

UKRAINIAN CARDINAL MYROSLAV
LUBACHIVSKY 1914-2000)

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 15, 2000

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, Ohioans, particularly those of Ukrainian ancestry, were saddened to hear of the passing yesterday of Cardinal Myroslav Lubachivsky, the head of Ukraine's Greek Catholic Church. Cardinal Lubachivsky was born in 1914 in the town of Dolyna in the Western Ukrainian province of Galicia and died not far from there in the city of Lviv, where he served as Archbishop and Metropolitan for millions of Ukrainian Catholics worldwide, including many in Ohio. Although the Cardinal was born in Western Ukraine and served his people as their spiritual leader until his last days, he spent more than half his life outside his native land, including 33 years in the United States.

Cardinal Lubachivsky left Ukraine in 1938 as a young priest to study in Austria. After the Second World War, he came to America where he spent more than twenty years serving as assistant pastor at Sts. Peter & Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church in Cleveland's Tremont neighborhood. There he celebrated mass, presided over the marriages of happy couples, baptized their newly-born infants and spoke the final words over the graves of thousands of his parishioners. He even drove the school bus for children attending the parish grade school. This scholarly, yet humble man seemed content to serve God and his fellow Ukrainian-Americans in this quiet, unassuming way when unexpectedly he was elevated to be Metropolitan-Archbishop of Philadelphia. In 1980, he moved to the Vatican and in 1984, became worldwide head of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church following the death of the saintly Cardinal Joseph Slipy.

Joseph Slipy had become the head of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church in 1944 when Western Ukraine was incorporated into the Soviet Union. Prior to that, Western Ukraine had been part of the Austrian Empire and Poland. Almost immediately, the Soviet Secret Police started carrying out Stalin's order to liquidate the Ukrainian Catholic Church. The entire clergy was either arrested or forced to renounce their faith. Most declined to do so and ended up in Siberia or were shot. Archbishop-Metropolitan Slipy spent 17 years in labor camps until Pope John XXIII finally negotiated his release in 1963. As a cardinal of the Catholic Church, Joseph Slipy went to work rebuilding his church in the underground in Ukraine and in places like Cleveland, Ohio where Myroslav Lubachivsky served as assistant pastor.

In 1991 with the collapse of the Soviet Union, His Eminence Myroslav Lubachivsky, a Cardinal and a U.S. citizen, returned in triumph to the city of Lviv to preside over the

Ukrainian Catholic Church and its historic St. George's Cathedral. "This native church of mine was resurrected and rose from the grave," he said at the time. Tens of thousands of Ukrainian Catholics, many weeping and singing hymns, lined the streets to greet their Cardinal and Archbishop-Metropolitan.

Cardinal Myroslav Lubachivsky had one of the most extraordinary and fulfilling lives that spanned nearly the entire 20th Century. He served through some of the most difficult periods of that turbulent era and he lived to see his faith and the faith of millions of his parishioners rewarded with the restoration of his church, which not only survived enormous evil, but ultimately prevailed over it. I join in paying tribute to this great man and offer my condolences to all those in Ohio and throughout the world who benefited from his spiritual guidance and leadership and now mourn his passing. With his entire life a prayer, Cardinal Lubachivsky walked in faith and toward the light that now shines over people and leaders that long for a new tomorrow. May he rest in peace.

RECOGNIZING HUGH C. BAILEY OF VALDOSTA, GEORGIA, FOR HIS RETIREMENT FROM VALDOSTA STATE UNIVERSITY

HON. SAXBY CHAMBLISS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CHAMBLISS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to honor Dr. Hugh C. Bailey an exceptional citizen from Valdosta, Georgia, on his retirement as President of Valdosta State University.

Dr. Hugh Bailey was first appointed president of Valdosta State University in 1978 and has served admirably for twenty-two years. As a long time educator, Dr. Bailey is currently a member of the American History Association, American Red Cross, the South Georgia Chamber of Commerce, the Georgia Council on Economic Education and has served as the national president of Pi Gamma Nu.

Dr. Bailey was born in Berry, Alabama, and earned his master's and doctoral degrees from the University of Alabama. Furthermore, Dr. Bailey presided over the transformation of Valdosta State College into Valdosta State University and he oversaw the growing of Valdosta State University to be one of Georgia's two regional universities. I am very proud that my daughter, Lia, was in the second of Dr. Bailey's Valdosta State Universities graduating classes.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to recognize Dr. Bailey for his dedication to the future of our young people. He is an extraordinary citizen, and I am proud of his achievements and accomplishments, which have done so much to improve the lives of so many people in the Valdosta community and throughout Georgia. Dr. Bailey is a very good personal friend and

I salute him for his dedicated service to the field of public education in our great state.

AMERICAN DEMOCRACY WAS MUGGED

HON. MAJOR R. OWENS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 15, 2000

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, the words of William Shakespeare's King Lear are ringing loudly in the ears of many Americans: "Fool me not to bear it tamely; touch me with noble anger." The old trusting king had just been grossly betrayed by two of his daughters. Collectively this nation has reason for an anger comparable to that of King Lear. In America the democratic process has just been mugged by the U.S. Supreme Court.

As loyal citizens we must obey any decision of the court. But we are not required to restrain ourselves from vomiting. Thomas Friedman, on the New York Times Op-Ed page (December 15, 2000) provides a summary of the Supreme Court's election "fix" which is as accurate as any that I have seen thus far:

"... The five conservative justices essentially ruled that the sanctity of dates, even meaningless ones, mattered more than the sanctity of votes, even meaningful ones. The Rehnquist court now has its legacy: In calendars we trust."

So much was outrageous about this blatantly partisan decision that it would be unpatriotic if we fail to keep the review and scrutiny of all the factors surrounding this decree alive and active. It is our duty to be conciliatory in going forward with the governance of the nation. It is also our duty to support the peoples "noble anger". I submit that the following RAP poem is one of many literary missiles that should be fired at this evil dragon decision into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

ROBBERS IN ROBES

The Florida mob just made a hit—American Democracy mugged; Scalia was the bulldog in the pit.

Call 911, FBI, the CIA, Priceless voting rights, just been snatched away; By robbers wrapped in fine black robes; Decent nations must now launch probes.

Achtung! Now hear this! Attack bulldog Scalia, Unarmed but dangerous; Beware of his tenacious bite, Any good truth may attract his sight.

Right over justice thieves vaulted; Struggling patriots got assaulted.

Tell your kids about the Supreme Court, at supper before they eat; Don't let young minds discover, Obscene decisions out on the street.

Our votes were precious gems, Won with faith and sacred hymns.

Call 911, FBI, the CIA, Priceless voting rights, Just been snatched away.

American Democracy mugged!