

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN HONOR OF FATHER MARINO
FRASCATI, O. DE M.

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 18, 2001

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Father Marino Frascati, O. De M. as he celebrates his 50th year of priesthood. Cleveland should be proud to have this exemplary man in its midst.

Father Frascati was born in Castelviscardo (Terni), Italy on May 16, 1925. He attended the Propedeuticum at Gregorian University in Rome earning a Baccalaureus in Philosophia. He attended seminary at St. Joseph Franciscan Seminary in Teutopolis, Illinois, and was ordained on June 24, 1951—50 years ago this month.

His Cleveland service began in 1957 as Assistant at Our Lady of Mount Carmel (West). He became Pastor in November 1970 and served in this capacity until April 1995. He was the Chairman of the Detroit Shoreway Community Development Corporation. He was instrumental in the planning and fund-raising process that resulted in the completion in 1979 of Villa Mercede, a federally funded HUD project consisting of 150 apartments for seniors and the disabled.

He became Vicar for the Order of Our Lady in the United States in July 1994. In 1976 Father Frascati received the Cavalier dell Ordine al Merito della Repubblica Italiana from the Italian government in recognition of his services to the Italian community both here and abroad.

My fellow colleagues please join me in applauding this truly great man and all of his contributions to society.

TRIBUTE TO CAPTAIN RICHARD J.
PARISH, USN

HON. JOE SCARBOROUGH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SCARBOROUGH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a man who has dedicated more than 30 years of his life to protecting the people of this great nation through his service in the United States Navy. This gentleman has distinguished himself as a decorated officer, a community leader, a trusted advisor, and as a personal friend. The man I speak about today is Captain Richard J. Parish, who is retiring from the United States Navy.

Captain Parish is currently the Director of Office Training and Education/NROTC Program Manager on the staff of the Chief of Naval Education and Training in Pensacola, Florida. I could praise Captain Parish for his many successes as Commander of the Naval Surface Warfare Center at Coastal Systems

Station, Commanding Officer of U.S.S. *Samuel Elliot Morison*, or his numerous other assignments throughout his storied career. I could mention his many awards, including the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Navy Commendation Medal, and many others. Or I could applaud his academic achievements, including a Master's Degree in Financial Management from the naval Postgraduate School. However, I'm sure Captain Parish would say that all of these were just part of his duty.

Mr. Speaker, not only has Captain Parish been an outstanding Naval officer, he's also been a great friend and advisor. Whether through his assignment at CNET at NAS Pensacola, or his extraordinary tenure as Commander of Coastal Systems Station, Captain Parish has been an engaged and effective leader as well as a great source of advice and counsel to me on issues related to the Navy. I have looked to Dick Parish on many occasions for his unvarnished opinion on the issues affecting our nation's armed forces. As a member of the House Armed Services Committee over the past seven years, such insight has proven invaluable to me. Although I too will be leaving my post in the near future, I look forward to continuing our friendship.

Mr. Speaker, I join Captain Parish's many friends and colleagues in wishing him all the best as he embarks on this new phase of his life. Northwest Florida and the greater Navy community are fortunate to have had Captain Richard J. Parish serve them with honor and distinction. I want to thank my friend Dick Parish for his service to our great nation and to our local community, and wish him success and happiness now and always.

HONORING VETERANS FROM NASSAU COUNTY'S UNITED VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 18, 2001

Ms. MCCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise in recognition of four veterans from Nassau County's United Veterans Organization (UVO)—Joe Librizzi from Oceanside, Pat Cassetta from Uniondale, Bernie Flatow from West Hempstead and Sal Brandino from Rockville Centre—as June Citizens of the Month for the flag education program.

In December of 1997, the UVO came up with a brilliant idea of a flag education program for Nassau County schools and students. This program was designed to teach elementary students proper flag etiquette and respect.

Too often our students aren't exposed to the knowledge and the history our veterans possess. With this program students can learn about our nation's history from those who lived it. At the same time, the students learn about

America's most important symbol from those who fought for our country.

The veterans began to put their idea into a plan by sending letters of introduction and explanation to 56 school superintendents in Nassau County. In early 1998, the team consisting of Librizzi, Cassetta, Flatow and Brandino began their presentations and as they say, "The rest is history." In the first year of presentations, they visited 29 schools and reached about 12,000 students. During the 2000/2001 school year, the vets predict they will reach 39 schools this year, bringing their three-year total to 40,000 students.

Thousands of letters from students, teachers and administrators give testimony to the fact the vets achieved their goal—fostering respect for the American flag. The vets committee have also been honored by the U.S. Marine Corps Color Guard attending many of their presentations.

These veterans saw a void in education, and stepped in to help out. We should all be like these veterans—they're still giving back to their community and shaping their country's future.

Thank you, and congratulations.

IN HONOR OF COMMISSIONER
JIMMY DIMORA

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 18, 2001

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Commissioner Jimmy Dimora on this very special birthday and to thank him for his many dedicated years of public service.

Mr. Dimora is a great man, skilled politician, public servant, and most importantly, a friend. In January 1999 he began his term as Cuyahoga County Commissioner with the one simple goal to simplify county government and make it "user friendly" for his constituents. He was soon, thereafter, elected by his fellow commissioners as President of the Board of Cuyahoga County Commissioners.

His career in public service did not begin, however, on the county level. Mr. Dimora has 28 years of dedicated service with the City of Bedford Heights. Originally a city employee, he quickly demonstrated his love for the city and was elected Council-at-Large. In 1982 he was elected Mayor of the City of Bedford Heights and was re-elected without opposition to four consecutive terms. Commissioner Dimora has served his community in countless capacities, including Chairman of Cuyahoga County's Investment Advisory Committee, Vice-Chairman of the County's Solid Waste District, member of the Board of Revisions and Governing Board of the Northeast Ohio Area-wide Coordinating Agency. Commissioner Dimora currently serves as Chairman of the Cuyahoga County Democratic Party and has served selflessly in that position since February, 1994.

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Commissioner Dimora is a man I hold in very high regard for he has greatly touched the Cleveland community. He has dedicated his entire life to public service and enjoys working with his constituents. He is people-oriented, kind-spirited, hard-working, and dedicated to his work and community.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring a very fine man and wishing him a happy birthday. Commissioner Jimmy Dimora is truly a man of the people, and has served the Cleveland community selflessly his entire life.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BARON P. HILL

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 18, 2001

Mr. HILL. Mr. Speaker, I did not vote on House Concurrent Resolution 145 when the House of Representatives considered it on June 13th (rollcall vote No. 161). Had I voted on House Concurrent Resolution 145, I would have voted "yea."

TRIBUTE TO FREDERICK STEPHENS HUMPHRIES, PH.D., NOTED EDUCATOR, SCHOLAR, AND GREAT AMERICAN

HON. CARRIE P. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 18, 2001

Mrs. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, tonight I am pleased to pay tribute to Frederick Stephens Humphries, one of the true giants of higher education in this country. We all recognized early in his 16-year tenure that he is a man of great vision and wisdom. As President of Florida A&M University, he built it into one of this nation's premier institutions of higher education.

Dr. Humphries is one of those special individuals in whom there exists not only an immense capacity for service, but also that touch of genius which everyone recognizes but no one can define.

Under Dr. Humphries' leadership, Florida A&M's enrollment has more than doubled and the number of graduates has tripled. He did this simultaneously while raising standards and improving the overall quality of the student body. Three times in the last ten years Florida A&M has been the top choice of National Achievement Scholars, tying last fall with Harvard for attracting the largest number of these high-achieving students.

Thanks to Fred Humphries, Florida A&M now has the triple distinction of being the nation's largest single-campus historically black college, the No. 1 producer of African-Americans with baccalaureate degrees, and the leading producer of African-American teachers.

Perhaps his single greatest contribution to America and to African-Americans is that, during his 26-year career as a college President, Dr. Humphries has taught an entire generation of African-Americans that there was room for intelligence and idealism in our world, and that "excellence with caring" was not just a way to live but a way to live greatly, that with edu-

cation and knowledge each of us might share in the promise of our age.

So to you Frederick Stephens Humphries, I want to thank you for all that you have done not only for Florida A&M, but this nation and our world.

ESPERANZA'S 11TH ANNUAL FIESTA OF HOPE

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 18, 2001

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Esperanza, Incorporated for their years of education to the Cleveland community and celebrate their 11th Annual Fiesta of Hope to be held on Friday, June 22, 2001.

Esperanza, Inc. is the only non-profit organization in Ohio dedicated to the promotion and advancement of Hispanic education. This organization attracts hundreds of volunteers who tutor, mentor, and provide guidance to students of all ages. Volunteers provide assistance to students looking for scholarships and academic advice.

Since its formation, Esperanza, Inc. has celebrated its diversity through a yearly "fiesta." Last year, Esperanza, Inc. awarded 55 scholarships that provided much needed assistance to students. An education is the backbone of a healthy and productive life, and this organization is spending their time and energy in promoting a sound education for all people.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognition of a fine educational association. Esperanza, Inc. has served the Cleveland community for over a decade. I am humbled and grateful to have such a worthwhile organization in my district, and wish them the best of luck with their 11th Annual Fiesta of Hope.

A TRIBUTE TO WAYMAN F. SMITH III

HON. WM. LACY CLAY

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 18, 2001

Mr. CLAY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to offer my comments and warmest congratulations on the retirement of my friend, Wayman F. Smith III, who is leaving his position as Vice President of Corporate Affairs for the Anheuser Busch Corporation after 20 years of dedicated service. Throughout his life, Wayman Smith has remained a committed public servant who has made it his life's work to expand opportunity and raise the aspirations of African Americans in both his native St. Louis and our country as a whole.

As a young man during the height of the Civil Rights Movement, Wayman made the dangerous journey through the segregated South to help register African American voters as part of the NAACP Voter Registration Project. Later in the Sixties, Wayman entered the political arena and was elected to the St. Louis Board of Aldermen, where he served for twelve years. He also served four years on the Board of Police Commissioners for the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department.

Wayman Smith began his high school years in the 1950s at the segregated Summer High School in St. Louis, but later transferred to and graduated from Soldan High School following the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in *Brown vs. Board of Education*. After completing his undergraduate degree in Business Administration from Monmouth University in West Long Branch, New Jersey, Wayman later went on to earn his Juris Doctorate degree from Howard University School of Law. Following his graduation from law school, Wayman became a partner in the law firm of Wilson, Smith, McCullin and Smith and later served as a judge in the St. Louis Metropolitan Court and served as the director of the Conciliation for the Missouri Commission on Human Rights.

During the last twenty years, Wayman has served as Vice President of Corporate Affairs for the Anheuser Busch Corporation, where he has been credited with building positive and economically productive relationships between Anheuser Busch and the African American community. Under Wayman's leadership, Anheuser Busch's Corporate Affairs Department expanded its Minority Purchasing Program initiative from less than \$1 million to nearly \$200 million. As a result, the Anheuser Busch Corporation today holds the honorable distinction of having done business with every African American, Hispanic and women-owned financial institution in the nation.

Additionally, his department has raised over \$160 million for the United Negro College Fund and he founded the "Budweiser Jammin' for Education Fund" a major provider of college scholarship funds for our nation's urban youth. Literally hundreds of organizations have benefited greatly from Wayman's assistance, including the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, which received a direct contribution from Wayman Smith to help pay off the mortgage on its Washington, D.C. headquarters.

In addition to his professional responsibilities, Wayman Smith has always been a leader in community involvement. He founded and chairs the African American Initiative for the United Way: a program that has raised millions of dollars for worthwhile charities in the St. Louis Metropolitan Area. Wayman is also Chairman of the Board of Regents for one of our nation's historically black educational institutions, Harris-Stowe State College, and serves on the Howard University Board of Trustees where he is also Chairman Emeritus. Wayman Smith also participates on the boards of the St. Louis Gateway Classic Foundation, the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, Rankin Technical College, the NAACP Special Contributions Fund, and the United Way of Greater St. Louis.

Now after twenty years at the corporate helm, Wayman plans to enjoy his early retirement from Anheuser Busch by returning to his first love, private legal practice. This summer, Wayman will rejoin his brother, Christopher M. Smith, Sr. and six other attorneys in the Smith Partnership in St. Louis, where he will continue to represent Anheuser Busch as well as other national and international interests.

It is my pleasure and honor to recognize Wayman F. Smith III, for the many contributions he has made on behalf of his beloved City of St. Louis, his community and his nation.