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COMMEMORATING MERCER COUNTY'S TRIBUTE TO MRS. NELL FRANKLIN ON MAY 10, 2001

HON. JOHN A. BOEHNER

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 1, 2001

Mr. BOEHNER. Mr. Speaker, Nellie Irene Roop Franklin was born on a farm Southeast of Fort Recovery, Ohio, a farm that has been in the family since 1896. Nell graduated from Fort Recovery High School in 1934 and is married to Darrell Franklin. They will soon be celebrating 60 years of marriage. Nell and her husband attend the Fort Recovery Methodist Church.

Nell began her career working for a beauty shop, where she continued to work until her retirement 40 years later. During this time she was elected to village council and then filled an unexpired term as Mayor. She was later re-elected and spent 19 years as Mayor of Fort Recovery. Following her retirement from the beauty business, she remained involved in local politics by working for the Mercer County Board of Elections. She spent 17 years serving as both Director and Deputy Director. She has a total of 16 years spent as Treasurer of the Mercer County Republican Central Committee and 10 years as the President of the Mercer County Republican Women's Organization. Nell attended two Republican National Conventions as a delegate and alternate delegate from the 8th Congressional District. Nell has never missed voting in an election since she was 21.

Nell has received many awards for her community involvement including the Fort Recovery High School Distinguished Alumni Award given to her in 1997, the Service to Community Award presented to her by the Fort Recovery Masonic Lodge #539 in September of 2000, and the Mercer County Chamber of Commerce Achievement Award awarded to her in 1996. In addition, her name is listed in the Fort Recovery Hall of Fame.

In both a professional and personal capacity, Nell has gone above and beyond in providing service to her community. Her hard work and dedication should serve as an example and an inspiration for us all. Every American should aspire to this kind of enthusiastic commitment to their community. I am proud to know and represent Nell Franklin in Congress—a hard-working woman who spent her life dedicating herself to the ideals that will help insure our country remains a great place to live with hope and opportunity for all.

IN HONOR OF THE VIETNAMESE COMMUNITY OF CLEVELAND

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 1, 2001

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember one of the most historic days in

Vietnam history and to honor the numerous agencies and churches that helped thousands of refugees adapt to a new life in the greater Cleveland Area.

Mr. Speaker, April 30, 1975, represents one of the most historic dates in the history of Vietnam. It was on this date, twenty-six years ago, the communist troops completed their conquest of Vietnam. Mr. Speaker today, twenty-six years later, I rise to honor the memory of the 500,000 South Vietnamese soldiers and the 58,135 American service personnel who made the ultimate sacrifice in the name of freedom and the defense of democracy in the conflict.

Mr. Speaker, today I also rise to join the Vietnamese Community of Cleveland to congratulate and thank the many agencies and churches in the Cleveland area for their outstanding efforts in providing much needed assistance to the Vietnamese refugees as they adapted to their lives in Cleveland. They represent the very best that Cleveland has to offer, and their assistance to the thousands of refugees has helped the Vietnamese Community grow.

I ask my fellow colleagues to join me in rising on this special day, to honor the memory of the hundreds of thousands of men and women who gave their life in the name of freedom and to thank, with the Vietnamese Community of Great Cleveland, the many agencies and churches that helped improve the lives of thousands of Vietnamese refugees.

TRIBUTE TO THE DICKEY DELOSS RECIPIENT, GOLD KEY AWARD

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 1, 2001

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I am honored today to pay tribute to Dickey DeLoss as she is presented with the Gold Key Award from Soroptimist International of Riverside on April 24th. In my congressional district of Riverside, California, we are fortunate to have men and women that not only unselfishly give their time and talents to the community but find their own lives enriched in return. Dickey DeLoss epitomizes this and more.

Soroptimist International of the Americas, a volunteer service organization for women, was formed in 1921 with a simple mission—to “make a difference for women.” Members represent a wide array of professions, including doctors, attorneys, teachers, chief executive officers, business owners and government officials. The group's name comes from two Latin words meaning “best for women.”

Dickey DeLoss, as a Soroptimist, has unquestionably become a leader of women in her community. Her service began more than 20 years ago. Since then, Dickey has given tirelessly, engaging in awareness, advocacy and action through an incredible array of community life, including volunteering with: Alternatives to Domestic Violence, Deaf Awareness Commission, Evergreen Cemetery, County of Riverside-Division on Student Programs, Law Enforcement Policy Commission, YWCA, Youth Accountability Board and Human Relations Commission for the City of Riverside.

As a realtor since 1967 and broker since 1969, Dickey has led the way for women in

the Inland Empire and received countless awards and recognitions. In fact, she became only the second woman in the 20 year history of the Riverside Board of Realtors to be President in 1975 and was the first woman president of the Magnolia Center Chamber of Commerce. Dickey was honored as California “Woman of the Year” in 1995 and has received over 73 other awards.

Mr. Speaker, volunteers are critical to fostering a spirit of understanding, good citizenship and good government in the United States and worldwide. The women of Soroptimist International of Riverside exemplify this by offering young women role models, thereby assuring that an active interest in the civic, culture, social and moral welfare of our communities is passed on from generation to generation. I congratulate Dickey DeLoss on her award and commend her for her work within the community.

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF EMILY A. GROSS ON HER APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY

HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 1, 2001

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to an outstanding young woman from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am happy to announce that Emily A. Gross of Norwalk, Ohio, has accepted an appointment to attend the United States Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Mr. Speaker, Emily's offer of appointment poises her to attend the United States Air Force Academy this fall with the incoming cadet class of 2005. Attending one of our nation's military academies is an invaluable experience that offers a world-class education and demands the very best that these young men and women have to offer. Truly, it is one of the most challenging and rewarding undertakings of their lives.

Emily brings an enormous amount of leadership, service and dedication to the incoming class of Air Force Academy cadets. While attending St. Paul High School, Emily attained a grade point average of 3.93, which places her tenth in a class of 68. In her high school career, Emily has been recognized as a National Honor Society Member, a Wendy's National Heisman Award Nominee, and has been counted in the Who's Who Among American High School Students.

Outside the classroom, Emily has distinguished herself as an excellent student-athlete. On the fields of competition, she has earned numerous letters and awards in volleyball and basketball. She has also been an active member of the Key Club, marching band and concert band.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to rise today to pay special tribute to Emily A. Gross. Our service academies offer the finest education and military training available anywhere in the world. I am confident that Emily will do very well during her career at the Air Force Academy and I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing her well as she begins her service to the nation.

EXTENSION OF REMARKS/STATEMENT BY CONGRESSMAN BOEHNER TO COMMEMORATING NATIONAL ALCOHOL AWARENESS MONTH

HON. JOHN A. BOEHNER

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 1, 2001

Mr. BOEHNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today during National Alcohol Awareness Month to recognize the Century Council and the distilled spirits industry for their latest efforts to fight drunk driving.

On April 10, 2001, in a landmark announcement, the Century Council joined by Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) announced that they will work together to help states implement comprehensive legislation to combat the devastating problem of drunk driving.

America's leading distillers have had a long-standing commitment to fighting drunk driving and maintain that it is the responsibilities of the states to enact an appropriate blood alcohol concentration level.

Launched in May of 1991, the Century Council is funded by America's leading distillers to promote responsible decision-making regarding alcohol consumption and to fight alcohol abuse, focusing on drunk driving and underage drinking problems.

I am pleased to join President Bush and Secretary Mineta in commending the Century Council, the distilled spirits industry, and Mothers Against Drunk Driving for their lifesaving efforts.

IN HONOR OF BR. JAMES SPOONER, CSC PRESIDENT OF ST. EDWARD SCHOOL

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 1, 2001

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Br. James Spooner, CSC, President of St. Edward High School.

Born on January 4, 1946, Br. James Spooner grew up in Westpark where he attended Our Lady of Angels School. He eventually went to St. Edward High School in Lakewood where he graduated in 1964 and later attended Eastern Michigan University graduating with a B.A. and M.A. in Science.

Br. Spooner entered the congregation of Holy Cross in 1964 where he served his Postulancy at Sacred Heart Academy in Watertown, Wisconsin. He then served his Novitiate at St. Joseph Novitiate in Rolling Prairie, Indiana from 1964–1965 and his Scholasticate at Dujarie Hall in Notre Dame, Indiana from 1965–1967.

Br. Spooner has traversed throughout the Midwest Province serving as teacher and role model for high school students. He was a dedicated teacher and dorm counselor in Boysville School in Clinton, Michigan. He also spent time in Kentucky and Ohio offering his service at different high schools. From 1986–1988 he served as Associate Principal of Archbishop Hoban High School in Akron and

then in 1988 became President and Principal of St. Edward High School in Cleveland.

Under his leadership as President of St. Edward High School, Br. James Spooner has led the school to many great achievements. In 1996, St. Ed's was honored as a Nationally Recognized School of Excellence by the United States Department of Education. He spearheaded the St. Edward Technology Plan, a \$1 million program to incorporate technology in the classroom. He also raised the school's endowment from \$300,000 to over \$5 million for student financial aid and faculty development. He has worked tirelessly with the staff and faculty to create and foster the Community Service and Community Meal programs which allows St. Edwards staff and students help and serve others. He has also worked for the school accreditation as a College Preparatory School.

Most recently, he worked to launch the Generations of Eagles campaign, an ongoing capital campaign that will change the landscape of St. Edward High School from a Student Activity Center to be opened this fall, to the Jack Kahl Student Life and Leadership Center to break ground this summer, and the complete renovations of the Chapel starting next year.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring Br. James Spooner's hard work, dedication and his commitment to the St. Edward High School community.

TRIBUTE TO THE AUXILIARY OF RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY HOSPITAL ON THEIR 75th ANNIVERSARY

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 1, 2001

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, my congressional district in Riverside, California is extremely fortunate to have a dynamic and dedicated group of community volunteers who willingly and unselfishly give of their time and talents to ensure the well-being of our city and county. These individuals work tirelessly to enrich and brighten the lives of so many at Riverside Community Hospital. It is my distinct pleasure to honor and commend the Auxiliary of Riverside Community Hospital today as they celebrate their 75th Anniversary on April 28th.

Volunteers of the Auxiliary of Riverside Community Hospital have donated millions of hours of service to the hospital and the community over the last 75 years. Fund-raising before 1997 helped to significantly improve services at the hospital. And since then, the Auxiliary has raised \$50,000 for defibrillators for the Riverside City Fire Department, \$75,000 for a mobile health vehicle to deliver free health services throughout the riverside area, and most recently \$50,000 for dental equipment and \$25,000 for health educational materials for the Eastside Health Center. The Auxiliary volunteers also raise funds for educational scholarships and seminars.

Volunteers of the Auxiliary give over 60,000 volunteer service hours a year to the Riverside Community Hospital in addition to all of their community work. Services that Auxiliary volunteers perform to augment the quality of health

care at the hospital include: Discharging patients, clerical work, visiting patients, information desk, messenger service, maternity tea, lobby host and much more.

As we approach National Volunteer Week, from April 21 to April 28, it is fitting that we thank the Auxiliary volunteers for their dedication and service to better the lives committed to Riverside Community Hospital's care and the enriched atmosphere that their presence creates. 2001's designation as International Year of Volunteers also reminds us that the men, women and youth across our nation who volunteer deserve recognition and thanks for giving back to their local community, state and nation.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the Auxiliary of Riverside Community Hospital on its 75th anniversary and commend its local community and city service.

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF ARTHUR I. CERALDI ON HIS APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND THE UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY

HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 1, 2001

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to an outstanding young man from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am happy to announce that Arthur I. Ceraldi of Oak Harbor, Ohio, has been offered an appointment to attend the United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland.

Mr. Speaker, Arthur's offer of appointment poises him to attend the United States Naval Academy this fall with the incoming midshipman class of 2005. Attending one of our nation's military academies is an invaluable experience that offers a world-class education and demands the very best that these young men and women have to offer. Truly, it is one of the most challenging and regarding undertakings of their lives.

Arthur brings an enormous amount of leadership, service and dedication to the incoming class of Naval Academy Midshipmen. While attending Oak Harbor High School, Arthur has attained a grade point average of 3.75, which places him 21 in a class of 175. Arthur is a member of the National Honor Society, and received a superior rating at the Ohio State Science Fair during his sophomore year.

Outside the classroom, Arthur has distinguished himself as an excellent student-athlete. On the fields of competition, Arthur has earned varsity letters in football, track and swimming where he is the team captain. Arthur has also been active in the Boy Scouts, the French Club, the Science Club, the Varsity Club, and Buckeye Boys State.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to rise today to pay special tribute to Arthur Ceraldi. Our service academies offer the finest education and military training available anywhere in the world. I am confident that Arthur will do very well during his career at the Naval Academy and I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing him well as he begins his service to the nation.