

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO LOURDES M.
DENNISON

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 7, 2001

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct pleasure to announce that the Asian-American Medical Society will be hosting the 25th Annual Asian-American Medical Society Gala on Saturday, November 10, 2001, at Avalon Manor in Hobart, Indiana. Each year, this society honors prominent, extraordinary residents of Northwest Indiana for their contributions to the community. In recognition of their tremendous efforts for the betterment of Northwest Indiana, they are honored at a banquet and awarded the prestigious Crystal Globe Award. This Saturday, Lourdes M. Dennison will be presented with the Crystal Globe Award for her dedication and devotion to her community.

Lourdes M. Dennison exemplifies the sense of selflessness that is prevalent among the citizens of Indiana's First Congressional District. Her dedication to improving the welfare of the citizens of Northwest Indiana is evident as one learns of the various organizations that are enriched by her involvement. As a registered nurse, Mrs. Dennison's abilities focus upon caring for individuals whose lives are affected by an illness or by a disability. Drawing upon the knowledge gleaned from this intimate patient/caregiver relationship, Mrs. Dennison has extended her commitment to others by serving on the boards of the Hospice of Calumet Region, the Lake Area United Way, the Tradewinds Rehabilitation Center, and the Saint Mary Medical Center Foundation. In addition, she served as the past president of the Lake County Medical Auxiliary.

Mrs. Dennison offers her services and time to other professional organizations as well. She has been involved with the Women's Association of the Northwest Indiana Symphony Society, with the Endowment Board of Northern Indiana Arts Association, and with the Indiana Dunes Environmental Learning Center, all of which play an essential part in the cultural development of the First Congressional District. Furthermore, in spite of her taxing schedule, Mrs. Dennison received her real estate education from Indiana University, a feat that has allowed her to be an active partner in real estate developments in both Lake and Porter counties. While the above mentioned endeavors consume a significant amount of her time, Mrs. Dennison manages to serve on the Catholic Board of Trustees. The medical, cultural, and religious communities of Northwest Indiana are all enriched by her active participation.

By recognizing the efforts of Mrs. Dennison, a native Filipino, the Asian-American Medical Society offers to the Asian-American community a role model whose achievements have contributed significantly to the betterment of Northwest Indiana. As a testament to her pro-

fessionalism, she was granted the honor of being named a lifetime member of the Philippine Professionals Association. Her success is to be applauded.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in congratulating Lourdes M. Dennison for receiving the 2001 Crystal Globe Award from the Asian-American Medical Society. Her service and dedication inspire us all to greater deeds.

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
MCKINLEY BAPTIST CHURCH,
WILLOW GROVE, PENNSYLVANIA

HON. JOSEPH M. HOFFEL

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HOFFEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of the McKinley Baptist Church in Willow Grove, Pennsylvania. The church has had a long commitment to serving the spiritual needs of the community.

The McKinley Memorial Baptist Church was established in 1901. The founding members of the church named it in honor of the late President William McKinley. The church began as a prayer group with the original members belonging to the Salem Baptist Church in Jenkintown, Pennsylvania. The new church members met at the home of A.T. Cotton to organize a new church, which would be formally recognized as a Baptist Church in June, 1902. The church began a new era in 1970 under the inspiring leadership of the Reverend Lowell M. McCown, Sr.

Through the years both the McKinley Church family and the programs offered have grown in Christian brotherhood. The church continues its tradition of developing and sponsoring community outreach programs. These include the Youth Scholarship Fund, the President's Council, the Board of Christian Education, the Missionary Circle, the Young Adult Ministry, and the Drama Ministry.

In 1976, McKinley Memorial Baptist Church created the Willow Grove Senior Citizen Center and named Pastor McCown as its executive director. The Center serves the needs of the elderly in the community, providing them with an atmosphere of Christian fellowship.

Throughout its history, McKinley Baptist Church has served the needs of many parishioners. It has been successful in bringing many people together in Christian brotherhood. As one of the oldest churches in Montgomery County, it stands as a pillar of strength and prosperity in the Willow Grove community. It is a privilege to recognize McKinley Memorial Baptist on its one hundredth anniversary.

PETER B. MARSHALL, 2001
WACHUSETT CHAMBER OF COM-
MERCE "PERSON OF THE YEAR"

HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Peter B. Marshall of West Boylston, Massachusetts, an outstanding citizen of the 3rd Congressional District. Mr. Marshall was selected the 2001 "Person of the Year" by the Wachusett Chamber of Commerce. He was chosen from three dozen nominees based upon his dedication, hard work, and commitment to improving the quality of life for everyone in the Wachusett Chamber area. Mr. Marshall has contributed and continues to play an important role in the community. He served as President of the Clinton Rotary Club, and Chairman of the Wachusett Chamber of Commerce. Currently, he is Corporator of the Clinton Savings Bank, a member of the Clinton Hospital Foundation, and Chairman of the Clinton High School-Nypro First Partnership. Those who nominated him describe Mr. Marshall as a leader who brings out the best in others and a man of integrity and passion for his family and community. Mr. Marshall has been instrumental in the success of the Clinton High School-Nypro participation in the First Science & Robotics program which has grown into an international event. Because of his leadership in this endeavor, the partnership has received many prestigious awards including a national championship in this event.

Mr. Marshall recently retired as Vice President after 25 years with Nypro, Inc., a world renowned injection molding company based in Clinton, Massachusetts. He has been a vital part of that company which is ranked in the top ten among North American injection molding companies with annual sales of over 600 million dollars. Mr. Marshall is truly deserving of recognition for his professional accomplishments and community leadership. I would like to join his family, friends, and business colleagues in paying tribute to him for his exceptional service and offer my very best wishes for the future.

HONORING MID VALLEY
PACKAGING

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 7, 2001

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mid Valley Packaging on the occasion of their 21st year anniversary. Mid Valley Packaging has been a supplier of quality packaging since its inception in 1980.

Mid Valley Packaging is a distributor of agricultural and industrial packaging supplies. Their business is a great service in an area

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where agriculture and agriculture distribution supplies are very necessary and important.

Husband and wife John and Lorrie Gahvejian started Mid Valley Packaging in January of 1980. The Gahvejian's began as the first two employees of Mid Valley Packaging.

Today, Mid Valley Packaging employs over 50 people out of their headquarters in Fowler, California. Mid Valley Packaging has always been located in the quaint city of Fowler, which is famous for their abundant raisin production.

John and Lorrie's business philosophy has always been to offer customers the highest level of service combined with the most competitive price. Much of their growth can be attributed to their willingness and ability to respond quickly to their customer's needs.

Mid Valley Packaging has been recognized by many vendors and customers as a leader in the packaging industry. In 1997, the Fowler Chamber of Commerce selected Mid Valley Packaging as the "Industry of the Year."

Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Mid Valley Packaging on the occasion of their 21st year anniversary celebration. I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring Mid Valley Packaging and wishing the Gahvejian family many more years of continued success.

EAST BAY CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS CELEBRATES 33RD ANNIVERSARY

HON. GEORGE MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 7, 2001

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the East Bay Center for the Performing Arts on the occasion of its 33rd Anniversary. Each year, East Bay Center programs benefit more than 25,000 members of the ethnically diverse, low-income, inner-city communities in and around Richmond, California. Since its founding in 1968, East Bay Center has directly touched the lives of over 700,000 people. Its Art and Public Education Outreach Program reaches an average of 2,500 students per week in 24 schools in two school districts. Center faculty, staff and board members reflect the community they serve in terms of ethnicity, economic background and family structure. Together, the staff and faculty speak more than 15 languages.

The Center nurtures a critical range of minority and mainstream arts, including over 12 culturally distinct repertoire forms, and sustains nine culturally distinct Resident Companies providing 30–40 low or no-cost performances each year. Those resident companies are: Iron Triangle Theater, Richmond BLOCO, Son de la Tierra, Mien Legends, My View Film Crew, Richmond Jazz Collective, Youth West African Music And Dance Ensemble, Richmond Chamber Ensemble, and Richmond Ballet Theater. The Center's Living the Mission programs involve the Center in ongoing partnerships with social service providers such as group homes, domestic violence agencies, homeless shelters, and juvenile hall.

The East Bay Center for the Performing Arts has been the recipient of many awards and honors over the years. Among those recently

received by the Center are: a "2001 Youth to Youth Award" from the San Francisco Foundation's Youth Initiative Leadership Program; "2001 Community Impact Award" from the Iron Triangle Neighborhood Council and Community Collaborative; "1999 Coming Up Taller Award" supported by the President's Commission on the Arts and the Humanities and the National Endowment for the Arts, "1999 Cyril Magnin Award for Outstanding Achievement in the Arts" presented by the Business Arts Council, a project of the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce; "Governors Award for Community Service for 1999" from the Board of Governors of the San Francisco Chapter of the National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences (NARAS); and "1998 Honor Roll Winner" in the category of "Communities that are Safe and Provide a High Quality of Life", awarded by the Contra Costa Children and Families Policy Forum.

Mr. Speaker, I commend the East Bay Center for the Performing Arts for its commitment to excellence and its efforts to ensure that the opportunities for a quality education in the arts should be available to all persons, regardless of background, age, physical disability, previous experience or ability to pay standard fees. I applaud the Center for its efforts to engage the arts, which speak to our common humanity, as a vehicle for social reconciliation and social change.

CONGRATULATIONS TO CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

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Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure and high regard that I congratulate a very special group of women within Indiana's First Congressional District. On Friday, November 9, 2001, the members of Church Women United of Gary, Indiana will be holding their Recognition Dinner at Turkey Creek Banquet Facilities in Merrillville, Indiana.

Church Women United is a national ecumenical movement of Christian women whose life centers around prayer, Bible study, advocacy and action. Founded in 1951, Church Women United is organized in over 1,400 local and state units in the United States and Puerto Rico.

The members of Church Women United are Protestant, Roman Catholic, Orthodox and other Christian women who are called by the Holy Spirit to act for justice on behalf of women and children throughout the global community. Biblically based through their shared Christian faith, the women are gifted by their diversity of race, economics, age, culture and theology.

Church Women United brings Christian women together for spiritual nourishment and faith based advocacy. The Church Women United local and state units are active in a broad spectrum of community ministries, including prison ministries, food pantries, tutoring and child care, and job skills training. On a national level, Church Women United works in coalition with partner groups around common issues and concerns.

On Friday, the Gary Chapter of Church Women United will honor all of its past presi-

dents for their devotion to Christianity. Those being honored include: Clara Guster Nicholson, elected in 1971; Mary Glidewell, elected in 1980; Mynette Cope, elected in 1987; Maxine Watts Levels, elected in 1992; Velma Richardson, elected in 1996; Susie Threatt, elected in 1999; and current president, Madlyn C. Adams, elected in 2001. These women have come together in fellowship to witness to their faith in Jesus Christ and, enabled by the Holy Spirit, to go out together in every neighborhood as instruments of reconciling love.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in congratulating the past presidents of Church Women United of Gary, Indiana for their strong commitment to social justice, to human rights, to civil rights and to the welfare and benefit of women and children so that all may flourish.

HONORING GUIDO J. MARTINELLI, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, (PENNSYLVANIA) CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OUTSTANDING CITIZEN AWARD

HON. JOSEPH M. HOFFEL

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 7, 2001

Mr. HOFFEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Guido J. Martinelli, who has been awarded the Montgomery County, (Pennsylvania) Chamber of Commerce "Outstanding Citizen Award," for his many years of dedicated service to his community.

Guido was born and raised in Conshohocken, Pennsylvania as the fourth of five children of Italian immigrants. After graduating from Norristown High School in 1955, he took a position with the Montgomery-Norristown Penn Trust which was the forerunner of the PNC bank. He quickly ascended through the ranks of the bookkeeping departments, advancing all the way to assistant branch manager and then was granted the first corporate title of assistant secretary. Guido received numerous promotions culminating with the rank of branch manager of the Continental Bank, in Norristown. He retired from PNC Bank in 1998 after forty-three years' service. But his retirement did not last long as he accepted the position of vice president in business development with the Progress Bank where he still is currently employed.

In addition to his stellar career in the financial services sector, community service has been extremely important to Guido. He currently serves on the board of the Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce and has been active with the organization for seventeen years. He currently serves as a board member of the Senior Adult Activities Center of Montgomery County. He participates in the Norristown Lions Club, the Norristown Rotary Club and the Meals on Wheels program.

Guido and his wife Janet have been married for forty years. They are the proud parents of three children and three grandchildren.

I am pleased and honored to present this award to Guido Martinelli. His dedication to his community is commendable.