

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN RECOGNITION OF JOSEPH PELLICCIO, UNICO'S "2001 MAN OF THE YEAR"

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 5, 2001

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Joseph Michael Pelliccio, who will be honored as the "2001 Man of the Year" by the Bayonne Chapter of UNICO National for his outstanding contributions to civic and community affairs.

Mr. Pelliccio has served his community as a law enforcement professional for more than forty-five years; and throughout his career, he has tirelessly provided for the public safety of New Jersey's residents. For his many contributions to his community and to law enforcement, he has received over fifty commendations and awards.

In 1955, Mr. Pelliccio began his career as a police officer in Jersey City, New Jersey, serving for more than 28 years, and rising to the rank of Lieutenant. Throughout his career, he has held numerous high-ranking positions in law enforcement: He has served as the Under Sheriff of Hudson County; the Public Safety Director of the City of Bayonne; the Assistant Criminal Division Manager for the Essex County Court System; and the Chief of Staff to the Hudson County Sheriff. In 1992, he was selected to serve as the Director of the Jersey City Police Department, where he was responsible for a \$50 million annual budget, and supervised 840 police officers and 80 civilian employees. Currently, Mr. Pelliccio is the Police Director for West New York.

Consistently demonstrating a passion for community service, Mr. Pelliccio is involved with many organizations and causes: He is a 16-year member and past president of UNICO National; past president of the Bayonne Columbus Day Parade Committee; current parade chairman; and was parade grand marshal in 1998. In addition, Mr. Pelliccio helped found the Jersey City Youth Hockey program, and helped form recreational ice-skating and bowling programs for brain damaged children in Jersey City, New Jersey.

During World War II, Mr. Pelliccio served in the Navy, and was recalled during the Korean War. He served on the USS *Iowa* and on the USS *New Jersey*, the most decorated ship in Naval history.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Joseph Michael Pelliccio, UNICO's "2001 Man of the Year," for his countless contributions to our Nation and to his community.

TRIBUTE TO THE LATE CARL JOHNSON

HON. ROBERT L. EHRLICH, JR.

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 5, 2001

Mr. EHRLICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to Carl Johnson, a man who dedicated nearly his entire adult life in selfless, heroic service to the impoverished and sometimes war-torn African nation of Burundi. For more than 55 years, Carl and his wife Eleanor along with their seven children, have dedicated their time, talents, energy, and most of all, their hearts to the people of a continent far away from the comforts of their Maryland home. On February 3, 2001, in Burundi, Carl Johnson passed away at the age of 85.

Missionary life began for the Johnson family in 1945, after they were commended by the Loch Hill Chapel of Towson, Maryland. The journey to the mission field was made by flying boat and took one month, stopping at Bermuda, the Azores, and Lisbon before arriving in West Africa. Upon their arrival, the Johnsons were introduced to their first home which had a grass roof, a mud floor, no running water, and no electricity. The Johnson's second home, which proved to be much hotter, sported a fancy metal roof and a hard cement floor. Their children were raised learning the languages and customs of the country they eventually called "home." Their world consisted of warm weather, good friends, interesting food, and amazing pets—monkeys, goats, lizards, parrots, guinea pigs, dogs, and cats to name only a few.

The Johnsons did not come so far and sacrifice so much for their own pleasure. Rather, they came to serve. Their missionary life in Burundi was difficult. Most days were spent teaching, studying, working, and battling diseases like dysentery and tuberculosis. They brought joy, comfort, peace, and even humor, during trying times to all those fortunate enough to be near them.

After fifty years of preaching, their assignment abruptly shifted to a humanitarian mission, as wars of independence swept through the African continent. In spite of the dangers of war, and even the deaths of more than 200,000 fellow Burundians, the Johnsons remained as beacons of stability and hope. They served as inadvertent hosts to as many as 10,000 refugees fleeing ethnic terror that threatened to tear the nation apart. The couple was a force behind encouraging international humanitarian aid from other countries for both food and medical supplies. Several times a week, Mr. Johnson drove through army checkpoints to a World Food Program warehouse to bring much needed food to the refugees. They are perhaps best known for their medical service in what is now known as the Kigobe Health Center, which has treated nearly one million patients and has saved the lives of thousands.

Harry S. Johnson shares this about his father: "Carl's funeral service at the Kigobe mission site on Tuesday, February 6, 2001, was a triumphant testimony to our blessed Hope, with over 3,000 adults gathered in tribute to his life and ministry. Dignitaries came and mingled with the poorest of the poor as his casket was lowered into the grave, a befitting farewell to a man who was 'all things to all men'."

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to represent Mr. Carl Johnson's family in Maryland's Second Congressional District, and ask that my colleagues join me in thanking the Johnsons for their heroic service to God and to the people of Burundi.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF UNITED BROTHERHOOD OF CARPENTERS AND JOINERS OF AMERICA, LOCAL UNION 751

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, we rise today to recognize the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, Local Union 751 as this organization celebrates its 100th anniversary.

One hundred years ago, on March 13, 1901, the Local was chartered by the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America.

In the early part of the 20th century, the Local helped to establish the four-dollar workday. Union members also helped to rebuild Santa Rosa following the famous 1906 San Francisco earthquake.

In later years, the Local signed the first labor agreements with building contractors in the region, established an apprenticeship program to ensure the continuation of craftsmanship from one generation to the next, and established a health benefits and pension program for its members.

Union members also built a union hall that houses all of the building trade unions in Sonoma County. Although the headquarters of Local 751 is in Sonoma County, its jurisdiction includes Napa, Sonoma, Lake, Mendocino, Humboldt and Del Norte Counties.

Local 751 also united with neighboring locals to form first the North Coast District Council and later the Northern California Regional Council.

The union is committed to ensuring that women and minorities among its 1,600 members have equal opportunities and an equal voice in the workplace.

Mr. Speaker, it is appropriate that we acknowledge and honor today this pioneering union local and its members who have made an immeasurable difference in the lives of working families on California's North Coast.

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