

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO ROUNDSTONE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 22, 2001

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize, and offer my congratulations to, Roundstone Elementary School of Mt. Vernon, Kentucky. This year Roundstone Elementary was one of four Kentucky public schools to be recognized by the Department of Education and the National Association of State Title I Directors as a Title I Distinguished School. I was exceedingly glad to learn of this award, and would like to take this time to recognize all the students, teachers, parents, and administrators of Roundstone Elementary for this outstanding achievement.

Title I is the largest federal education program and was established to provide funding for low-income schools. But funding alone does not ensure success at any level. It is how you use the funds that count. As one Roundstone teacher said, "Some people have the misconception that schools with students from low-income families or high-poverty areas will not achieve, but we never think of those factors. We just love students, have high expectations for them, and focus on giving them the best education possible." This year recipients are being recognized for their effective use of Title I funds by providing students with quality instruction, for achieving academic progress, and meeting high standards.

At Roundstone, a small elementary school in rural southeastern Kentucky, the students are achieving results and exceeding expectations. This is a result not only of the student's hard work, but the dedication of their teachers. They realized that the first step toward success was creating an environment in which all students, no matter their ability, can effectively learn. Second, they have designed a curriculum in which students are encouraged to learn and think critically, to delve into science and mathematical problems, and to write creatively. Lastly, the parents of the students are involved throughout the process. It is critically important that parents have proper consultation on their children's curriculum, and the parents at Roundstone have been integral to the program's success.

It is clear that education has become one of the most important issues to concerned citizens of this nation. Parents, teachers, and public policy makers at the state and national levels know that the wisest investment we as a nation can make is ensuring that our children are given an education to meet the challenges ahead. I, too, share this concern, as do all members of this body. It is a challenge from which we must not shy away.

Again, I want to say congratulations to the students, teachers, and parents of Roundstone Elementary on being recognized as a Title I Distinguished School. In a time

when we talk about results and accountability, Roundstone has proven to be a model for other public schools across this nation. We should all be proud of their accomplishments, and I wish them every success in the coming years.

HONORING KATHY FARLEY ON HER RETIREMENT

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to recognize the career of one of Southern Colorado's leading citizens. Kathy Farley resigned from her position as executive director of the Southern Colorado Family Foundation so she can spend more time with her grandchildren and family. The work that Kathy has done over the years helping the community has earned her the thanks of Congress.

A Colorado native, Kathy graduated from Denver East High School in 1955. She received a Bachelors of Art in history and education from the University of Colorado at Boulder in 1959. Through out her career, Kathy served on many boards including serving as a Pueblo County Commissioner from 1991-1995. She is also a member and past president of the Pueblo Conservancy District as well as the vice-president of the State Board of Parks and Recreation.

Kathy is also the co-founder and trustee of distinction of the Sangre de Cristo Arts Center. In 1990, Kathy was named the Business Women's Network Women of the Year and in 1985 she was given the Outstanding Woman Award by the Pueblo Girls Club.

Kathy and her husband are original donors to the Southern Colorado Family Foundation. The foundation was created for the purpose of helping the citizens of the region create enduring, yet flexible charitable contributions that enhance the quality of life in their communities. "I am proud to have served as the foundation's first executive director. . . We have a stable foundation. The future is secure." Under Kathy's leadership, the foundation raised \$825,000 in cash and pledges and will most likely reach its goal of \$1 million by mid-year. "We have worked hard to achieve goals and to support the causes the community believes in."

Mr. Speaker, Kathy Farley deserves the thanks and praise of Congress for her work both in and for the community. I would like to wish Kathy good luck during her well-deserved retirement.

You have earned it Kathy!

IN HONOR OF PAT COLLINS

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 23, 2001

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the late John Patrick Collins, best known simply as Pat. A prolific businessman with an insatiable appetite for public service and an insurmountable sense of humility, Pat Collins was an individual who touched the lives of many and made a true difference in his community.

Pat entered the automotive sales industry in the early sixties, and became the general manager of a dealership before the age of 30. His ambitions knew no horizons. He eventually bought, helped turn around, and prospered from a failing dealership in northern Virginia. With those profits, he was often found working behind the scenes, donating resources to several organizations, often anonymously, to causes which he felt were important.

Pat's early life was impacted by living in a large, close-knit family of nine children where everyone looked out for one another, especially his brother Brian who was born with Down Syndrome. From this life experience, Pat became an outspoken advocate of the mentally impaired and fought to assure their equal rights. When it was discovered that a local facility was neglecting patient care, Pat devoted his time and energy to help bring about changes to remedy conditions for current and future patients. He was constantly speaking out for those who could not speak out for themselves.

Those who knew Pat best will always remember him as an incredibly bright man whose intellect was surpassed only by his generosity. Pat's departure leaves a significant void in the community where he was well known for his uncanny ability to cut directly to the heart of a matter and craft a common-sense solution. Pat Collins played an important role in the lives of many individuals who relied greatly on his counsel, advice, and mentoring to assist in running businesses, operating community projects, or putting together deals and programs to improve a community. As a philanthropist, Pat generously gave to several organizations, including Gonzaga College High School, St. Mary's Ryken High School, Calvert Hospice, and the Calvert County Chapter of the American Cancer Society.

Pat Collins is survived by his wife Ann; three children, John R., Daniel E. Collins, and Mary Mulford, all of St. Leonard; two sisters, Margaret Mary O'Brien of Rockville and Sheila Cotter of Annapolis; three brothers, Paul of Ocean City, Edward of Silver Spring, and Terence of Arnold; and three granddaughters.

Mr. Speaker, I was always impressed by Pat's energy and ability to get things done during his lifetime. He will be missed by many. Fortunately for us, his contributions of his time, energy, and money will benefit the entire

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southern Maryland community for decades to come. Pat Collins was a giant who was successful in life, but who never forgot his roots and always gave back to his community. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring this great American who leaves behind a loving family and many admirers who will miss him greatly.

INTRODUCTION OF THE "MERIT SYSTEM PROTECTION BOARD ADMINISTRATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION ACT OF 2001"

HON. GEORGE W. GEKAS

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 23, 2001

Mr. GEKAS. Mr. Speaker, today I have introduced the "Merit Systems Protection Board Administrative Dispute Resolution Act of 2001." Support for ADR enjoys a rare consensus among those knowledgeable with formal litigation and administrative dispute processes. Resulting savings redound to the benefit of those involved and more broadly, to the taxpayers at large.

The MSPB is an independent adjudicatory body that hears appeals from Federal agency personnel disputes. MSPB judges hear a broad range of complex cases that affect thousands of Federal employees and the agencies for which they work. Over the last decade, MSPB judges have seen their jurisdiction steadily increase without a corresponding increase in resources. Last year, the Board handled nearly 8,000 cases with a staff of only 71 administrative judges. This bill would help reduce this caseload by establishing a pilot, three year early intervention ADR program at the Board. A chief strength of the program is that it makes ADR available to parties before their positions harden in preparation for formal litigation before the Board.

Until 1990, MSPB judges received compensation equivalent to that provided Immigration, Social Security and Administrative Law Judges. Since 1990, however, the wage disparity between MSPB judges and other administrative judges has detrimentally affected the Board's ability to attract and retain top judges. Over the last four years alone, the Board has lost nearly 20 percent of its judges to other adjudicatory agencies.

The Conference Report to the 1999 Omnibus Appropriations Act recognized the need to accord pay equity to MSPB, Immigration, and Administrative Law Judges. Last year, I introduced, and the House passed legislation to address this recognized inequality. Like the previous legislation, the current bill restores a measure of fairness to MSPB judge compensation vis-a-vis Immigration, Social Security and Administrative Law Judges.

Passage of the MSPB Administrative Dispute Resolution Act of 2001 will combat debilitating MSPB attrition rates and reduce costs to taxpayers by ensuring the success of the early intervention ADR program. Support for ADR is broad and its benefits are clear, and I urge prompt passage of the bill.

TRIBUTE TO JOYCE KEIL

HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 23, 2001

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I invite my colleagues to join me today in paying well-deserved tribute to Joyce Keil, the Founder and Artistic Director of the nationally acclaimed Ragazzi: The Peninsula Boys Chorus.

Under Ms. Keil's leadership Ragazzi has grown since its inception in 1987 into an internationally renowned chorus, successful in both live and recorded performance. Popular with audiences throughout the Bay Area and beyond, Ragazzi has its own concert series and also performs regularly with the San Francisco Opera, the San Francisco Symphony and numerous other outstanding musical groups. Ragazzi concerts are eagerly anticipated by its devoted and ever widening audience of music lovers, who are constantly thrilled by Ms. Keil's superb direction.

Mr. Speaker, Joyce Keil's extraordinary musical artistry is evident in Ragazzi's repertoire of selections from a variety of different cultures sung in many different languages and dialects. Ragazzi is about to embark on a celebrated fifth international tour where the chorus will travel to the British Isles in order to perform in England and Wales. This tour will include the participation of the chorus in the prestigious Llangollen International Musical Festival in Wales.

Ragazzi; The Peninsula Boys Chorus has also performed in Canada, Russia, Eastern Europe, Japan and in the Basilica of San Marco in Venice and St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. Joyce Keil has enriched the lives of over 450 boys and young men, who since the inception of this group have sung and been educated in vocal technique, music theory and performance skills in training for Ragazzi and its laureate program, Ragazzi: Young Men's Ensemble.

Mr. Speaker, Ms. Keil's preeminence in the music world is demonstrated in her numerous appearances as a guest conductor, adjudicator and panelist for choirs and music teachers throughout the Western United States. She has been nationally recognized for her music program at Lick-Wilmerding High School in San Francisco. The Lick-Wilmerding Choruses received the gold medal in the 1998 Heritage Music Festival and captured second place in the 1997 Prague International Choral Festival.

Ms. Keil has served as Western Division Chair of the Boychoir Committee for the American Advanced Placement Music Exams. Formerly on the faculty of Holy Names College, Ms. Keil has also been a faculty member of the College of Notre Dame. Joyce Keil has often expressed her firm belief that choral music educates the whole person. She has made an outstanding contribution to the academic enrichment of hundreds of students fortunate enough to enjoy her tutelage.

Mr. Speaker, the Hillbarn Theatre is honoring Joyce Keil with its prestigious 2001 BRAVO! Award. I join the Hillbarn Theatre and urge all of my colleagues to join me in commending Ms. Keil's exceptional talent, generosity and commitment to our community. I also want to wish Ragazzi: The Peninsula Boys Chorus and Ms. Keil many more years

of richly deserved success and artistic fulfillment.

A SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF MR. FRED FABRIZIO ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 23, 2001

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to pay special tribute to an outstanding individual from the State of Ohio. Mr. Fred Fabrizio, a physical therapist, is celebrating 39 years of distinguished service to his community in Tiffin and throughout Ohio.

Mr. Fabrizio, originally a Youngstown native, attended Heidelberg College in Tiffin prior to entering The Ohio State University, College of Physical Therapy. After graduating in 1962, he and his wife, Carmella moved to Peoria, IL. After only a short year they moved back to the town where they first met and fell in love.

Over a small kitchen table at home on Coe Street, Fred made a very important decision to partner with Pat Theriault, PT. After seven years of hard work, perseverance and success, Fred and Pat formed P.T. Services Inc. Since 1972 P.T. Services has grown to provide rehabilitation services, physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, aquatic therapy, corporate wellness and athletic training throughout the State of Ohio. Their dedication to their patients is an example for all healthcare professionals across the country.

Mr. Fabrizio has utilized this strong work ethic and dedication in his personal life. He is an avid runner, swimmer and bicyclist. He has competed and finished the prestigious Hawaiian Ironman Triathlon twice. He has also competed in America's top cross country ski race, the Birkebeiner, over 10 times. At present, Mr. Fabrizio is training for a 100-mile ultra-marathon in Leadville, CO.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Fabrizio's dedication and service have earned him the highest regard for his character as a husband to his charming and dedicated wife, Kathy, father, grandfather, and physical therapist. At this time I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing Mr. Fabrizio and his family all the best in his retirement and future endeavors.

MEMORIAL DAY 2001: COURAGE AND HEARTACHE

HON. WILLIAM D. DELAHUNT

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 23, 2001

Mr. DELAHUNT. Mr. Speaker, for millions of Americans, this weekend's Memorial Day observance carries deep and personal significance. For two residents of southeastern Massachusetts, Lucy Duffy and Jim Cadigan, the solemn occasion will echo with courage and heartache, seared with the pain and pride of sacrifice on behalf of a grateful Nation.

HEADING THE CALL

When young Americans heeded President Woodrow Wilson's call to arms, one of those who crossed the Atlantic in the name of freedom was Sgt. Charles De Vries, an Army