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IN HONOR OF THE PHILIPPINE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF OHIO

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 24, 2000

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of the Philippine American Society of Ohio as they gather for their Rizal Night Celebration on December 18, 1999.

The Philippine American Society of Ohio is an organization dedicated to the preservation of the Filipino culture. The Rizal Night is an annual celebration commemorating the birthday of the nation's hero, Dr. Jose Rizal. In addition to honoring Dr. Rizal, the event will induct two sets of officers to the PASO board and PASO Women's Auxiliary Board. This important event will also raise funds for maintaining the newly designed cultural center in Parma, Ohio.

The Philippine American Society of Ohio is a great cultural asset. As it is probably the first group of Filipinos to build a cultural center, their determination and dedication to their heritage is an inspiration to their families and community. Countless people have contributed to the construction of the Center, through financial support, sharing their electrical and painting talents, granting interest-free loans and donations of materials. The construction of the center is testament to the cohesiveness of the Society.

Moreover, I commend the strength of the Philippine American Society for the Medical Missions Projects. Missionaries not only treat patients for their physical ailment, but also provide spiritual support. Their work in reaching out to people living in the Philippines is admirable.

It is with great honor that I ask my distinguished colleagues to join me in congratulating the Philippine American Society of Ohio as they celebrate the birthday of Dr. Jose Rizal and congratulate the new board members.

TRIBUTE TO REP. FRANK HORTON

HON. LOUISE McINTOSH SLAUGHTER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise in tribute to a former colleague and dear friend, the Honorable Frank Horton of New York.

Representative Horton embodied all the best traditions of this institution. He was known—indeed, was legendary—for outstanding constituent service, for his votes cast in a spirit of bipartisanship and integrity, and for a commitment to the best interests of his district and the nation as a whole. For those of us who had the privilege of serving with him, he was a role model and a special friend.

On the recent occasion of Representative Horton's 80th birthday, his colleague at the law firm of Venable, Baetjer, Howard & Civiletti, Andrew Fois, composed a moving tribute to this great man. I would like to share it with my colleagues today. I hope you will all take the opportunity to read it; we could all learn a great deal from the example of Frank Horton.

(By Andrew Fois)

Within days of the dawn of the new millennium, a great man of the 20th century marked his 80th birthday. Frank Horton, born on December 12, 1919 in Cuero, Texas, represented parts of Rochester and its surrounding areas for thirty years in the United States House of Representatives. During the course of his remarkable life, Frank Horton saw combat in World War II, engaged successfully in the private practice of law, served as President of the Rochester Redwings minor league baseball franchise, raised a family, published a children's song and as one of the most well-respected congressmen of his generation.

Frank Horton's accomplishments are enough for several lifetimes. What made Frank so remarkable as a congressman, however, is something that is becoming increasingly scarce in the Congress. Although Frank was and always will be a Republican, and represented a majority Republican district, he always put the interests of his district, state and country before those of his party. He was a true bipartisan, able to work effectively with Democrats as well as Republicans. As a testament to the value of that attribute Frank was selected by his New York colleagues to serve as Dean of the New York State delegation—despite the Democrats holding a substantial majority of the seats.

Frank's independence was not universally admired, however. The kind of man Frank Horton is, and the kind of congressman he was going to be, was apparent from his very first vote in Congress in 1963. The issue was the composition of the powerful Rules Committee and the proportion of Democrats, then in the majority, to Republican members. Frank supported the Democrats' position in a vote the outcome of which was certain from the start. While the vote was still pending he was questioned by then Minority Leader Charlie Halleck. "Son," said the older man, "I think you made a mistake." "No, sir, Mr. Halleck," responded the freshman lawmaker, "I believe that the majority should have the ability to control the committee." Halleck just walked away. Before that fateful vote, Frank was in line for a coveted position on the Judiciary Committee. Halleck, however, saw to it that Frank's independence was "punished" by "relegation" to the Committee on Govern-

ment Operations, which oversees the federal bureaucracy, and the District of Columbia Committee.

This incident at the start of Frank's Washington career proves two points. First, that brass-knuckle partisanship is not a recent political innovation. Second, sometimes standing up for what you believe pays off in the end because Frank is convinced that Halleck did him a big favor. He went on to serve with great success on the Government Operations Committee for thirty years—most of them as the senior Republican on the panel where he enjoyed a great relationship with its feisty Chairman and fellow Texan, Jack Brooks. Ironically, he also rose to serve on the Committee on Committees, where he helped decide committee assignments for other Republicans.

Despite being a member of the minority, Frank left his mark on important legislation and other issues of substance. He was a tireless watchdog of the executive branch rooting out waste, fraud and abuse and was a leader in the effort to establish inspectors general in federal agencies. He championed legislation to reduce government paperwork and reform federal procurement procedures. He fought for creation of the Department of Education—the only Republican on Government Operations to support it. He was an early proponent of home rule for the District of Columbia and he sponsored legislation honoring Asian-Pacific Americans. He was a founder of the Northeast-Midwest Coalition, helping to focus attention on the distribution of federal funds in the industrial corridor.

But his ability to reach across the aisle and work with his colleagues of the opposite party is Frank's greatest legacy. Unfortunately, few members of either party seem able, or interested in, doing the same today. It is a shame that Frank Horton never saw a single day in the majority despite his thirty years in Congress. If he had been serving the last few years you can be sure that many highly charged matters would have been handled in a much more bipartisan and productive fashion.

Among the professional mementos on display in his office is a personal note coincidentally dated December 12, 1968, from President Lyndon Johnson that stands as summary of, and testament, to Frank's career. In it, the outgoing President writes of the memories he will take with him when he leaves the White House and observes that, "High among them will always be the knowledge that we stood together, men of different parties, to work for a better America."

Happy birthday, Frank. And thank you.

IN MEMORY OF JOSEPH MADZELONKA

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Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Joseph Madzelonka for his lifelong dedication to working people. Joe, retired president of United Food and Commercial Workers Union Local 880, passed away earlier this month at the age of 67. He was a great man and an extraordinary leader.

Joe began his life in the labor industry at the age of 17, when he started working as a bagger at an A&P grocery store. Soon after, he was elected a steward, and eventually a business representative for the union. Joe was an international vice president of his union and

a vice president of the Ohio AFL-CIO and the Cleveland Federation of Labor. Finally, in 1977, Joe became head of the Local 880. He spent his 13 years as president fighting for improving health care and pension benefits. The members of Local 880 speak extremely highly of Joe's years as president and remember him as an individual who worked for the union through some very tough issues and difficult times.

Joe also had a great commitment to his family and friends. When he finally retired in 1990, Joe was elated to be able to spend some time with his wife, Mary, and his four children. He spent much of his time babysitting his adorable and loving grandchildren. Joe was also able to relax in his final years by spending more time with his numerous friends on the golf course.

My fellow colleagues, please join me in saluting a leader, an organizer, and a good man for his contributions to the labor movement and for the inspirations he instilled in us all.

IN HONOR OF GAETANO "THOMAS"
TRIGILIO

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Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in memory of Thomas Trigilio, a devoted husband, a good father, a dedicated co-worker, and a friend in need. You need to shake a lot of hands to know the measure of Thomas Trigilio.

I was a friend of Thomas Trigilio and in that distinction I was in good company. Thomas was made of the stuff that so many Clevelanders love about their own friends and family. Name one of Thomas' qualities and a Cleveland would nod his or her head knowingly. He's the father who worked to give his children every opportunity to succeed. He's the husband who loved his wife above all else. He's the grandfather who couldn't help but spoil his grandchildren. He's the friend from the old neighborhood with which you could share a firm handshake and chuckle over a joke told three times over. He was the inven-

tive genius who always looked for ways to make this a better world. Clevelanders nod their heads because they know Thomas Trigilio.

To have universal qualities does not diminish the preciousness of a single human life. Thomas Trigilio's life was one well led—and precious in its priorities. Thomas' life can be characterized by focus. He was a man that made priorities. Thomas was wise in the priorities that he made. His were perhaps simple choices—but there was a wisdom in that simplicity. Thomas made his wife a priority. He made his children a priority. There is no questioning Thomas Trigilio's choices. That Frances, Josephine, Maria, Anthony, Limeri, Gianni, Alec, and Justin have countless stories to share with each in their moment of grief proves there is no questioning his focus. Thomas Trigilio was a husband, father, and grandfather. And he was good at it.

My fellow colleagues, join me in offering condolences to the family of Thomas Trigilio. Let us seek to emulate his focus. Let us pray for his wisdom in making priorities. Above all, let us honor the legacy of a man we all knew, in one way or another.