

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO LAURIE MATHEWS,  
COLORADO STATE PARKS DIRECTOR

**HON. SCOTT MCINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 3, 2001*

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to thank and say goodbye to a nationally recognized leader in outdoor recreation. Laurie Mathews announced her departure from the Colorado State Parks system, after a decade long tenure as its director. The state of Colorado will miss Laurie's leadership as well as her dedication to the park system in Colorado.

During her ten years with the state parks, Laurie helped bolster environmental and interpretation, adding 30 seasonal interpreters, while developing programs that reach more than one million visitors per year. The State Trails program under Laurie's leadership grew to more than \$4 million dollars annually. "The people of Colorado have been lucky to have Laurie Mathews at the helm of the State Parks for the past decade, a time of transition for the State Parks system into a national model," said Governor Bill Owens. "On behalf of the people of Colorado, I want to thank Laurie for her significant contributions to our beautiful state."

Laurie oversaw the addition of 25,000 acres, worth \$54 million to the State Park system as well as an initiative to improve staffing levels and customer service throughout the state. She also created the Crown Jewel initiative, which brokered the cost share with the Bureau of Reclamation that brought over \$40 million in renovation to Colorado State Parks, and oversaw the construction of 19 new visitor centers.

"The last ten years have been a remarkable experience for me. I am very proud of the accomplishments I've been fortunate enough to be part of, from the addition of incredible new park lands and buffer lands to new visitors centers the people of Colorado will be able to enjoy for generations," said Laurie. "What I will miss most are the wonderful people who work for Colorado State Parks. I am honored to have been part of such a strong and talented team."

Mr. Speaker, the people of Colorado will miss Laurie's leadership greatly. She has done so much for the beauty of Colorado and for its citizens. For that I would like to say thanks and wish her good luck in her new career with the Himalayan Dental Relief Project in Nepal. I know she will excel just as she did with the Colorado State Parks system.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST. ANTHONY'S CHURCH

**HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 3, 2001*

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 100th Anniversary of St. Anthony's Church. The church will celebrate its centennial anniversary on May 6, 2001 with the Mass of Thanksgiving at twelve noon.

What was originally established as a church for Italian immigrants has become a church that ministers to a largely Hispanic community.

The church was founded by Bishop John O'Connor on April 7, 1901. The first church was established in a rented store by Reverend Peter A. Catalano, the church's first pastor. Shortly thereafter, on June 24, a small wood-framed Protestant church was purchased and dedicated as Saint Anthony's Church.

In January, 1935, both the church and rectory were destroyed by a devastating fire. In June of that year, on the feast of St. Anthony of Padua, the first mass was celebrated in the new church, which was conducted by Father John J. Rongetti, the parish's second pastor. Father Rongetti served the parish until his death on May 4, 1947. The church was then served by Father David Cassazza until he was recalled to active military duty as a Naval Chaplain in September, 1950. For the next twenty-six years, Reverend Michael A. Calabrese served loyally and faithfully until his death on May 24, 1976.

Archbishop Peter L. Gerety appointed Reverend Anthony F. Granato as administrator and pastor on October 17, 1977. During his tenure, Reverend Granato formed the church's pastoral council and revised the religious program. Through the work of loyal parishioners and financed through such activities as bingo, raffles, and various fundraisers, the church and other parish buildings were renovated.

In the past century, the church has gone through several structural and demographic changes but continues to serve the faithful parishioners of East Newark, New Jersey.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the 100th Anniversary of St. Anthony's Church.

CENTRAL NEW JERSEY  
REMEMBERS PAUL PINTELLA

**HON. RUSH D. HOLT**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 3, 2001*

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I wish to speak today in recognition of Paul Pintella, who was President and Chief Executive Officer of the Urban League of Metropolitan Trenton for more than two decades. His passing will be a great loss to the citizens of Trenton and to the State.

Mr. Pintella joined the League as youth director after the city's 1968 race riots and is best known for working on youth programs. The Urban League of Metropolitan Trenton is one of 112 affiliates of the National Urban League and is the city's most visible nonprofit organizations. Urban League programs ranged from summer camps for city children to housing development.

Paul was a tireless worker, dedicated to following through on his commitments. Last October, the Urban League unveiled 19 houses that it had built or renovated. This was a project Pintella spearheaded and he consequently received the Citizen of the Year Award by the Trenton Council of Civic Associations.

Mayor Douglas H. Palmer called Pintella an inspiration. "I've always looked to Paul Pintella as a person who cared deeply for Trenton and spent his entire life trying to make conditions better for people in his city. I'm deeply saddened by his loss, and it's my hope that others in the community will pick up the torch that Mr. Pintella has carried all of his life."

I have the same hope and I urge all my colleagues to join me today in recognizing an outstanding citizen.

TRIBUTE TO PAT DUBE, 2001 VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA PROGRAM MANAGER OF THE YEAR AWARD

**HON. DAVID E. BONIOR**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 3, 2001*

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, the Visiting Nurse Association of America is an organization with a noble mission: to bring compassionate health care to patients and their families in their homes. As a non-profit, community-based association, the VNAA leads the profession of home health care by providing quality attention and aid to all its patients across the United States.

Each year, the VNAA recognizes outstanding individuals who strive to advance Visiting Nurse Agencies and the home health care industry as a whole. As the VNAA culminates its 19th Annual Meeting and Exhibition with its Awards Presentation, they have chosen to honor Pat Dube as the 2001 VNAA Program Manager of the Year.

Demonstrating outstanding dedication and commitment to the vision and principles of the VNAA, Pat Dube has devoted twenty-five years to the Visiting Nurse Agencies mission of providing quality home health care services. As a community health nurse, Pat worked tirelessly to organize outreach programs for southeast Michigan's homeless population. Working to raise the standard of care for Metro Detroit's homeless, she volunteered her time to raise funds and promote awareness throughout the community. Her leadership efforts as VNA Communicable Disease Program

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Manager have led to new, innovative programs created to meet the needs of homeless patients and new bridges of communication with other assistance-based organizations. Recognized as VNAA's 2001 Program Manager of the Year, Pat Dube's distinguished service and remarkable dedication to improving the lives of patients across southeastern Michigan will continue to serve as an example to communities nationwide.

I applaud the Visiting Nurses Association of America and Pat Dube for their leadership, commitment, and service. I know that Pat is honored by this recognition and I urge my colleagues to join me in saluting her for her exemplary years of care and service.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. BOBBY L. RUSH

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 3, 2001*

Mr. RUSH. Mr. Speaker, on Roll Call Vote Number 96, I mistakenly voted "no". I am a co-sponsor of H.R. 10, the Comprehensive Retirement Security and Pension Reform Act of 2001 and strongly support its enactment.

My vote on final passage should have been "Yea".

#### IN RECOGNITION OF CARLOS SANTOS

### HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 3, 2001*

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Carlos Santos, who is a candidate for District Governor of the Elizabeth Portuguese Lions Club. Mr. Santos has been an extraordinarily dedicated member of the Portuguese American community and the community of Elizabeth, New Jersey.

Carlos Santos has served in a number of organizations within the local and national Portuguese community. He served as president of the Portuguese American Citizens Club of Elizabeth and president of the Elizabeth Portuguese Sports Club since 1994, and as both former president and vice-president of the Portuguese Instructive Social Club. In addition, he serves in the Portuguese American Congress and on the Portuguese American Leadership Council of United States, Inc. He is currently the Treasurer for the Portuguese Heritage Scholarship Foundation, Inc.

Mr. Santos is also the Mayor's Liaison to the Planning Board of the City of Elizabeth, and he is a founding member of the Chave Business Organization of Elizabeth. Mr. Santos serves on a number of professional councils, including the New Jersey State Council of Electrical Contractors Association, the Union County Electrical Contractors Association, and the Economic Inclusion Council of Union County. Since 1995, Mr. Santos has served on the Building Construction Advisor Council of the Hudson County School of Technology.

A member of the Elizabeth Portuguese Lions Club since 1990, Mr. Santos has served on the Membership Committee since 1995.

From 1994 to 1995, he served as the group's president. In his tenure with the Lions, he has received a number of awards from the group, including the 100% President Award.

Carlos Santos is also the owner and president of Advent Electric, Inc. He resides in Elizabeth with his wife Manuela and his children Tony, Mary, Carla, and Carlos Jr. He is a member of Our Lady of Fatima Church in Elizabeth, where he served on the Parish Council from 1991 to 1994.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Carlos Santos for his involvement in the community of Elizabeth and for his contributions to the Portuguese American community.

#### JOHN L. MCGUIRE IS HONORED BY CENTRAL NEW JERSEY BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

### HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 3, 2001*

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I wish to bring to the attention of the House Dr. John L. McGuire, who will receive the 2001 Hunterdon Distinguished Citizen Award given by the Central New Jersey Boy Scouts of America for his dedication to community service and citizenship.

The Distinguished Citizen Award is presented to the individuals who exemplify in their daily life the ideals of the Boy Scouts of America. The recipients are chosen for their outstanding character, citizenship and personal fitness as well as their leadership and respect in the community.

Following graduation from Princeton University in 1969, Dr. McGuire has had a long and distinguished career with Johnson & Johnson. He is currently Vice President of Licensing and Acquisitions in the Pharmaceutical Group. Dr. McGuire has served on the Board of Directors of Ortho Pharmaceutical Corporation and the Robert Wood Johnson Pharmaceutical Research Institute. He is a member of numerous scientific societies and has served as consultant to NASA. He has published over 200 papers during his career.

Dr. McGuire has also been active in community affairs. He served as Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Hunterdon Healthcare System since 1991 and as Chairman of Hunterdon Medical Center. He is Vice Chairman at the Raritan Valley Community College and is President of the Board of Trustees at the Pennington School. He is President of the Central New Jersey Scout Council and previously served as President of the United Way of Hunterdon County. He is recipient of scouting's Distinguished Eagle Scout Award and its Silver Beaver Award as well as the Rolling Hills Girl Scout Council's President's Award for service to youth and community.

Dr. McGuire has served his community well and deserves recognition for his years of dedication to the Boy Scouts of America and his community. I urge all my colleagues to join me today in acknowledging Dr. McGuire's accomplishments and contributions to New Jersey.

#### TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE ANTHONY SANFEMIO "ITALIAN AMERICAN OF THE YEAR"

### HON. DAVID E. BONIOR

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 3, 2001*

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, the Italian Study Group of Troy is a non-profit educational organization whose purpose is to promote and preserve the Italian-American heritage through language, culture, music, and social events. Each year the Italian Study Group of Troy holds its annual Festa Italiano, honoring distinguished Italian-Americans in the community who have shown outstanding support and activism in their local community. On Sunday, April 29, as the Italian Study Group celebrated its 27th Annual Festa Italiano, they recognized the Honorable Anthony Sanfemio as "Italian American of the Year".

President of the Italian American Cultural Society and a distinguished businessman, Anthony Sanfemio has demonstrated outstanding dedication and commitment to both the Italian and American communities. Born in Pacentro, Italy and emigrating to the United States in 1935, Anthony's interest in social and civic activism has led him to become a true pillar of society. His hard work and innovative ideas earned him recognition by the Clinton Township Economic Development Corporation in 1966, who honored him with a Pioneer Award for his substantial contributions in commercial development. Serving in several civic positions, including 12 years as commissioner on the Detroit Water and Sewer board, Councilman and Mayor Pro-tem for the city of East Detroit, and an appointment to the Small Business Administration by former President Nixon, Anthony's distinguished service continues today, as he is the current President of the Centaur Building Corporation.

Faithfully committed to the preservation of Italian heritage and the advancement of the Italian American community as well, Anthony Sanfemio dedicates his time and talents to serving on the boards and committees of several Italian American organizations. As an active member of the Americans of Italian Origin Society, Club Pacentro, the Italian American Chamber of Commerce, AMICUS Club and the Columbus Day Committee, Anthony Sanfemio's tireless efforts within his community and beyond have truly earned him this year's distinguished title as "Italian American of the Year."

I applaud the Italian Study Group of Troy and the Honorable Anthony Sanfemio for their leadership, commitment, and service. I know that Anthony is honored by this recognition and I urge my colleagues to join me in saluting him for his exemplary years of leadership and service.

#### RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF 4-H PROGRAM

### HON. WES WATKINS

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 3, 2001*

Mr. WATKINS. Mr. Speaker, I stand before you today to commend the 4-H Youth Development Program for a very successful one