

A PROCLAMATION HONORING
ARMAND W. COSENZA, JR.

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 12, 2002

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, whereas, Armand W. Cosenza, Jr. has been elected President of the National Association of Mortgage Brokers (NAMB); and,

Whereas, NAMB provides invaluable services for the mortgage broker industry which originates more than half of all home loans in the country; and,

Whereas, home ownership is at an all time record rate largely due to the contributions of mortgage brokers; and,

Whereas, through his involvement in NAMB, Mr. Cosenza has been instrumental in shaping housing policy in this country; and,

Whereas, Armand Cosenza was a founding father of the Ohio Association of Mortgage Brokers, for which he was president in 1995 and 1996 and still serves on the board as North Chapter President; and,

Whereas, Armand Cosenza must be commended for his contributions to his profession and involvement in his community and dedication to his wife Judy and daughters, Denise and Vicki;

Therefore, I join with the residents of the entire 18th Congressional District of Ohio in applauding Armand W. Cosenza, Jr. for his election as President of NAMB and in wishing him continued success.

HONORING THE 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF YPSILANTI VFW POST 2408; REDEDICATION OF CARL ROBERT ARVIN POST 2408

HON. JOHN D. DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, as a veteran of World War II and a proud member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, it is my honor to speak to you today in honor of the 70th anniversary of VFW Post 2408 in Ypsilanti, Michigan. On June 15, Post 2408 will commemorate this event by rededicating its post in honor of the late Carl Robert Arvin, a veteran who served his nation with distinction and gave his life in battle during the Vietnam War.

Throughout our history, 11 major wars and many smaller conflicts have required the services of over 40 million Americans to stand and defend the sovereignty and principles we, as a Nation, cherish most. There is no more noble cause for an American than to actively participate in that defense. The valor displayed by American troops in World War II, Korea, Vietnam, the Persian Gulf, and today in Afghanistan must not be forgotten.

For over a century, the VFW has served our nation well. It has not only lobbied effectively for the rights of veterans, but has worked to better communities across our nation. Members of the VFW did not stop serving their nation when they left the armed forces. Rather, they rededicated themselves to helping others, veteran and non-veteran alike. For 70 years, the members of Post 2408 have served their

city, state, and nation with distinction. I would ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing their service.

It is only proper and appropriate that Post 2408 is being rededicated in honor of an American who fought for our country and gave his life so that we may all enjoy the fruits of freedom. Carl Robert Arvin was a man of great worth and an inspiration to all in his presence. His life was taken while serving his country in Vietnam on October 8, 1967. Though Bob was only 24 years old when he died his life achievement outranked men twice his age. His legacy must not be forgotten, and his life must forever serve the men and women of Michigan, both now and in the future, as a lasting testimony to the sacrifice others have made for our nation.

Bob's natural born leadership was exhibited early in his high school career. At Ypsilanti High School, Bob demonstrated the intellect, athletic ability, and leadership qualities, which were the foundation of his subsequent achievements. He participated in numerous high school activities ranging from debating to quarterbacking the football team. An outstanding wrestler, he was team captain and captured the 154 pound state title. Bob capped his brilliant high school career as valedictorian of his graduating class. His high school achievements led to several college scholarship offers, including an appointment to West Point, which was the fulfillment of a boyhood ambition and his ultimate choice.

Bob quickly established himself as a class leader when he entered West Point in July 1961 as a member of the Class of 1965. He continued his extracurricular activities and represented West Point at numerous conferences and functions across the country. Bob was a Rhodes Scholarship finalist and was among a group of college students selected to discuss public affairs with President Lyndon Johnson at the White House.

In August 1965, after graduating from West Point, Bob reported to Fort Benning, Georgia, for Airborne and Ranger training. In the brief span of 23 months in the 82nd Airborne Division, Bob demonstrated outstanding professional competence and leadership. After a brief stint as a platoon leader and executive officer, he became the youngest company commander in the Division. During this tour Bob was able to return home to Ypsilanti and marry Merry Lynn Montoyne in 1966.

Bob received orders for Vietnam in early 1967; he was assigned as an advisor in the Military Assistance Command Vietnam (MACV). He reported to his advisory detachment, the 7th Vietnamese Airborne Battalion, in May 1967. Bob was quickly thrust into combat with the pace and intensity of the war quickening. For combat action on September 5, 1967, he was awarded the Silver Star and Purple Heart. Following a brief hospital stay Bob returned to his battalion, which was preparing for combat operations to clear enemy forces from an area threatening a vital air base at Hue-Phu Bai. Bob was mortally wounded in battle on October 8, 1967; he was posthumously awarded a second Silver Star. Bob was buried at West Point on October 17, 1967, with full military honors.

Mr. Speaker, I would ask all my colleagues to rise and join me in honoring the service of a true American hero, Bob Arvin, and to honor the 70th anniversary of Ypsilanti Post 2408.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN ELIAS BALDACCI

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 12, 2002

Mr. BALDACCI. Mr. Speaker, last night I was unavoidably detained in my district due to Maine's Primary Election. If I had been present, I would have voted:

"Aye" on rollcall vote number 220; "Aye" on rollcall vote number 221; "Aye" on rollcall vote number 222.

MARGARETA CRAMPTON: A FRIEND, ALLY AND SUPPORTER DEDICATED TO WORKING MEN AND WOMEN

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 12, 2002

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, today, on behalf of working men and women in the State of Maryland and throughout the entire country, I want to thank a stalwart trade unionist who has dedicated her life to improving the lives of others.

But before I recount the many accomplishments and long service of Margareta A. Crampton, the director of the Committee on Political Education (COPE) for the Maryland State and District of Columbia AFL-CIO for more than 20 years, I want to add a personal note.

Margareta is far more than a political ally. She is a trusted friend and staunch supporter who has been by my side since I first decided to run for Congress in 1981. In fact, when my predecessor in Congress, the late Gladys Noon Spellman, suffered a heart attack that left her unable to complete her term, Margareta was one of the first people to come to my law office to encourage me to run in a special election to fill that seat.

I can only hope that I've served my constituents in the Fifth Congressional District as well as Margareta has tended to the needs of working men and women in Maryland and the American labor movement over the last 40 years.

Margareta began her union career in 1960 with the Bakery, Confectionary and Tobacco International Union, serving as chief steward and shop representative. Recall that what today is rightly natural and commonplace—women working in positions in virtually every sector of our economy—was not the norm 40 years ago. Women faced many barriers in the workplace. Discrimination was often open and too often tolerated.

But Margareta, and the women of her generation, through force of character and the will to succeed, overcame the many hurdles placed in their paths. They proved that women could perform any job well. And it's because of their hard work that women in the labor movement, as well as other types of employment, have made such tremendous strides in our society—and continue the fight for the equality, justice and fairness that they deserve.

After 19 years at the Bakery, Confectionary and Tobacco Workers International Union,

Margareta moved in 1979 to the Graphic Arts International Union, serving as the financial recording secretary and membership reviewer.

During the 1960s and 1970s, she was an active member of the Office of Professional Employees International Union (OPEIU), Local 2, and became the first woman to be elected First Vice-President of her local in 1974.

She served as chair or co-chair of numerous committees in her local, including the educational committee, the COPE committee, and the organizing committee. She also served as the chair of the Young Trade Unionists No. 2 from 1969 to 1984, and as the recording secretary of the Young Trade Unionists No. 1 from 1970 to 1973.

In 1980, Margareta was appointed as the Director of COPE for the Maryland State and District of Columbia AFL-CIO, and earned a well-deserved reputation through the years as a determined advocate for all workers and a gritty political organizer.

She has worked on numerous political campaigns at the local, state and national levels, and it's more than fair to say that her unrelenting work across the state on behalf of working families built enduring relationships between the labor community and elected officials at all levels of government.

Margareta's boundless energy helped her balance her dedication to improving the lives of working men and women, with her love and devotion to her children, Brenda and Philip, and her grandchildren.

And as she enjoys semi-retirement, she should do so with the knowledge that her efforts over the last 40 years have changed and improved people's lives, and that her labor continues the activism, stretching all the way back to notables as Susan B. Anthony, Sojourner Truth and Mary Harris "Mother" Jones—who understood that labor fairness was rooted in morality and inspired by the American quest for equality, justice and fairness.

As Mother Jones said many years ago: "The cause of the worker continues onward. . . . The future is in labor's strong, rough hands."

That future, today, is much brighter for working men and women, in large part due to the hard work of trade unionists like Margareta Crampton. To her, we owe a deep gratitude and offer our thanks and deep appreciation.

WHITESIDE SCHOOL NAMED AS NATIONAL SERVICE-LEARNING LEADER SCHOOL

HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 12, 2002

Mr. COSTELLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the Whiteside School District in Belleville, Illinois which is one of 16 schools in the United States to serve as a 2002 National Service-Learning Leader School. This honor demonstrates the school's strong commitment to service-learning in its curriculum.

Whiteside has undertaken many projects which demonstrate its exceptional efforts in service. Students at the school have created a garden area, an outdoor science lab and a pond, including a fountain and fish. Also, sixth-

grade students at the school have converted a courtyard into an outdoor classroom and put new landscaping in the area.

The children have restored the Whiteside Cemetery, which had been abandoned and vandalized. In addition, they have done genealogical research on the people who are buried in the cemetery and have published an extensive Whiteside family history. They are taking photographs of other Civil War gravesites in St. Clair County, and they are in the process of putting together a web site that will include the genealogical information and other Civil War information. The students have assembled a CD-ROM that will be sent to the Library of Congress.

The teachers and administrators at Whiteside have been a great asset for these children, as they have combined service and education in a way that is fun and creative. There are 412 students in 5th through 8th grade at the school, and they have all been involved with service-learning projects. The children have not only found a new enthusiasm for their education, but they have performed valuable work for the community as well.

Whiteside continues to make a significant contribution to Southwestern Illinois and the entire nation, Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in expressing appreciation to the Whiteside School District for its dedication to service.

A SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO JIM STREACKER ON HIS SEVENTIETH BIRTHDAY

HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 12, 2002

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to an outstanding gentleman from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. Jim Streacker of Tiffin, Ohio, will celebrate a milestone seventieth birthday on June 15, 2002.

Mr. Speaker, Jim will be celebrating this monumental occasion with family and friends, all who have known of his selfless contributions to the local community. Serving the community was not only Jim's duty but also his honor. These chances to give back to the community have brought him a lifetime of both personal and professional achievement. Jim truly is a valued asset to the City of Tiffin.

Jim has served Tiffin well throughout his years both, professionally and philanthropically. In his state of semi-retirement from Streacker Tractor Sales, he continues to serve the agricultural community as Secretary of the Tractor Sales Association. He also holds a seat on the Seneca Industrial Environmental Development Commission, and is a member of the local chamber of commerce, the local business boosters, and the Key Bank Advisory Board.

Jim serves charitable interests of the Saint Francis Foundation, and the Betty Jane Advisory Board. Through Jim's work in the Calvert Foundation, he has helped manage the investments of the local school system in an effort to keep the schools properly financed and maintain a high standard of education for the community's children. He is also active in the local VFW, American Legion, and AMVETS

since serving his country in the U.S. Air Force in the Korean War.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying special tribute to Jim Streacker. Our communities are served well by having such honorable and giving citizens, like Jim, who care about the well being and stability of their communities. We wish him the very best on this special occasion.

CONGRATULATIONS TO LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL IN DALLAS, TEXAS

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 12, 2002

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, whereas on March 9, 2002, the Lincoln High School Tigers boys varsity basketball team in Dallas, Texas completed its 2001–2002 season undefeated, with 40 wins, 0 losses;

Whereas the Lincoln High School Tigers won the 2002 Texas State Championship;

Whereas the Lincoln High School Tigers were ranked number one by USA Today national high school ranking poll;

Whereas the coach of the Lincoln High School Tigers, Mr. Leonard Bishop, has also been awarded the national Coach Awards by USA Today and the Black Coaches Association, as well as the Dallas All Sports Awards area Coach of the Year;

Whereas the Lincoln High School Lady Tigers girls' team won the, District 12–4A Championship in Dallas, Texas, having completed the 2001–2002 season undefeated with 12 wins, 0 losses;

Whereas the Lincoln High School Lady Tigers continued to win their regional championship and were also state finalists;

Whereas the Lincoln High School Football team won their district championship, finishing the season undefeated with 6 wins, 0 losses; and

Whereas the Lincoln High School National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE) Jr. Club won the 2001 Dallas Boosting Engineers, Science & Technology (BEST) award, including the Most Elegant Robot award;

Be It Proclaimed, That I—

(1) congratulate—The Lincoln High School Tigers boys varsity basketball team for winning the 2002 Texas State Championship;

The Lincoln High School Lady Tigers girls basketball team for winning their 2002 district and regional championships;

The Lincoln High School Football team for winning the 2001 district championship; and

The Lincoln High School NSBE Jr. Club for winning the BEST award;

(2) commend the Lincoln High School Tigers boys varsity basketball team, the Lady Tigers girls basketball team, the football team and the NSBE Jr. Club for their outstanding performance during the entire 2001–2002 season and for their commitment to high standards of character, perseverance, and teamwork; and

(3) recognize the achievements of the players, coaches, and support staff who were instrumental in helping the athletic teams and clubs win their respective championships and awards.