of Rev. Dr. Willie A. Simmons. Rev. Simmons is known for his leadership in the community and social services.

Rev. Dr. Simmons was ordained in 1960 in Birmingham, AL. He received his Doctor of Divinity degree in 1992 and his Doctor of Letter in 1997. He has served as Assistant Pastor of the First Corinthian Baptist Church of Newark, NJ, for over 20 years.

While he served the spiritual needs of his community, he also served the physical needs of his fellow man. He has served the Essex County Division of Welfare as a Family Service Social Worker for more than 28 years.

Mr. Speaker, when we hear the adage, "When you want something done, ask a busy person," people like Rev. Simmons come to mind. Throughout his years he is a former Executive Vice President of the Communication Workers of America Local 1081 which represents all case workers, clerks and investigators of the Essex County division of Welfare. Rev. Simmons is the District Director of Frontiers International, 1st District, which gives him responsibility over all New England states; and a member of the National Board of Directors. In addition, he is a past Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Frontiers International Foundation. He is a Chairman of the Political Action and Homeless Committees of the Newark-North Jersey Committee of Black Churchmen and an Executive Board member. He is a member of the Baptist Ministries Conference of Newark and the Vicinity. He also serves as Treasurer and Chairman of the Budget & Finance Committee of Essex-Newark Legal Services. He is a Co-Chairman of the Black and Latino Coalition, Inc. Rev. Simmons presently serves as President of the United Community Corporation Board of Directors, having been elected and serving as president three (3) times in the past. He is also affiliated with more than 15 other organizations.

Rev. Dr. Simmons has received more than 100 awards in recognition of his support, participation, achievements and accomplishments in various community and social services.

Mr. Speaker, I am sure my colleagues would have joined me as I congratulated him.

HONORING YALE UNIVERSITY ON THEIR 300TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ROSA L. DELAUR

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 19, 2000

Ms. DELAUR. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to pay tribute to one of the finest institutions for higher education in our nation. It is an honor and privilege to join with the New Haven Colony Historical Society in congratulating Yale University on its 300th anniversary.

On October 24, faculty, students, alumni and community members will gather as Yale University is honored with the 2000 Seal of the City Award. For the past eight years, the New Haven Colony Historical Society has bestowed this honor on an individual or institution whose activities or ideas have significantly added to the quality of life, the prosperity, or the general improvement of greater New Haven. For three centuries, Yale University has been a cornerstone of support for the New Haven community and has made significant contributions in all of these areas.

Nearly three centuries ago, a group of Congregational ministers created a "Collegiate School" where youths could be instructed in the arts and sciences and prepared for public service in both the Church and the Civil State. That commitment has been reflected in Yale's mission and role as an educator of leaders and a center for scholarship and research. Over the past several years, Yale University has played an instrumental role in the city of New Haven's efforts to revitalize Greater New Haven. Yale has forged a strong relationship with the city of New Haven, working with city administrators to ensure that the needs of our children and families are given every opportunity to build strong communities of which we can all be proud.

Yale University has had a profound impact on our community and our nation, not only as a leading academic institution, but as a center for public policy, the arts and sciences, and medicine. Since its inception in 1701, Yale has been home to some of our country's most infamous characters who have helped to shape the course of our society and our nation. Yale's alumni have been government leaders—Presidents Taft, Ford, Bush, and Clinton; they have made major advances in medicine and science—Eli Whitney, Samuel Morse, Dr. Benjamin Spock, Murray Gell-Mann; and they have contributed to the arts—Sinclair Lewis, Charles Ives, Cole Porter, Paul Newman, and Meryl Streep. Over the last three hundred years, Yale University has educated many of our most invigorating leaders and inspiring figureheads, bringing our nation ever forward into the future.

As we look ahead into the new millennium, we can be assured that Yale University, its administrators, faculty, and alumni will be there to help greater New Haven and our country continue to grow and flourish. It is an honor for me to stand today to congratulate Yale on its tercentennial and to extend my deepest thanks and appreciation for their innumerable efforts on behalf of our community.