

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor and true privilege to recognize and commend a hard working member of our community, a father, a leader and my friend.

THE PERIWINKLE NATIONAL THEATRE TAKES THE WAR ON DRUGS TO THE STAGE

HON. BENJAMIN A. GILMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 4, 2000

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, I wish to call to the attention of our colleagues the outstanding work of the Periwinkle National Theatre.

Next week, the U.S. Department of Education is honoring the efforts of Ms. Sunna Rasch, director of the Periwinkle National Theatre, with the John Stanford Education Heroes Award. This award, which has been in place for the last 3 years, highlights the achievements of outstanding individuals who have serviced the children in their community by using unique and effective methods to deliver an important educational message.

The Periwinkle National Theatre is dedicated to educating our youth about the harmful effects of drug and alcohol. In order to convey their very important message, the theater company performs plays for students, using characters and plots that these students are able to relate to. The characters presented in the plays act out the issues that are often connected to drug use, such as a lack of self-respect, conflict with parents, and peer pressure.

On February 17, 1999, the Middletown, NY, Times Herald Record published an article detailing one of the plays performed by the Periwinkle National Theatre. Directors Sunna Rasch and Judy Lorkowski contacted the Maple Hill Elementary school in Middletown, NY, because they had heard that a fifth-grader who attended the school was arrested 2 weeks earlier for selling marijuana and fake crack to his classmates.

The play, entitled "Halfway There," is a drug prevention fable that depicts young characters who are battling with problems of drug and alcohol addiction. Throughout the play a mysterious mime enters and leaves the stage as he represents drugs, peer pressure, and drug dealers. In the end, all of the characters destroy the mime, symbolizing their own defeat of their addictions. At the conclusion of the play, the actors held a discussion period with the students.

"What we are really trying to do is a community effort to attack the problem that's reared its ugly head, but is always latent," Lorkowski said.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Ms. Sunna Rasch, current director of the Periwinkle program, for receiving the third annual U.S. Department of Education's John Stanford Education Heroes Award. Her service to the children and schools in our community, as well as other communities throughout New York and New Jersey, is commendable.

The work of the Periwinkle National Theatre and other organizations like it throughout the country is an important part of the necessary drug education of our children. We must continue to do whatever we can to prevent our youth from taking part in such harmful activities. Sunna Rasch is meritoriously fulfilling that goal.

TO HONOR DON ROSETTE

HON. THOMAS M. BARRETT

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased today to honor Don Rosette, a distinguished constituent in the city of Milwaukee.

Mr. Rosette is a true leader in Milwaukee who has graciously contributed this time and efforts to the betterment of the city. Under his leadership as its vice president general manager, WMCS AM-1290 radio has emerged as an involved partner in many community efforts. The station has also been recognized for excellence with two nominations for the National Association of Broadcasters' Marconi Award. Mr. Rosette is an accomplished member of several professional organizations and has been the recipient of numerous awards and honors himself, including the National General Manager of the Year, the Outstanding Leadership Award, and the "Men Who Dare" Award.

Don Rosettes' good work will benefit Milwaukee for years to come. Ten years ago, he founded the Christmas Family Feast in order to bring the community together to share a holiday meal. To this day, the Christmas Family Feast continues to serve a traditional Christmas dinner to more than 5,000 individuals each year.

In an effort to further improve the community, Mr. Rosette developed the 1290 Scholarship Fund, Inc. Since 1992, the fund has helped to raise \$380,000 for exemplary youth since 1992. He also established the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Day Breakfast to acknowledge leadership and give back to the community through the donation of proceeds from the event to charitable organizations.

As a cosponsor of the gun buy-back program in Milwaukee, Mr. Rosette has worked to rid our community of the dangers associated with gun violence. Thus far, the program has removed 1,500 handguns and has provided 1,000 trigger locks to gun owners. The city of Milwaukee is safer thanks to Don Rosette.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud Mr. Rosette for his excellence in the field of broadcasting and for his commitment to the well-being of others. His leadership and guidance has been an invaluable asset to the city of Milwaukee.

TRIBUTE TO LUISA VICTORIA IGLESIAS

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 4, 2000

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, Ms. Luisa Victoria Iglesias, affectionately known as "L.V.," is retiring after 37 years with the Federal Government. Although the number of years is not in itself remarkable, the fact that she is retiring at age 88 years and 9 months is truly remarkable. And equally remarkable is the importance of the work that she has performed in her career in the Federal Government.

Ms. Iglesias graduated from high school in Albany, NY in 1929 and from New York State Teachers College in Albany in 1933. In 1934

she became an English teacher at a high school in Guayama, Puerto Rico. While she was teaching, she continued her college studies by attending the University of Puerto Rico, receiving a certificate in social work in 1936.

In 1938, Ms. Iglesias held the position of Delegate to the Bureau of Women and Children in Industry in Mayaguez, Puerto Rico. She then moved to Caracas, Venezuela to become a Social Work Instructor, and shortly thereafter, she was promoted to Social Work Director in Maracaibo, Venezuela. Later, she returned to Puerto Rico to become a Medical Social Worker for the Crippled Children's Program in Santurce, Puerto Rico.

In 1942, Ms. Iglesias returned to the United States to attend the University of Chicago, where she received a Master of Arts in Social Work in 1943. She then returned to Puerto Rico and was promoted to Medical Social Work Supervisor. In 1945, Ms. Iglesias became Chief of the Bureau Public Assistance. In 1958 she was promoted to the position of Chief of the Organization and Methods section in the Department of Health, Puerto Rico.

During the years from 1952 through 1960, Ms. Iglesias continued to attend the University of Puerto Rico in the evening and attained another Masters degree in 1962. For several years during that time, she was a member of the Puerto Rico Social Work licensing board, and during the years 1957-58, she was a member of the Puerto Rico Parole Board.

Ms. Iglesias' career with the Federal Government began in 1963 when she started working for the Social Rehabilitation Service (SRS) in the former Department of Health Education and Welfare (DHEW). She was hired as a Social Administration Advisor (also known as a Family Services Technician); she was later promoted to Social Work Program Specialist and then to Associate Policy Control Officer.

Later, as the Policy Officer in the Office of the Associate Administrator for Policy Control and Coordination, SRS, Ms. Iglesias had final SRS approval authority on all Medicaid, welfare (aid to families with dependent children, AFDC), and social services regulations that were developed for the DHEW Secretary for publication in the Federal Register.

When SRS was abolished in 1977 and HCFA was created, Ms. Iglesias was assigned to HCFA as a Policy Coordination Officer in the Office of the Administrator, Executive Secretariat. In 1978, Ms. Iglesias was reassigned to the position of Supervisory Regulations Analyst in the Bureau of Program Policy. In the last HCFA reorganization, she became a member of the Office of Communications and Operations Support.

Mr. Speaker, listing the positions that Ms. Iglesias has held does not begin to describe the importance of the work that she has done. Long before the current effort to make Federal regulations more readable and understandable, Ms. Iglesias worked to achieve that end. Ms. Iglesias wrote the first regulations development manual in SRS—"the Policy Coordination Manual." Beginning with her work in SRS, she became known for her mandate that regulations must be written in a clear and comprehensible manner. She insisted that regulations should not simply repeat statutory language, and instead, charged her coworkers with providing interpretative rules and regulations that a layman could read and understand. A former English teacher who speaks

Spanish fluently, Ms. Iglesias developed training materials and taught classes to ensure that staff develop clear, understandable regulations.

After SRS was abolished and HCFA was established (combining the Medicaid and Medicare programs), Ms. Iglesias remained in the Washington Liaison Office of HCFA (HCFA's headquarters became Baltimore) and took on the task of rewriting Medicare regulations. Medicare regulations were then "mixed" with the Social Security regulations in Title 20 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR). She worked with the CFR office to establish a separate title 42, Chapter IV of the Code of Federal Regulations and spent several years rewriting and recodifying the Medicare regulations in plain English.

In HCFA, Ms. Iglesias continued her efforts to make regulations—now Medicare regulations—clear and understandable. In 1978, Ms. Iglesias found further support for her cause that regulations must be "clear and readable" in the Deputy General Counsel for Regulation Review in the Department of Health and Human Services. She quickly began further efforts to indoctrinate staff not merely to restate the language of the law in regulations, but to apply all of the principles of the English language in developing comprehensible Federal Medicaid, welfare, and social services regulations for publication in the Federal Register.

As an example of her work, Ms. Iglesias has for years tried to simplify the definitions used in Medicare regulations by insisting that HCFA staff refrain from using multiple definitions of the same terms. Similarly, she has instructed HCFA staff that definitions of terms not be used to establish conditions or parameters in regulations. At that time, Ms. Iglesias exerted such energies that no one would have guessed that she was then in her early 70's. Because of her work, many people in HCFA refer to Ms. Iglesias as "Ms. CFR."

Ms. Iglesias is known for her love of swimming each morning from June through October (which, in part, may contribute to her good health), her love of attending symphonies at the Kennedy Center, her love of cruising around the world, her love of solving crossword puzzles and playing scrabble, her ability to work hard and fast, and her expectation of others to do the same.

Throughout the years, even after exerting such energies at work, Ms. Iglesias has kept up her extensive travels around the world. Even now, at her current age, she still takes at least one cruise each year, and sometimes two. She has visited such places as Spain, South America, Alaska, Russia, Greece, China, Africa, Iceland, Denmark, Scotland, England, Norway, New Zealand, Australia, Malaysia, Europe, Japan, Canada, Indonesia, the Canary Islands, and Hawaii.

Ms. Iglesias' immediate family includes two sons, Victor (who lives in Malaysia) and Carlos, two daughters-in-law, Alby and Linda, 2½-year-old triplet grandsons and a granddaughter, as well as a great grandson, with whom she must keep pace. And I understand that if she follows the same family of legacy of longevity as her aunt of 111 years of age now residing in Puerto Rico, she will have plenty of time to do this in her retirement.

Although they are happy for her, Ms. Iglesias' coworkers at the Health Care Financing Administration mourn their loss on her retirement. We can all be grateful for her efforts

and her intense desire to make Medicare a better program by writing clear and understandable regulations. And I am sure that I join all Americans in wishing Ms. Iglesias much happiness and continued great cruising as she retires from the Health Care Financing Administration at age 88 after 37 years of Federal Government service.

A TRIBUTE TO SAM KNOTT

HON. RANDY "DUKE" CUNNINGHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 4, 2000

Mr. CUNNINGHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life of Sam Knott. Sam was a devoted husband, father, and leader in the San Diego Community. It was the tragic death of his daughter Cara that made Sam a community leader, but it was his personal commitment to translate that personal anguish into public action that made him a leader.

As an infant, Sam moved with his family from St. Croix, Virgin Islands to San Diego, where his father, a physician, opened a general practice on 30th Street. Mr. Knott graduated from San Diego High School and earned a bachelor's degree at San Diego State where he majored in history and business. With hopes of pursuing a career in hospital administration, he earned a master's degree in public health at the University of California at Berkeley. He married Joyce, in August 1959. The following November, he began six months of active duty at Fort Ord in the National Guard. Mr. Knott served internships in hospital administration in Ventura and Hawthorne before returning to San Diego in 1970 to help coordinate the design and construction of Alvarado Convalescent and Rehabilitation Hospital. A few months after being transferred to the Los Angeles area as an administrative trouble-shooter, Mr. Knott left the medical field to work as a stockbroker for Paine Webber and Sentra. Later, Mr. Knott went into business on his own, which he pursued part time in recent years.

Since the 1986 death of his 20-year-old daughter, Cara, at the hands of a California Highway Patrol officer, Mr. Knott has been a steadfast leader in the San Diego Community. He has championed legislation that took effect in 1988 directing police to establish a priority in responding to missing-persons reports. While concentrating in recent years on legislative efforts affecting law enforcement policies, I have worked closely with Sam on his efforts to establish a digital network management system to improve communication among public safety agencies at all levels. Also, he was an ardent supporter of the Doris Tate Crime Victims Bureau, which represents families of victims of violent crimes.

Sam died on November 30, 2000, apparently of a heart attack, near a memorial garden in Rancho Penasquitos that has been dedicated to his daughter. He was 63. He is survived by his wife, Joyce; daughters, Cynthia Knott of El Cajon and Cheryl Knott, a professor at Harvard University; a son, John of Pacific Beach; as well as, sisters, Julia Knott Fago of San Diego and Jean Thompson of La Mesa; brothers, Dr. Jim Knott of North Park and Joe Knott of Del Cerro; and three grandsons.

Let the permanent RECORD of the Congress of the United States show that Sam's life exemplified commitment and service to community, and that he leaves behind this legacy for his family, friends, and fellow Americans to emulate.

CONGRATULATING URSULINE IRISH HIGH SCHOOL

HON. JAMES A. TRAFICANT, JR.

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 4, 2000

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, today I want to congratulate the Ursuline Irish High School Football Team and Coach Jim Vivo on their first Division IV State Championship. The Irish defeated Coldwater, at Fawcett Stadium, with a 49–37 victory.

The Irish broke ten championship game records and tied one. Running backs Delbert Ferguson (freshman) and Terrance Graves (sophomore) combined for 499 yards and seven touchdowns.

The team went 9–1 in the regular season and 14–1 overall to win the state title. I would like to extend my congratulations to Coach Jim Vivo, the Ursuline Irish Football Team, Principal Pat Fleming and the students of Ursuline High School as they celebrate this memorable achievement.

TRIBUTE TO DAVID S. BURGESS

HON. GEORGE MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 4, 2000

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to invite my colleagues to join me in congratulating David S. Burgess on the occasion of his being honored this month on National Human Rights Day by the Benicia Healthy Cities Task Force for his lifetime achievements of social justice.

David S. Burgess, a resident of the city of Benicia, CA, since September 1990, has been honored by the publication of his biography, "Fighting for Social Justice." David represents the best of Christian social activism in our times, having given so much of his time, talent, and treasure to building a more just and caring society for more than seven decades.

Dave's commitment to social justice began in his teens and continued throughout his activist student years at Oberlin College and Union Theological Seminary in the late 1930's and early 1940's. He and his bride, Alice, worked side by side with, and ministered to, migrant workers in southern Florida and New Jersey in the early 1940's, learning first-hand about life on the edge, life without hope, antiblack cruelties, and company indifference to workers' basic needs.

Continuing to conduct farm camp church services, Dave became a labor union representative in the hope of making a practical difference. Through the next few years he combined his role as a minister and budding farm labor champion, assigned to locations by his church. He finished seminary and was organized into what became the United Church of Christ in 1943, ready to jump in as a full-