

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO REBECCA EVERS

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 15, 2001

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to recognize 18-year-old Rebecca Denise Evers of Bayfield High School. Rebecca is the very first recipient in the school's history to receive the Boettcher Scholarship award. For this, Mr. Speaker, I would like the United States Congress to honor her.

She is one of 40 students statewide to receive this honor. The Boettcher Scholarship is recognized as the most prestigious private scholarship in the state of Colorado. Rebecca is one of 820 applicants and one of 72 finalists. For the honor, Rebecca had to finish in the top five percent of her class and have an ACT score of 27 or a 1,200 SAT score. Selections are based on academics, extracurricular leadership and involvement and character.

According to Rebecca's teachers, she is an energetic, hardworking, and caring young woman as well as an outstanding student, an exceptionally talented athlete, and is dedicated to helping others and contributing to her community. "She's an excellent student," said Paula Carron, her fifth grade teacher. "She was self motivated, happy, cheerful, and willing to help other people."

Rebecca is involved in many different activities. She is involved with the National Honor Society, the Future Business Leaders of America, the El Pomar Youth and Community Service Organization, and is her class president.

Rebecca was instrumental in the organization and implementation of Peer Helpers at Bayfield High School. She has dedicated several hours a week during the past two years helping many of her classmates solve personal problems as well as adjusting to high school life. She somehow has also found time to excel at volleyball, basketball and track.

Mr. Speaker, it is students like Rebecca Evers who take our mind off of all the negative and tragic events in our nation's schools, and focus on all the positives. Rebecca is truly someone who can be looked up to by young people everywhere.

CENTRAL NEW JERSEY RECOGNIZES POLICE CHIEF JAMES T. MALETTO

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

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Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of James T. Maletto, retiring Chief of Police in West Long Branch, N.J. Over the last nearly four decades, Chief Maletto has made

tremendous contributions to our community through his commitment to law enforcement in this part of New Jersey's 12th Congressional District.

James Maletto's distinguished career with the West Long Branch police department began in 1964, following his honorable discharge from the army one year earlier, when Jim was made a Special Police Officer. Shortly after being promoted to the rank of Sergeant, James, in an act of bravery befitting his office, helped to thwart a May 1972 armed robbery at a local gas station. After wounding one of the perpetrators in a shoot-out and aiding in the successful apprehension of the robbers, Sgt. Maletto received an official Commendation from West Long Branch's mayor, Henry Shaeen, in addition to being awarded the title of Man of the Year by the West Long Branch Chamber of Commerce, and a medal and citation for bravery by P.B.A. Local 141.

After being promoted to Sergeant and then to Lieutenant in 1985, James became Chief of the West Long Branch Police Department in 1991. During his tenure as the town's top law enforcement official, Chief Maletto supervised the institution of West Long Branch's D.A.R.E., Bike, and Explorer programs. Chief Maletto's tenure also saw the hiring of his department's first female officer.

Chief Maletto's other positions and accomplishments have included membership in West Long Branch's Fire Company No. 2, presidency of the P.B.A. Local No. 141, membership in the International and New Jersey state chiefs associations, as well as service as Regional Representative of the New Jersey Traffic Officers Association. Chief Maletto's efforts were also instrumental in the Court sanctioning of the Radar Unit as a reliable tool for gauging motor vehicle speeds.

James Maletto is truly a great asset to both Central New Jersey and our nation. I urge all my colleagues to join me today in recognizing his thirty-six years of dedication to law enforcement and in congratulating him on his upcoming retirement.

HONORING MARGE SHORTWAY

HON. MARGE ROUKEMA

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. ROUKEMA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to call my colleagues' attention to Marge Shortway, a close friend of mine and one of the most prominent political and business figures in Hawthorne, New Jersey. Her dedication as a notable leader of the business community and the civic community has been widely reported throughout the district.

The former Marge Holmes met her future husband, Harry Shortway, in elementary school—she attended the White School House and later Franklin Elementary School. The couple married in March 1936, after both dropped out of high school to take hard-to-find

jobs in the middle of the Depression. She went to work in a Hawthorne hosiery mill while her husband worked as an inspector at the Curtiss-Wright Corp. in Wood-Ridge and volunteered as a Hawthorne Borough firefighter. The couple eventually raised 11 children—six boys and five girls—in their Hawthorne home. Marge is the proud grandmother of 39 and great-grandmother to 46.

Marge soon found herself working for her father-in-law, Tunis Shortway, who converted his former horse barn into a bar—appropriately known as "Shortway's Barn"—in 1933. The Barn was a true tavern in those days, with sawdust on the floor on Friday nights, and turtle races and arm wrestling brought in over the years to attract patrons. Marge was always there, working to help the family as a waitress, cook, bartender and manager.

Harry Shortway and his brother, Anthony "Tex" Shortway, took over the business after their father died in 1942. Harry bought out his brother in 1952 and continued to run the Barn as a bar until his death in 1981. At that point, Marge took over, adding more dining tables and re-establishing the bar as the family restaurant it is today.

As tavern or restaurant, Shortway's Barn has long been a Hawthorne landmark. Marge, herself, became a landmark and a revered leader in the community. Shortway's is such a prominent fixture of local life that it was the setting for several scenes in *Pride and Loyalty*, a criminal suspense thriller by local filmmaker Kenneth Del Vecchio.

Life in the large Shortway family centers around the Barn. The family has always held its holiday meals there—there were too many children, wives, husbands and grandchildren to fit into one house—and the staff has always been primarily family members. The tradition continues today with five of Marge's children working at the restaurant.

While best known as the owner of Shortway's Barn, Marge has been active in a variety of roles in the community. She has supported many charities and is a prominent member of the Chamber of Commerce. As a leader of the Hawthorne Republican Club and a member of the Borough Council for the past 12 years, Marge is considered by many to be the matriarch of the local Republican Party.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in thanking Marge Shortway for her many years of hard work and dedication to her community. She has been a leading citizen and a role model. We need more like her.

REINTRODUCTION OF THE BROKEN PROMISES RETIREE HEALTH COVERAGE ACT OF 2001

HON. GERALD D. KLECZKA

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KLECZKA. Mr. Speaker, I am reintroducing legislation today, entitled the Broken

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Promises Retiree Health Coverage Act, which would assist our nation's retirees who face the unexpected loss of health care benefits promised by a former employer.

Thousands of hard-working retirees have been forced to cope with sudden cancellations and reductions of their health coverage over the past several years. In my hometown of Milwaukee, 750 retirees were left high and dry when the Pabst Brewing Company shut down its operations and cancelled retiree health coverage in 1996. Although they went to court and finally won a nominal prescription drug benefit, the loss of promised health coverage was a serious blow to their financial security. This treatment is not what retirees should get in exchange for many years of loyal service to their employer.

More recent events in Milwaukee underscore the pressing need for this legislation. Earlier this month, a bankruptcy court judge's decision left an additional 490 Milwaukee-area retirees plus their spouses and dependents of bankrupt Outboard Marine Corporation without any employer-promised health insurance.

Unfortunately, reports indicate that this problem will only get worse. Last year, the number of large firms with 500 or more employees offering health coverage for pre-Medicare-eligible retirees fell from 35 percent to 31 percent. This alarming statistic proves that coverage loss is not an isolated incident, but part of a disturbing national trend. As I reintroduce this measure in the 107th Congress, I renew my commitment to providing meaningful support to the retired workers and their families across the nation who have or will experience the tremendous loss of retiree health coverage.

My legislation would establish a safety-net for retirees. First, the bill would require employers to give at least six months notice to retirees about their impending loss of health coverage so retirees may be more prepared to handle the coverage loss, and if possible, seek other insurance options. To ensure the cancellations or reductions are lawful, the U.S. Department of Labor must certify that any changes to retiree health benefits meet the requirements of the collective bargaining agreement. Second, the bill ensures that health care options remain for those retirees over 55 by allowing retirees to either buy into the Medicare program or buy into their former employer's current health coverage plan until they turn 65 and become eligible for Medicare. Lastly, the bill would allow retirees, who did not sign up for Medicare or Medigap when they turned 65 years old, to apply for the programs without late-enrollment penalties.

Mr. Speaker, this legislation is critical to the retirement security of all American workers. I urge my colleagues to show their support for retired workers and their families by cosponsoring this bill.

TRIBUTE TO CHIEF KARL
JOHNSON

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

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Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I wanted to ask that we all pause for a moment to remember Karl Johnson, a leader in the community of Grand Junction, Colorado who recently

passed away at age 86. Karl spent 32 years of his life protecting the citizens of Grand Junction as a police officer. It is this life of service to his community, state and nation that I would now like to honor.

From 1954 to 1974, Karl served as the chief of police. During his 20 years he closed the door on corrupt activities and brought respect back to his police department. "He ran a tight ship and no scandals and that wasn't true of those before him," said Frank Spieker, a former Mesa County district attorney. It was no easy task to keep the department scandal-free for two decades, but according to Bob Evers, he was the leading force in restoring integrity to his department.

At the time Karl was police chief, there wasn't a Police Academy in the state of Colorado. Karl worked with the FBI to put on training sessions of officers in his department and from surrounding agencies. "He was a bit ahead of his time in that respect," said Vincent Jones, the FBI agent based on Grand Junction at the time.

Chief Johnson's yeoman's work in the Police Department was just one of many ways he served his community, said Terry Farina, who worked with him as a district attorney. After his retirement from the police department, Karl went on to win a seat on the city council and spent a year as mayor.

Mr. Speaker, Karl was a man of great character whose leadership and integrity left an impact on the Grand Junction Police Department that can still be felt today. For that, we are grateful.

It is clear, Mr. Speaker, that Grand Junction is a better place because of Karl's service. Though he will be missed greatly, Karl will not soon be forgotten.

CENTRAL NEW JERSEY RECOGNIZES OFFICER JACK BRYDEN

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

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Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Police Officer Jack Bryden of the Ewing Township Police Department, who was recently named Police Officer of the Year by the Kiwanis Club of Ewing. Throughout his nearly three decades of service to the people of Central New Jersey, Officer Bryden has made significant contributions to our community through his professional interaction with its many grateful citizens.

After 6 years of distinguished service in the United States Navy, aboard both the U.S.S. *George Washington* and the U.S.S. *T.A. Edison*, Jack Bryden was appointed to the Ewing Township Police Department in 1973. During his career in the Ewing Police Department's Patrol Division, Officer Bryden has served as a firearms instructor. He is now assigned as an information officer and often acts as citizens' first contact with the police department.

Officer Bryden's professionalism and valor above and beyond the call of duty have made him the recipient of volumes of commendation letters for outstanding performance. As a result of his willingness to assist the public in all aspects of his interaction with those he protects, Jack has also received a number of letters of appreciation from community members.

One of the crowning achievements of Officer Bryden's illustrious career was his aid in rescuing four people from a smoke-filled apartment and extinguishing of the potential blaze within, actions that demonstrate his courage in the line of duty. Jack was awarded the Ewing Police Department's Valor Award for his great bravery in the face of danger.

Clearly, Officer Jack Bryden is a great asset to both Central New Jersey and our nation. I urge all my colleagues to join me today in recognizing his dedication to law enforcement and to the people of my district.

CONGRATULATING BETTY
GALLINGHOUSE

HON. MARGE ROUKEMA

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. ROUKEMA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate our good friend and a distinguished American, Betty Gallinghouse of Oakland, NJ, on receiving the 2001 Distinguished Service Award from West Bergen Mental Healthcare, Inc., a mental health treatment facility in my hometown of Ridgewood, New Jersey. This award is given each year to an "exceptional community leader," and Betty certainly meets that definition.

Betty has been an outstanding and committed volunteer at West Bergen Mental Healthcare since 1990 and is currently a member of the Board of Directors and chairwoman of the Development Committee. She has given selflessly of her time and effort in order to help West Bergen realize its mission of providing counseling and psychiatric services for individuals and families in distress. Known for her unparalleled efforts to help wherever possible, Betty is the No. 1 cheerleader and advocate for West Bergen and its patients.

Last year, Betty undertook her most ambitious project yet—the House and Garden Color Showhouse at the Havemeyer Mansion in Mahwah. This month-long event raised almost \$100,000 for the mental health center and drew more than 10,000 visitors.

In addition to West Bergen, Betty has been actively involved in numerous community organizations, such as the Oakland Library, the Oakland Planning Board, the Oakland Parent-Teachers Organization, the Girl Scouts and many others. She is active at her church, Our Lady of Perpetual Help. She also serves as president of the Bergen County Women's Republican Club.

This is not the first time Betty has been honored for her devotion to others. Last year, she received the prestigious Bergen County Volunteer Center Service Award.

Betty is an officer with Proteus International, a venture banking and consulting firm in Mahwah. She and her husband, Bob, have two sons, two daughters and four grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in congratulating this dedicated community volunteer for her many years of unparalleled service to her neighbors, our community and our American way of life.