

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE 2000 CONGRESS-BUNDESTAG/BUNDESRAT EXCHANGE

HON. RALPH REGULA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 24, 2000

Mr. REGULA. Mr. Speaker, since 1983, the United States Congress and the German Bundestag and Bundesrat have conducted an annual exchange program for staff members from both countries. The program gives professional staff the opportunity to observe and learn about each other's political institutions and convey Members' views on issues of mutual concern.

A staff delegation from the United States will be selected to visit Germany during April 7 to April 22 of this year. During the two week exchange, the delegation will attend meetings with Bundestag Members, Bundestag party staff members, and representatives of numerous political, business, academic, and media agencies. Cultural activities and a weekend visit in a Bundestag Member's district will complete the schedule.

A comparable delegation of German staff members will visit the United States for three weeks this summer. They will attend similar meetings here in Washington and visit the districts of Congressional Members.

The Congress-Bundestag Exchange is highly regarded in Germany, and is one of several exchange programs sponsored by public and private institutions in the United States and Germany to foster better understanding of the politics and policies of both countries.

The U.S. delegation should consist of experienced and accomplished Hill staff who can contribute to the success of the exchange on both sides of the Atlantic. The Bundestag reciprocates by sending senior staff professionals to the United States.

Applicants should have a demonstrable interest in events in Europe. Applicants need not be working in the field of foreign affairs, although such a background can be helpful. The composite U.S. delegation should exhibit a range of expertise in issues of mutual concern in Germany and the United States such as, but not limited to, trade, security, the environment, immigration, economic development, health care, and other social policy issues.

In addition, U.S. participants are expected to help plan and implement the program for the Bundestag staff members when they visit the United States. Participants are expected to assist in planning topical meetings in Washington, and are encouraged to host one or two Bundestag staffers in their member's district in July, or to arrange for such a visit to another Member's district.

Participants are selected by a committee composed of personnel from the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Exchanges of the Department of State and past participants of the exchange.

Senators and Representatives who would like a member of their staff to apply for participation in this year's program should direct them to submit a resume and cover letter in which they state why they believe they are qualified, the contributions they can make to a successful program and some assurances of their ability to participate during the time stated. Applications may be sent to Connie

Veillette in Congressman REGULA's office, 2309 Rayburn House Building, by noon on Friday, March 3.

IN HONOR OF RUSSELL MANZATT

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

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Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Russell Manzatt. He celebrated his 100th birthday on January 1, 2000.

Russell grew up in Ilasco, Missouri, where his Romanian parents first settled. Many different immigrant groups settled here, and Russell spoke Hungarian, German, Italian and his native Romanian with his playmates. It was his first day of school at the age of five when he was given the name Russell because his teacher could not pronounce his Christian name, Vasile.

As a foreigner in a new land, he had to forge his own way. Russell always had a job. He started selling subscriptions to The Saturday Evening Post and The Country Gentleman. Then he delivered 25-pound slabs of ice with a horse and buggy. When his family was threatened because their butcher business was becoming too successful, the Manzatt family moved to Cleveland.

The city of Cleveland impressed Russell, with his new home's flush toilet to the expanse of Lake Erie. Russell started working again, delivering telegrams during the First World War at the age of fifteen. But his legs were meant for more than delivering telegrams—Russell won a dance contest, went to New York and was cast in a vaudeville chorus show. Before the show was about to tour, his homesickness pulled him back to Cleveland.

During the Depression, he was lucky enough to land a job with Colgate. Though he didn't know what a "display man" was, he answered that he could do it. It was when he was setting up a windowfront cosmetics display and blocked himself in, that a store owner taught him what a real display man actually did. From setting up displays, he moved up to being a sales manager in his fifteen years at Colgate until he started his own family and company.

At the Manzatt's West Park Superette, his Colgate contacts helped him stock hard-to-get items after World War Two. The success of the store grew, and was profitable enough to sell for the Manzatts to buy a tavern. While their family lived upstairs from the renovated restaurant-bar, a steady clientele of other neighborhood families frequented the Rockport Inn. Their three children enjoyed the wooded acres behind the family restaurant, where they grew up until they moved into careers of their own. At the peak of the Vietnam war, Russell was 71 and decided to sell the Rockport Inn.

Instead of enjoying a relaxed retirement, he worked as a top salesman of men's clothing until the store closed, at the age of 93. During this time, he enjoyed the growth of his family as his three children were married, had children, and made him a great-grandparent five times over. Though last year, at 99 years old, he decided to stop driving, Russell's former dancing legs have enough energy to take him on long walks for a haircut or just a cup of coffee.

My fellow colleagues, please join me in honoring Russell Manzatt.

TRIBUTE TO DR. FRANCES P. MOSS OF DECATUR, ALABAMA

HON. ROBERT E. (BUD) CRAMER, JR.

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 24, 2000

Mr. CRAMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding contributions of Dr. Frances P. Moss to the music community throughout the state of Alabama. It is a privilege for me to be able to pay tribute to Dr. Moss on the occasion of her retirement from Calhoun Community College.

Dr. Moss has dedicated thirty-four years of outstanding services to Calhoun Community College's music program. Her greatest asset to the College is her ability to reach out to students and instill them with confidence, skill and knowledge. Her teaching comes from the heart and her love of music is infectious.

She has devoted herself to her students, directing the internationally known Chorale and Madrigal Singers. Her legacy to the state is a composition she arranged, "Alabama Has it All". She modernized the music curriculum at Calhoun developing "college by cassette", correspondence and intra-term courses.

Dr. Moss is a native of Oxford, Alabama, and she attended Jacksonville State University before receiving her masters and doctorate degree from the University of Alabama and Florida State University. She is a member and active leader of many professional and civic organizations including the Alabama Vocal Association, Alabama Music Educators Association and the Decatur Music Club. She serves as the Minister of Music and Discipleship for her church, Austinville United Methodist Church, a role she has lovingly performed for the past ten years.

I want to offer my best wishes and congratulations to Dr. Moss and those who love her in this well-deserved rest. On behalf of the people of Alabama's Fifth Congressional District, I thank her for her extraordinary service to our community and our state.

IN HONOR OF FATHER EDWIN J. SCHENKELBURG

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Father Edwin J. Schenkelburg on the occasion of his retirement. Father Schenkelburg has served St. Mel Parish in multiple capacities for the last twenty-eight years and his presence will surely be missed. Father Schenkelburg has been the backbone of an entire community, and his legacy will last for generations.

A lifelong Cleveland resident, Fr. Schenkelburg has gained work experience in a number of vocations. As a young boy, he helped support his family with his earnings from stocking grocery shelves and delivering newspapers such as the Baseball News and Cleveland Press. He held his first position at

a parish during high school when the pastor of St. Vincent de Paul offered him a job as parish Secretary on the condition that he attend St. Ignatius High School. Over summer and Christmas vacations while at the Seminary Schenkelburg worked in various occupations, including mail carrier, playground instructor, and construction laborer.

Father Schenkelburg's ordination occurred on April 28, 1951 at St. John's Cathedral and was bestowed by Bishop Hoban.

Father Schenkelburg has taken on many challenges as a parish priest including teaching religious classes and serving as the hospital chaplain at Metro Hospital and Akron Children's Hospital. An avid sports enthusiast, he played baseball with the Holy Name Society and started bowling leagues for his parishes.

In addition to providing for the spiritual needs of St. Mel's parishioners, Father Schenkelburg has also been able to assist the church financially by organizing successful bingo games and raffles. The funds earned through these fundraisers allowed St. Mel to make major renovations to the Church and add a Church Hall without the need to solicit building funds from parishioners.

Father Schenkelburg will celebrate his final Mass as Pastor at St. Mel on January 16, 2000, a day designated by the Parish as "Fr. Ed Day." Following the Mass, family and parishioners will have the opportunity to celebrate his contributions at a formal reception and dinner.

My fellow colleagues, please join me in paying tribute to Father Schenkelburg on his retirement from St. Mel's Parish. I'm proud to have known Father Schenkelburg and I wish him a well-deserved and fulfilling retirement.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF WILLIAM RUSE ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT

HON. MICHAEL G. OXLEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. OXLEY. Mr. Speaker, congratulations to William Ruse, a seasoned health care executive who will be retiring at the end of the year 2000 after 43 years of service in the health care industry.

Bill started his career as pharmacist in 1957; and by 1963, upon completing his MBA in Hospital Administration from Xavier University in Cincinnati, Ohio, he advanced from pharmacy director to hospital administrator. As President and CEO of Blanchard Valley Hospital, he aggressively began transforming the organization from a small rural hospital to a regional health system. Recognizing the advantages of legal savvy, Bill completed a Doctor of Jurisprudence degree "in his spare time" by 1972.

Through his vision and entrepreneurial spirit, he developed programs on uncharted paths. He gained national recognition when he introduced the first "guaranteed services" policy in the country in 1974. Then in the early 1980's, Blanchard Valley Health Association was one of the first businesses to band smoking in their facilities. As small hospitals have struggled to maintain a presence in health care, Blanchard Valley has continued to grow and expand by

forging partnership relationships that insure their customers' best interests.

His professional leadership positions, awards, honors, and society memberships along with community service accomplishments read like a Who's Who Library. In addition, he has published articles in both health care and law journals.

Bill Ruse is an American we can be proud of in every sense of the word. And one last honor of distinction—he just celebrated his 65th birthday so now we welcome him into our inner circle, the Social Security System. Pat and I would like to express our sincere best wishes to William Ruse and his lovely wife, Donna as they move through their golden years.

IN HONOR OF THOMAS WALKER ON HIS 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 24, 2000

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Thomas Walker on his 100th birthday, December 16, 1999. He will be celebrating this joyous occasion with family and friends on February 20, 2000. By this time he will have lived in three centuries.

Born in 1899 in Cleveland, Ohio, Thomas has dedicated his life to working with his hands. He always loved to build and was very talented with his hands. As an electrician in IBEW local 38, he touched so many of his co-workers' lives. They looked toward him for leadership, advice, and friendship for so many years. Thomas also was a dedicated family man. His love for his family and friends has helped carry him so far in life.

At 100 years young, Thomas continues to live a fulfilling and happy life. He has been a wonderful father of four amazing children, Ruth, Dorothy, Thomas Jr., and Dolores. Thomas is loved by his family and the many lives in his community that he has touched. My fellow colleagues, please join me in wishing a loving husband and father a very happy birthday and many more delightful years to come.

TRIBUTE TO MS. BEVERLY G. LEMONS OF UNION GROVE, ALABAMA

HON. ROBERT E. (BUD) CRAMER, JR.

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Mr. CRAMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding contributions of Ms. Beverly G. Lemons to the Top of Alabama Regional Council of Governments. In her distinguished career with TARCOG, she has repeatedly proven her capabilities having been promoted from secretary to bookkeeper to fiscal agent and personnel officer. In this role she has had fiscal responsibility over various grants and contracts. In her most recent duties, she has performed the crucial tasks of budgeting, payroll, contract management and report preparation for funding agencies.

For her vision, hard work and loyalty, I feel that this is an apt honor. Over her 27 year ca-

reer, she has become a role model for her work ethic and dedication. Her titles include Economic Development Finance Professional and Certified Public Personnel Administrator. Now as she retires, I wish to thank Ms. Lemons for her extraordinary work for my community and this nation.

On behalf of the U.S. Congress, I pay homage to Ms. Lemons and thank her for a job well done. I congratulate Ms. Lemons on her retirement and wish her a well-deserved rest. I wish TARCOG the best of luck in coping without her.

IN HONOR OF BILL RANDLE

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

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Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in tribute to Bill Randle for receiving the Lifetime Achievement A.I.R. Award.

Bill Randle has been a notable figure at WRMR 850 AM since his being named "Top Jock" by Time in the 1950's. Randle helped start up such acts as Montovani, Jonnie Ray, The Crewcuts, The Diamonds, and even Elvis Presley.

Currently, Bill Randle spends 31 hours a week on the air and also practices law. The Lifetime Achievement A.I.R. Award is well deserved for a man who has built an impressive career in radio broadcasting. He has given much of his time and effort in producing quality radio broadcasts. His charismatic personality and sense of humor bring character and definition to his show. Randles colleagues and listeners appreciate and admire his professional skill and dedication.

Would my distinguished colleagues please join me in recognizing Bill Randle as he is honored with the Lifetime Achievement A.I.R. Award.

HONORING SOUTH JERSEY'S EMERGENCY PERSONNEL

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 24, 2000

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank South Jersey's emergency response personnel who keep our families safe during the holiday season as well as throughout the year. Communities from across South Jersey nominated heroic members of local EMS, Fire and Emergency crews who deserve special recognition for their bravery. I would like to personally express my gratitude to the 20 men and women who put their lives in jeopardy to ensure the safety of ours. Thank you to 20 of South Jersey's bravest men and women.

Javier Matos, Camden City Fire Department Squadron #6

Mary Catalfamo, Chesterfield Township Emergency Management Squadron #269

Lorraine Taraskas, Atco Township Emergency Management Squadron #23

James Newman, Deptford Township Emergency Service Squadron 11-9

Barry Petty, Edgewater Park Township Emergency Service Squadron

William Mason, Newfield Borough Emergency Service Squadron