

WOLCOTT FIRE COMPANY NO. 3
CELEBRATES GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

HON. JAMES H. MALONEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, October 28, 2000

Mr. MALONEY of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, over the past fifty years there have been many significant events in the Town of Wolcott, a community in my Connecticut congressional district, but this October 27th will be a date that will be especially noted for what it means in the lives of so many past and present residents of the Town. On that day, Friday, October 27, 2000, Wolcott Volunteer Fire Department Company No. 3 celebrates its golden anniversary—50 years of dedicated service to the Town of Wolcott and surrounding communities.

Fifty years ago, the Town fire department foresaw Wolcott's potential for growth that has ultimately been realized. Despite very limited resources, dedicated volunteers moved ahead to create a third fire company within the department. Indeed, resources could not have been more limited, with the only equipment available being an old ambulance converted to an emergency truck, and \$1.38 in the treasury, much of that raised from a penny collection. The members of the Company however, were extremely dedicated to their task. A year later the company acquired its first real fire truck, a well used 1919 American LaFrance, purchased from the neighboring city of Waterbury for \$300.00. The fire station was a converted local garage.

As the years passed, and as the community grew, so did the role of Company No. 3. The members continued to pull together, some literally mortgaging their homes to raise funds for their efforts. A new station was built by members of the Company and other townspeople, with much of the labor and materials being donated. Other emergency vehicles were added to the company. Training and equipment maintenance took not only a lot of time, but also a lot of money. Fundraisers of every kind were held to help offset the costs of the equipment. After just ten years, the Company purchased its first new truck for \$16,700, obtained through local fundraising efforts as well as a mortgage on the fire house.

In the ensuing years, other trucks and emergency vehicles were purchased, additions to the station were made, and the company endured numerous challenges that only served to make it a stronger and more cohesive organization. The outcome is an organization whose character is steeped in dedication, loyalty and commitment to serve the Wolcott community.

The members of the Company, past and present, have made sacrifices above and beyond the call of duty that have set an example for all firefighters to follow.

Mr. Speaker, Wolcott Volunteer Fire Department Company No. 3 deserves wide recognition, and I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join with me in congratulating all past and present members of Company No. 3, and thanking them for a job well done!

TRIBUTE TO CHARLES A. GARNEY

HON. KAREN McCARTHY

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, October 28, 2000

Ms. McCARTHY of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I wish today to honor an exceptional leader and friend to our Kansas City community and our country. This year the Metropolitan Lutheran Ministries of Greater Kansas City will recognize Charles A. Garney as a Friends in Deed 2000. Charles Garney has an extensive history of civic pride and investment into our community. He has shown outstanding dedication as a business leader, philanthropist and advocate for the poor and disadvantaged of metropolitan Kansas City.

Charles Garney is the founder, Chairman of the Board, and Chief Executive Officer of Garney Companies, Inc., a heavy utility construction company with its headquarters in Kansas City, Missouri. He is also the founder, Chairman of the Board, and Chief Executive Officer of Briarcliff Development Company, headquartered in Kansas City as well. Charles Garney and his companies have played an integral role in shaping the Kansas City skyline. He is responsible for preserving and promoting one of Kansas City's most notable neighborhoods in the historic Northeast area where he has made his home and been recognized as the Northlander of the Year by his neighbors.

Outside of his burgeoning businesses, Charles Garney has played an active role in Kansas City's civic, social, and philanthropic communities. Mr. Garney has consistently dedicated his time and efforts to countless organizations such as Metropolitan Lutheran Ministries, which improve the lives of others and make Kansas City a better place to live. He is the past President of the Kansas City Area Economic Development Council, past President of the Kansas City Crime Commission, and Director of the City of Fountains Foundation to name only a few. Mr. Garney is a member of several distinguished charitable and professional boards and committees as well. Charles Garney's commitment has been recognized as the Missourian of the Year, he has received the Citizen of the Year Award from Baker University, the Distinguished Citizen of the Kansas City Community Award by Park College, and he is listed in "Ingram's Magazine" as one of Kansas City's hundred most influential people from 1990 to 1997.

Throughout his professional and personal career Charles Garney has been a great friend to his neighbors in the Kansas City community. He has shared his success with the city which raised him, and his devotion as an example to us all. Charles exemplifies the core values that we all strive for: commitment to the community, to family and to making a difference in the lives of others. I am honored to acknowledge Charles A. Garney for his successful efforts and service to Kansas City. I know that he is joined in receiving this award by his wife Patty, his six daughters, and their extended family. Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating the Metropolitan Lutheran Ministries Friends In Deed 2000, Charles A. Garney.

NATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT MUSEUM

HON. CHARLES A. GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, October 28, 2000

Mr. GONZALEZ. Mr. Speaker, on October 24, 2000, S. 1438, a bill to establish a National Law Enforcement Museum in the District of Columbia was passed in the House.

H.R. 2710 and its companion legislation, S. 1438, would establish a National Law Enforcement Museum next to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in the District of Columbia. I believe that this museum will be a fitting tribute to those who serve and protect our communities and nation on a daily basis. Currently, there are about 74,000 federal, state and law enforcement officers who risk their lives to ensure that citizens are safe and protected. In fact, members of my own family have served and I feel especially proud to be a cosponsor and ardent supporter of this museum.

The museum will help to educate the public about the law enforcement profession and the great personal risks many officers encounter daily. An integral part of the success of law enforcement is public support; support that will grow as the public gains a better understanding of the law enforcement profession through information provided at the museum. The museum will have an accompanying research facility that will be instrumental in creating a safer and more stable environment for all, as research conducted there will be utilized by policy makers as well as officers themselves to improve both the effectiveness of legislation and law enforcement techniques.

RETIREMENT OF NEW MEXICO STATE HISTORIAN ROBERT J. TORREZ

HON. TOM UDALL

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, October 28, 2000

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, Mr. Robert J. Torrez, the New Mexico State Historian and one of New Mexico's most recognized, respected and honored historians, recently announced his retirement to be effective December 22, 2000. Mr. Torrez has served in his official position with New Mexico's state government since 1987.

During his years as State Historian, Mr. Torrez has made many noteworthy contributions to support greater awareness of the richness and depth of the more than four and a half centuries of New Mexico history—a written record of history in the United States that has few, if any, direct parallels. And a record that continues to grow as New Mexico continues to make its unique contributions to our country.

One of the areas in which Mr. Torrez has focused his scholarship is the history of New Mexico's judicial institutions and how those institutions responded to crime, punishment and other legal dilemmas under the Spanish, Mexican and American governments. He has written many articles on the subject and has pointed out the effectiveness of the Spanish

and Mexican systems in dealing with crimes in the context of not only providing justice, but also community-wide resolution and acceptance of the application of justice through those systems in ways that also preserved the integrity of the individuals and families involved in progressive ways. He has long-running regular column that is published in the monthly public employee-oriented newspaper, Round the Roundhouse, that has pointed out many little-known aspect of New Mexico's history.

Mr. Torrez is a recognized expert on one of New Mexico's—and the Southwest's—most challenging issues. And it is an issue that is not only close to my heart but touches on the soul of every traditional Hispanic community in New Mexico: the question of New Mexico's land grants. Those grants made by Spanish and Mexican governments were ostensibly protected by the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo that ended the United States' war with Mexico in 1848. Mr. Torrez has presented countless lectures and discussions concerning this matter and he served as a member of the Guadalupe Hidalgo Task Force created under the auspices of the New Mexico Attorney General's Office in order to assist the United States General Accounting Office conduct their ongoing study of New Mexico's grants.

Mr. Torrez has also contributed significantly to the preservation of New Mexico's historical documents and cultural properties. As only one notable example, in 1988, he worked with the New Mexico Historical Records Advisory Board to obtain a grant from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission. He then ensured that the grant funds were applied to a much-needed project for locating and identifying historical records throughout New Mexico and then assessing their condition and making recommendations for maintaining and preserving them for posterity. The result was a report, New Mexico's Historical Records—An Assessment, that was published and circulated throughout the State in 1990.

Despite his widespread recognition and his scholarly position, Mr. Torrez has also deliberately chosen to remain accessible to the many citizens struggling to understand their family, cultural and state history. It is part of his commitment to promoting the understanding and dissemination of the history that he clearly so deeply loves. And as a consequence, he is not only widely recognized and warmly received wherever he travels in the state, but is also deeply appreciated as a living, breathing cultural treasure in our State. I, my wife, Jill, and countless other New Mexicans join in extending our sincere thanks and congratulations to Mr. Robert Torrez for his years and dedication and commitment to the history of our Land of Enchantment. We know and are glad that he will be able to continue his work from the comfort of his well-deserved and more leisurely state of retired public servant. One who has exemplified the highest standards of public service. We wish him continued rewards in the years to come.

MAINE WOMEN'S FUND

HON. THOMAS H. ALLEN

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, October 28, 2000

Mr. ALLEN. Mr. Speaker, on Monday evening, October 2, the Maine Women's Fund

held its annual "Evening to Honor Maine Women and Girls" and celebrated the Fund's tenth anniversary year.

At this year's dinner, the Maine Women's Fund honored four women for their extraordinary efforts to eliminate gender barriers.

Odelle Bowman, of Portland, uses theater to teach life and social skills and strengthen self-esteem for at-risk young girls through "A Company of Girls," sponsored by the East End Children's Workshop. Many of the girls are from low-income single parent families, many have survived a traumatic past, almost half are young women of color, and many are refugees. The productions are different and challenging. They range from Romeo and Juliet to a play deconstructing the Cinderella myth. Odelle produces all productions for "A Company of Girls," from lighting and costumes to directing and coaching.

Elise Brown, of Liberty, is a firefighter with the Portland Fire Department, as well as a Captain and training officer with the Liberty Volunteer Fire Department. Elise taught a carpentry course for Women Unlimited, where women learned carpentry, and also were encouraged to challenge traditional gender barriers in employment. She has been the positive role model many women long for as they explore areas outside the realm of presumed acceptability. Elise has built wooden boats, a post and beam barn and managed a vegetable farm. As assistant to the Director of the Miane Women's Development Institute, she designed and developed a database system, was responsible for the bookkeeping, correspondence and grant requests.

As Co-Director of Portland Adult Education, Larinda Meade of Portland has changed the lives of thousands of women, many among the state's poorest citizens. She has been a classroom teacher, an educational counselor, an administrator of a statewide literacy program, a Dean of Women, and since 1990, co-director of Maine's largest and most diverse public school education program. She has worked to establish a "first-of-its kind" Family Workshop on Munjoy Hill. Larinda has served on the board and as President of Women Unlimited, on the Advisory Council for the Maine Centers for Women, Work and Community and is a founding member of the Coalition for Women in Trades and Technology.

Dancer, dramatist, poet, athlete, artist, and feminist activist Caitlin Schick of Mount Desert Island has accomplished a great deal in her eighteen years. As a poet, her work often deals with subject of eating disorders, loving oneself, speaking up. As an artist, her paintings are striking. One painting is of a woman's face with phrases behind it such as "we can never be beautiful enough * * we can never be enough * * we can never be good enough." Caitlin wrote and starred in a skit for National AIDS Day, which dealt with sexual issues facing young people.

I salute the contributions of this year's honorees and appreciate the work of the Maine Women's Fund in advancing the cause of gender equality.

TRIBUTE TO DAN MOODY, JR.

HON. BILL ARCHER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, October 28, 2000

Mr. ARCHER. Mr. Speaker, I pay tribute to Dan Moody, Junior of Austin, Texas who died on Friday, the 27th of October. His death was an enormous loss, not just to me as his close friend, but also to all of humanity.

Dan Moody was a man of the highest intellect and integrity of any person I've known in my life. He graduated from the University of Texas Law School with the highest grade point average of anyone in the history of the school in 1951. Yet he never had the characteristics of a bookworm, rather he was always a down to earth, fun loving, rounded human being. He was almost always right, yet never overbearing or arrogant in his position. He walked through life with respect for every human being.

He was the son of Texas' youngest Governor, Dan Moody, a man who had the courage to fight and defeat the Ku Klux Klan in a court of law. He clearly passed on his courage and integrity to his son, Dan Moody, Jr. To all of his friends, his loyalty was exceeded only by his care and compassion. His word was sanctified bond and he was always prepared to give of himself to others wherever there was a need. I extolled him in life as I do now in death. His country and I will miss him greatly and I'm sure that all of my colleagues join me in extending our sympathies to his marvelous wife, Ann, his daughter Martha, and his son Charles.

TRIBUTE TO OLA MAE FORD

HON. SAXBY CHAMBLISS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, October 28, 2000

Mr. CHAMBLISS. Mr. Speaker, I want to pay tribute to Ola Mae Ford, a native of Macon who lives in Fort Hill in what is affectionately referred to as "the house by the side of the road." Her house has this designation because she cooks incredibly delicious food every day, and people travel from all parts of the state to sit at her table and share her hospitality. She has been cooking all of her life, but her training at Albany State University and Atlanta University helped sharpen those skills that she used for 36 years as a Home Economics Teacher at Ballard Hudson Senior High School.

Ms. Ford served as Advisor to the Future Teachers of America and was a member of the National Education and Professional Standards Commission. She has been actively involved with the American Red Cross, both locally and nationally, as well as the March of Dimes, the Central Georgia Health Agency, the Georgia State Health Planning Council, the American Legion's Auxiliary Girls' State Program, and the Southwest Optimist Club. She was appointed by two of Georgia's governors to serve on the Council of Maternal and Infant Health for twelve years.

Presently, she continues to enthusiastically work to improve the lives of the people of Georgia by staying involved with many boards,