

Roger served as its fourteenth President from 1991 to 1999. During his tenure, he was credited with transforming the ASPCA through the expansion of its national animal protection programs. Roger also played an integral role in strengthening the Society's public education programs and focusing on population control for animals rather than euthanizing unwanted animals. To this end, Roger decided to end the 100 year old relationship between the ASPCA and New York City in which the ASPCA collected and killed abandoned dogs, cats, and other animals for the city each year. Under his leadership, the Society also acquired and later expanded the first poison control center for Animals in the United States.

Roger was also a prolific writer, leaving a rich legacy of thoughtful writing on animal welfare issues, including seventy books. His written works cover a full range of topics, from pet care to children's books. His fictionalized biographies of individual animals in their natural habitats were loved by children around the world. And to millions of dog lovers, Roger will always be remembered as the distinctive voice announcing the Westminster Dog Show at Madison Square Garden each February.

Mr. Speaker, Roger Caras was an extraordinary man who devoted his life to ensuring that animals are treated with the respect and care they deserve. I am sure I speak for all friends of animals when I say that Roger will be truly missed. I invite my colleagues to join me in mourning the passing of this outstanding leader.

LUCE RETIRES AFTER 30 YEARS IN EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING FIELD

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 13, 2001

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Charles Luce, the executive director of the Luzerne County Human Resources Development Department. Charlie is retiring after 30 years in the employment and training field and will be honored with a testimonial dinner on March 14.

Charlie is the lead staff member for the Workforce Investment Board for Luzerne and Schuylkill counties, which receives federal and state funding to provide employment and training opportunities in Luzerne and Schuylkill counties. The board also oversees the one-stop CareerLink centers in both counties. Under his leadership, the Luzerne/Schuylkill Workforce Investment Area is considered one of the best in the state.

He graduated from King's College with a bachelor of arts in psychology and sociology and the University of Scranton with a master's of science in human resources administration.

Mr. Speaker, in addition to serving the people of Northeastern Pennsylvania for the past 30 years by helping them train for the workplace, Charlie has long served his country. He is a Vietnam combat veteran as well as a veteran of the Persian Gulf War, and he is a colonel in the U.S. Army Reserve. He currently commands the 367th Military Police Group located in Ashley, Pennsylvania, where he is responsible for 10 subordinate M.P. units stationed throughout Maryland, West Virginia and Pennsylvania.

Charlie is also a community volunteer and active in many organizations. He is a member of the Economic Development Council of Northeastern Pennsylvania, King's College Act 101, Catholic Social Services, Wilkes-Barre Area School District Strategic Planning Committee, the Reserve Officers Association, of which he is a past state president, and is currently Chairman of the Wilkes-Barre Industrial Development Authority and the Economic Development Corporation.

He is married to the former Antoinette Pucylowski, with whom he has two children.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to call to the attention of the House of Representatives the good works and distinguished career of Charles Luce, and I join the community he serves in wishing him all the best in retirement.

IN HONOR OF JUDGE JOSEPH BATTLE

HON. CURT WELDON

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 13, 2001

Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Judge Joseph Battle, Jr., a loyal public servant and a close personal friend, who passed away on March 11, 2001. Joseph Battle was a man who led by example and was a true bright spot in his hometown of Chester.

The grandson of Irish immigrants and son of a roofer, Joseph Battle was a lifelong resident of the City of Chester. Joseph graduated from Notre Dame with honors and received his law degree in 1962 from the University of Pennsylvania, where he was the recipient of the prestigious American Jurisprudence Award for Excellence in Local Government.

Joseph served his country bravely as an officer in the U.S. Army in Korea. Joseph's outstanding duty was recognized when he was awarded the Commendation Medal for Meritorious Service.

With strong academic record and proven service to his country, Joseph could have taken his life experiences anywhere he wanted to. However, Joseph returned home to the City of Chester where he continued to serve his community. In 1980, Joseph was elected Mayor of Chester, a position he held until 1986.

An honest and caring man, Judge Battle had a joke and made everyone feel at ease. As Mayor of Chester, he helped clean up a city that was marred with a reputation of corruption. Today, Chester is undergoing a renaissance after years of hard times. Many of the improvements we see today can be traced back to changes he made two decades ago. Joe worked tirelessly to repair the name of the city he loved to serve.

Joe did not stop there, he continued to serve his community and Delaware County. Joe ran for county sheriff in 1985 and won by a huge margin. He served in that office until 1987 when he was appointed to the Common Pleas Court port by the late Gov. Robert Casey.

Judge Battle leaves us at the young age of 63. At the time of his passing, he was serving as the President Judge of Delaware County, a port he held with pride and honor.

Joseph was a kind and compassionate man, he as also a man of his word. One example makes the point. As a young man, Joseph promised to take care of his mother, a promise that he kept long after the death of his father.

This Weekend, My Congressional District lost a leader. The City of Chester lost a loyal champion. I lost a friend. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in a tribute to Joseph Battle for his selfless dedication to his community and his country.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CITY OF OAK CREEK WATER AND SEWER UTILITY

HON. GERALD D. KLECZKA

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 13, 2001

Mr. KLECZKA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the City of Oak Creek, located in my district, for the outstanding work the city's Water and Sewer Utility has done on the Oak Creek Aquifer Storage and Recovery Project. The city, along with the Milwaukee office of CH2M Hill, Inc., is being honored by the American Consulting Engineers Council at its 2001 Engineering Excellence Awards here in Washington, D.C. tonight.

Using Aquifer Storage and Recovery technology pioneered by CH2M Hill, Inc., the Oak Creek Water and Sewer Utility will store treated surface water in deep wells in the Sandstone Aquifer, where it will be available in the summer to meet seasonal demands. Use of this technology will allow the utility to cut its annual costs in half.

Oak Creek is on the cutting edge, Mr. Speaker. This new well is the first of its kind in the state, and by all accounts it's been a rousing success, and I'm pleased to be able to commend them today for receiving this honor.

I'm also very proud to announce that the city's water was recently named the best tasting purified water in the world by the judges at the 11th Annual Berkeley Springs International Water Testing Contest.

I want to recognize the hard work of all the staff at Oak Creek Water and Sewer Utility, especially Dan Duchniak, Assistant Manager of the Utility, and former Manager Don Ashbaugh, who are in Washington tonight to receive the award. Kudos as well to Oak Creek Mayor Dale Richards for his leadership in this project.

TRIBUTE TO THE CARROLLTON LADY HAWKS

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 13, 2001

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Carrollton Lady Hawks who recently won the Illinois High School Association Class A basketball tournament. The Lady Hawks swept the tournament, winning all three games, and brought back their first state championship.

It was a great finish to a near perfect season. The Lady Hawks went an amazing 34-1

this year. They brought a lot of excitement and joy to all those that followed the team. Basketball great Michael Jordan once said, "Talent wins games, but teamwork and intelligence win championships." Every championship is the cumulative effort of each individual player and coach—each striving to be the best they can be—on any given day.

I would like to personally thank everyone on a job well done. To the players: Karen Brannan, Laura Moss, Kaci Graham, Justine Tucker, Kara Gillingham, Katie Nolan, Alicia DeShasier, Emily Pohlman, Dana Carter, Molly Reed, Lauren Steckel, Amber Shelton and Nicole Meyer, I couldn't be more proud of you. I would also like to congratulate the coaches Lori Blade and Donna Farley on a great season. To everyone behind the scenes—the scorer, Elissa Settles; team manager, Courtney Symes; Athletic Director, Greg Pohlman; Principal, Terry Dillard and Superintendent Mike Barry—thanks for your hard work and support of the team.

HELPING SMALL BUSINESS CLEANERS ADOPT SAFER TECHNOLOGIES

HON. DONALD A. MANZULLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 13, 2001

Mr. MANZULLO. Mr. Speaker, today I am pleased to introduce—with my colleagues DAVE CAMP of Michigan and DAVID PRICE of North Carolina—a bipartisan legislative approach to pollution prevention for an industry that is struggling to maintain its prosperity in the face of very limited options for environmentally friendly, but costly, cleaning technology.

The legislation we introduced today, The Small Business Pollution Prevention Opportunity Act of 2001, offers a positive alternative for owners of cleaning establishments, workers handling potentially hazardous solvents, as well as dry cleaning consumers. Our public health, the business community and our environment are the eventual winners.

To expedite the adoption of available and viable pollution prevention technologies by new and existing cleaners, we are proposing tax incentives. New and safer cleaning solvents, including but not limited to liquid carbon dioxide, water-based wet cleaning and even ozone, are available to the dry- and wet-cleaners. However, without a tax credit, these newer technologies are out of the financial reach for the tens of thousands of cleaning establishments across the country.

Last Congress, I worked diligently trying to enact similar legislation, and I held a hearing on July 20, 2000 in the House Small Business Committee to explore tax incentives to help small business cleaners adopt safer technologies. After the hearing, I cosponsored the legislation, then offered by Representative DAVE CAMP. This year, as Chairman of the Small Business Committee, I was asked to take the lead on this important legislation. I am pleased that in addition to Representatives CAMP and PRICE, many other representatives, including ROB ANDREWS, TAMMY BALDWIN, RICHARD BURR, RON PAUL, MARK UDALL, JOHN SHIMKUS, DIANA DEGETTE, and JERRY WELLER have joined us in supporting this important bill,

that would provide cleaners with a 40-percent tax credit against the cost of pollution prevention cleaning equipment in empowerment zones, enterprise communities, or renewal communities and a 20-percent credit elsewhere.

The 35,000 dry and wet cleaners in this nation are one of the largest independent small business segments in this country. Almost everyone relies on their services from one time or another, and these businesses are centrally located in our communities. Many of us, including myself, did not realize the hazardous and flammable nature of the solvents used to clean our garments. These chemicals can pollute our air and groundwater and, when this happens, it is costs millions of dollars to remediate the contaminated sites left behind. In fact, because of the liability attached to the expensive clean-up costs, many banks across the country are reluctant to make loans to cleaning businesses or unrelated businesses located nearby or in the same shopping center.

Many of us have read about or seen contaminated sites that have affected the drinking water of unwary citizens and cost the government hundreds of thousands of dollars to clean it up. The U.S. Marines announced last November one of the worst cases of contaminated water supplies ever—caused potentially by a dry cleaner using perchloroethylene (PERC)—that caused unknown diseases to afflict Marines and their families for over two decades. The television station in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, that broke this sad story did a follow-up investigative report on the dry cleaning industry in Wisconsin and reported cause for concern. While the Camp Lejeune situation is reason enough for concern, we in the Congress need to help the military adopt environmentally-friendly cleaning processes and to help commercially available safe systems become more affordable and more accepted.

The small business cleaners in this nation are seeking a path to continue performing a valuable service, making a reasonable profit, and maintaining the public health and safety. Those cleaners who want to switch to safer cleaning systems face financial hurdles and need our help. Their availability of financing for new equipment is limited and their cash flow is not sufficient to spend unwisely. That is why this tax credit is needed and must be enacted.

I encourage my colleagues to join us in this win-win legislative effort where incentives are certain to change behavior faster and more efficiently than regulations, which seek to punish and shut down small businesses.

HONORING CHARLES P. SEXTON FOR HIS SERVICE TO COMMUNITY

HON. CURT WELDON

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 13, 2001

Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay special recognition to my friend and constituent Charles P. Sexton Jr. Charlie Sexton is celebrating his 25th year as an outstanding community leader in Springfield, Pennsylvania.

Charlie Sexton, son of Bernice and Charles Sr., was born March 1st in Ardmore, Pennsyl-

vania. After serving his country valiantly in the United States Marine Corps, Charlie Sexton Jr. followed in his father's footsteps served for seven years as a police officer with the Lower Merion Police Department. Always a strong law and order man, he served with distinction and honor as a uniformed patrol officer.

As a police officer, Charlie gained experience in surveillance, investigation and personal and property protection. In 1975 he took this knowledge to the private sector and founded a family-run business. Since its founding, Foulke Associates has provided its clients with outstanding service and a clear commitment to quality. Today it is one of Delaware County's finest family businesses.

While building his business and raising his family, Charlie found it difficult to ignore his strong political convictions. Tapped early on as a rising star, Charlie was hired as an Administrative Assistant to one of my predecessors, Congressman Larry Williams. While serving with Congressman Williams, Charlie developed a keen sense of the local political process. He learned the issues that impact our local communities, and he learned how to communicate our vision and ideals to middle-class working families. After gaining the respect of his neighbors and friends, he was chosen to lead the Republican Party in Springfield Township, a position that he holds to this day. Today, Charlie is one of the most respected political minds in our great state. Much of what I have learned in my career in public life, I learned from Charlie Sexton.

As a breeder of Champion Bloodhounds, Charlie has always maintained an incredible level of commitment and passion. Clearly, a quality that has filtered down to every endeavor he has undertaken.

Charlie Sexton's commitment to his community is not only felt in political circles, but also at two important institutions in my district. For the last 8 years, Charlie has been an outspoken member of the Delaware County Prison Board. He also sits on the Board of Directors at one of the premier hospitals in Pennsylvania, Riddle Memorial Hospital in Media. Both of these institutions are better—and life in our community has improved—because of Charlie's involvement.

Charlie resides in Springfield with his wife Inger. He is father to Annette and Kenneth, and he is a caring grandfather of five grandchildren—Kenneth, Michelle, Sean, Matthew and Christine.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring a man who has always stood up for what he believes in. Let us applaud this dedicated, passionate and hard working American, Charles P. Sexton Jr.

RICHARD COSGROVE HONORED AS MAN OF THE YEAR

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 13, 2001

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Richard Bernard Cosgrove of Pittston Township, Pennsylvania, who will be honored as the Man of the Year by the Greater Pittston Friendly Sons of St. Patrick on March 17.

Mr. Cosgrove has a long history of involvement in the community. He is a member and