

demonstrated outstanding service and leadership, and Mr. Gimbel is an excellent choice.

Franklyn Gimbel has assembled a highly distinguished career as a lawyer. A founding member of the renowned law firm of Gimbel, Reilly, Guerin and Brown, Mr. Gimbel has served as President of the Milwaukee Bar, Chair of the State Bar of Wisconsin Board of Governors, and President of the State Bar of Wisconsin. His legal skill and acumen have led to his being named one of the Best Lawyers in America for criminal defense for nearly fifteen years, and he earned Milwaukee Bar Association Lawyer of the Year accolades in 1989 and 1998.

Despite these tremendous professional accomplishments, it is Mr. Gimbel's unyielding commitment to public service and community enrichment that earned him the 2002 Community Service Human Relations Award. Since the late 1970's, Frank has generously served on community boards and commissions that have benefitted the greater Milwaukee community. He worked as Vice-Chairman of the Milwaukee Fire and Police Commission from 1977 to 1982, and was a member of the MECCA Board of Directors from 1982 to 1994.

Gimbel now serves as Chairman of the Wisconsin Center District Board, a position he has held since Governor Tommy Thompson appointed him to the post in 1994. As Chairman, he oversaw the construction of the Midwest Express Center in downtown Milwaukee, and his leadership was instrumental in getting the project completed on time and under-budget. So instrumental was Gimbel's guidance that the state-of-the-art convention center is often called "The House that Frank Built."

In addition to his work on the Wisconsin Center District Board, Mr. Gimbel donates his time and efforts to several commissions that focus on community reinvestment, social justice, neighborhood revitalization, and business development. These include the Greater Milwaukee Committee, the Task Force on the Grand Avenue, and the Task Force on the Bradley Center. He is also a Director of the Equal Justice Coalition.

Mr. Speaker, fellow Members of Congress, please join me in honoring a man who exemplifies dedication to his community. Let us all salute Franklyn M. Gimbel, the 2002 recipient of the AJC Milwaukee Chapter's Community Service Human Relations Award.

TRAFICANT TRIAL: A RAILROAD OF JUSTICE

HON. JAMES A. TRAFICANT, JR.

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 2002

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, the government presented a ten-count indictment against me on May 4, 2001. And convicted me on those ten counts, Thursday, April 11, 2002.

COUNT FOUR—RAYMOND ALLEN SINCLAIR, ESQ.

The accusation is that while he was a Congressional staff member, Attorney R. Allen Sinclair shoved \$2500 a month in cash kickbacks under the office door.

R. Allen Sinclair became a part of my Congressional staff in 1998. At that time he purchased a brand-new van for \$25,000–\$30,000, he leased another car for \$290 a month, bought between \$50,000 and \$60,000 worth of

media advertising and purchased a \$273,000 home, which a Delaware bank financed for \$276,000. Additionally, it's unknown what types of school loan payments were outstanding for his legal education.

Oddly enough, during his employment with me Attorney Sinclair made monthly deposits of \$2500 into his IOLTA Account with the Home Savings and Loan Company. Once he left my employ, there were no \$2500 deposits made for twenty-two consecutive months.

Naturally, as a part of the FBI's investigation of me, agents interviewed Attorney Sinclair. His FBI 302 states in pertinent part:

SINCLAIR had been previously interviewed and stated he had been making rent payments to HENRY DIBLASIO for offices at 11 Overhill, Youngstown, Ohio. He stated he had documentation he could provide. SINCLAIR now voluntarily appeared at the FBI, Youngstown Resident Agency. SINCLAIR provided one envelope, which was found to contain a letter from SINCLAIR to interviewing agent, a "cognovit note" from November 19, 1998 showing a \$20,000 debt from SINCLAIR to DIBLASIO, one check, dated February 5, 1992 from SINCLAIR to DIBLASIO for \$361 for "rent and long Dist Phone Calls." Also included was a document titled: "Statement from R. ALLEN SINCLAIR, DIBLASIO, FLASK, & ASSOCIATES, 11 Overhill Road, Youngstown, Ohio 44512, Law Offices." SINCLAIR had previously advised he paid rent to DIBLASIO for office space at 11 Overhill for the first few years he worked with DIBLASIO, and after that they used simply recorded rent on the books of the firm. The documents SINCLAIR provided showed notations regarding rent payments to DIBLASIO for 1994. SINCLAIR did not provide documentation for the later years. A copy of this documentation is attached to this report. Note, the documents provided by SINCLAIR listed hours he worked for clients, and it was noted that he had done work for "BUCHHEIT." SINCLAIR advised he had represented BUCHHEIT in a dispute BUCHHEIT had with a Saudi Arabian prince regarding a letter of credit. SINCLAIR was not aware of Congressman JAMES A. TRAFICANT, JR. assisting BUCHHEIT.

SINCLAIR was asked why DIBLASIO did not have the building at 11 Overhill Road in his own name, and why SINCLAIR, as the current owner of that building, (and staff member of Congressman JAMES A. TRAFICANT, JR.) also did not have this building in his own name. SINCLAIR advised it would have been a "conflict" for DIBLASIO to have the building in his name when he worked for TRAFICANT. This same issue came up when SINCLAIR was going to buy the building from DIBLASIO and he (SINCLAIR) was also working as a Congressional staff member. SINCLAIR advised this was cleared through the United States House of Representatives Ethics Committee, and it was acceptable for DIBLASIO and SINCLAIR to own the building as long as they charged the government a reasonable rent. SINCLAIR was asked why, then, the building had to be in the name of other people. SINCLAIR did not answer this question.

SINCLAIR advised he made between \$50,000 and \$60,000 per year as a private attorney in 1999, and at the same time made about \$60,000 as "Administrative Counsel" to TRAFICANT. SINCLAIR's job for TRAFICANT was to research legislation. He was not TRAFICANT's private attorney. SINCLAIR advised he had researched the rules and it was legal for him to receive outside income while working for Congress because he was not "senior staff." SINCLAIR advised he did not kickback any part of his salary to TRAFI-

CANT. SINCLAIR stated he did not want to be part of "getting TRAFICANT" and ended the interview. SINCLAIR was advised that he may have to testify before the Federal Grand Jury in Cleveland.

My office space was rented from KAS Enterprises, which I came to find out was established in October 1999 as Raymond Allen Sinclair, president. Then in November 1999, wife, Kimberly Sinclair was named secretary, although the filing with the Secretary of the State of Ohio named Kimberly Sinclair as the owner of the company. At the time of signing the rental agreement, I was not aware of how the KAS Enterprise Corporation was organized or its officers, but learned after the trial that either Attorney Sinclair or his wife could withdraw funds from the account without the knowledge or consent of the other.

Attorney Sinclair was involved in more questionable activities than his participation in KAS. He owed his partner \$473,000. And, in an unrelated event, on December 2, 1999, the Board of Commissioners on Grievances and Discipline of The Supreme Court of Ohio filed a recommendation that "Attorney R. Allen Sinclair be suspended from the practice of law for a period of six months with the suspension stayed for a period of a one year probation including conditions recommended by the panel."

During my trial, Attorney Sinclair testified that he never lied to the FBI—that he always told the truth. It wasn't until he was pressured with the thought of losing his license and possibly facing jail that he created this testimony of supposed kickbacks.

He also stated that he never wore a wire or taped any of our conversations because he feared me; when all of the staff testified that there was no fear. And, he had previously taped Attorney Matavich to get information about me. Be advised, the government would use any ploy to gain admissions regarding one of its targets and without a doubt they did so in my case. But, obviously the information the FBI gathered in the Sinclair matter was exculpatory and all they could attempt was to present a circumstantial paper trail.

Having already suffered a license suspension and a fraud scheme hanging over his head and the government allowed Attorney Sinclair to escape any punishment for his participation in any wrongdoing and provided a shield from a civil suit involving the money he owed to his partner in order to suborn his perjured testimony against me. Not surprising, Attorney Sinclair continues to practice law.

Again, the government provided no physical evidence, no wiretaps, no tapes, no hidden microphones and no fingerprints on more than 1,000 documents. How is it possible to reach a conclusion beyond a reasonable doubt with only circumstantial evidence and the testimony of felons and other dubious witnesses? In a RICO case, no less.

BEAM ME UP!!

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DAVID E. BONIOR

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 2002

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, due to commitments in my home state of Michigan, I was unable to cast votes yesterday. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on approving the journal; "yes" on H. Con. Res. 415, Recognizing National Homeownership Month; and "yes" on H. Con. Res. 340, Supporting

the Goals and Ideals of Meningitis Awareness Month.

TRIBUTE TO MR. JOHNNY
WINTERS

HON. CARRIE P. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 2002

Mrs. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Mr. Johnny Winters for his long-time and selfless commitment to the South Florida community. Mr. Winters is the founder and executive director of Get Out And Live (GOAL), Inc., which has provided 30 exceedingly accomplished years of social, educational, cultural and religious activities for homebound handicapped adults.

Mr. Winters' tremendous entrepreneurship and dedication have resulted in the servicing of over 50 handicapped clients and a nationwide membership of over 4,000.

He is an awe-inspiring motivational speaker to handicapped and non-handicapped students in private and public schools. His compassion extends to educating students in special education classes to prepare them for future challenges. He has also made radio appearances on the Larry King Talk Show to further his cause.

It is not surprising that Mr. Winters' humanitarianism has been recognized on several occasions. His work has been acknowledged with awards from numerous fraternal, civic, religious and governmental organizations. For example, on February 27, 1988 he was the honored guest at the Miami Shores Mayor's Ball, where he received the Mayor's Award for Outstanding Commitment to the Handicapped People of Miami Shores. He has also received the Legion of Honor Award from the Miami Shores Kiwanis Club.

Recently, the city and citizens of North Miami celebrated Mr. Winters' humanitarian commitment by proclaiming Sunday, April 21, 2002, "Johnny Winters Day". I ask my colleagues to join with me in congratulating Mr. Johnny Winters for his outstanding service to our community. We are fortunate to have noble citizens like him to provide essential services and support to our society.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO JANICE
STRAUSS

HON. MAURICE D. HINCHEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 2002

Mr. HINCHEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Janice Strauss, teacher and child advocate, upon her retirement.

Jan was born on December 17, 1946 in Pittsburgh, PA to Dorothy and Fred Little. The family moved to Niagara Falls, NY on June 6, 1952. Jan is the eldest of 5 children, Kathleen, Michael, Douglas and Nancy being her siblings. She taught herself to read at four years of age and taught her youngest sister, Nancy to read at four. Jan went to St. John deSalle Catholic School until 8th grade, and then finished her public school education at Niagara Wheatfield Schools. She was an exchange

student to Ecuador during the summer between her junior and senior years. This is when her love of Spanish and other cultures began to flourish.

Jan went to Harpur College where she majored in Spanish and graduated in January 1968. It was at Harpur that she met her future husband Geoffrey. They were married on May 18, 1968 and they have two children, Micah and Alicia. Jan earned her Masters of Arts in Teaching Spanish at SUNY Binghamton in 1970 and is certified to teach Spanish. She is also a certified English As A Second Language Teacher.

Jan is first and foremost a "people person." When she was a senior in high school, she convinced her mother that they should take care of her maternal grandmother in their home. She also insisted in bringing her grandmother-in-law into her home rather than put her in a nursing home. When her daughter Micah was born, the lack of credible information about breastfeeding led her to enter into a rigorous training program to become a La Leche League Leader to help other nursing mothers. Over the years, she has welcomed numerous foreign exchange students into her home to enjoy and learn about their cultures and make them feel welcomed and loved in our country. As her children entered public school, wanting to increase the value and quality of the public school experience for children, she became involved in the PTA holding various offices on the local and regional levels. To advocate for the rights and dignity of children, residents and employees, she ran for and won a position on the Union-Endicott School Board.

Next to being a mother, the ultimate example of her love of children and people is her teaching. She cares about each student, always striving to help each student succeed, even those students "written off" by others. She considers any student's lack of success a personal loss.

Mr. Speaker, I am delighted to salute Jan for her many years of distinguished services and devotion to our community. She has left a fine mark in the teaching profession and our community and I join her family, colleagues and friends in thanking her and wishing her all the best on her well-deserved retirement.

TRIBUTE TO JIM SIX

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 2002

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the patriotic efforts of one of my constituents. In 2001, Gloucester County Times columnist Jim Six was able to return to a Texas woman a dog tag believed to have belonged to her brother, a Marine who was captured by the Viet Cong in 1968 and who reportedly died in a prisoner of war camp in 1970. His body has never been recovered. Six, through the efforts of an acquaintance, bought more than 400 dog tags from vendors in Vietnam in 1993 and is attempting to find more matches.

I would like to submit a list of the names on the dog tags for the RECORD.

A.C. Aalseth, Thomas A. Abe, R.D. Ahrens, Kem R. Akers, Paul J. Albano, Norman

Allen, G.B. Alleyne, Clayton J. Anderson, John R. Anderson, Robert C. Anderson, Jr., Russell A. Anderson, Albert Annunziata, J.E. Armistead, W.J. Armstrong, Raymond E. Armstrong, E.M. Arnold, L.D. Arrowood, Ludwig B. Aske, and Larry D. Aveline.

C.W. Baney, Jr., A.W. Bardley, Homer T. Barker, David E. Barton, W.H. Batia, R.J. Baxler, Michael W. Becktel, Morral Bennett, K.J. Berman, L.E. Bethel, John D. Betlock, Ronald L. Binford, Mark D. Black, Paul T. Bobenrieth, R.O. Boehnke, Jr., F. Bonafede, David J. Bonner, Walter W. Booth, R.W. Botelho, Daniel A. Bouchard, B.A. Bounds, D. Braddy, Jr., Scott R. Bradley, Darnell L. Branch, T.C. Breshears, Jr., T.O. Brock, T.F. Broderick, C.D. Brown, Clarence Brown, Harold E. Brown, V. Brown, W.R. Brown, Jackie R. Broyles, Ralph L. Bruner, James T. Buckman, F.L. Burnett, and Vernon E. Bush, Jr.

J.L. Calderon, G.A. Campbell, R.S. Campbell, K.T. Caruso, Ronald G. Castor, E.C. Chamberlin, Jr., Dennis E. Chapin, I.L. Chase, J.E. Clark, J.W. Clary, L.D. Clouse, L.L. Conley, M.R. Cooksey, Robert L. Cosgrove, Jr., J.B. Cothran, William J. Cotton, Ronald Creach, Charles T. Crews, E.G. Croft, Michael T. Cross, Garry W. Cummings, T.A. Curd, R.T. Curry, and John Crazy Bear.

Ronald G. Damn, Michael N. Damon, Ernest C. Davis, F.G. Davis, H.B. Davis, J.B. Davis, R.P. Dechicichis, J.L. Deege, Donald E. Deister, D.D. Delair, Thomas D. Delany, Robert L. Dickson, G.W. Dietz, La-Verne E. Dietz, Jr., Roosevelt H. Dillard, Edwin K. Dodd, Jr., R.O. Dorfer, C.E. Drueux, D.R. Dudek, K.J. Dudley, Carlton T. Dunn, and Thomas L. Dutton.

T.J. Egan, Robert S. Emerling, Steven T. Evans, and William F. Evans.

R.D. Fairbairn, G.C. Falk, Russell C. Farver, A.F. Felch, Francis Fernandez, Jr., Randell B. Finch, G.A. Fink, Clayton C. Fladie, W.H. Fleck, R.N. Fletcher, Curtis J. Franklin, John E. Fox, W.K. Fox, John E. Frederick, Joseph A. Freehorn, J.E. Frye, Jr., and E.M. Fujihara.

Danny R. Gaddis, John A. Galhert, John R. Gantner, Santos Garza, Jr., Dale K. Graham, E.J. Graham, R.E., Gibbs, Ernie P. Gilliam, S.D. Gilliland, R.J. Ginder, M.T. Giorsetti, Howard Gist, Jr., William F. Glendenon, James R. Golding, Herbert E. Gonzalez, M.K. Grantlen, Ronnie B. Grimes, D.W. Guffey, Robert P. Gunton, Jr., and Carlos Gutierrez. J.J. Hagan, Tony R. Hall, D.W. Hammond (matched/returned), Larry Hardin, Harley D. Harless, S.W. Hart, Willis Hart, A.L. Haulcy, Jimmy L. Heavin, Theodore L. Helm,

D.R. Henderson, James F. Henderson, G.M. Hendrickson, Jesus Hernandez, Jr., Dave Heyboer, T.S. Hickman, T.D. Hobart, S.R. Hobbey, Junior Hodge, B.R. Holcomb, F. Hollier, Jr., Donald P. Hoover, L. Hopkins, Jr., Robert C. Horman, G.A. Howe, John F. Howley, James L. Huff, and Ronald D. Hurst. M.T. Ispocogee.

Carl L. Jackson, James Jackson, L.D. Jacobson, R.E. James, William B. James, R.G. Jaouay, Steven C. Jefferson, John F. Jenkins, E.C. Jensen, Claude L. Johnson, David I. Johnson, Michael H. Johnson, Milton Johnson, R.M. Johnson, Ronald Johnston, Danny L. Jones, Linwood E. Jones, and R.A. Jones, Jr.

G.L. Kavelaras, V.J. Kemerer, Robin S. Kent, Roland H. Kiersey, Jr., J.J. Kimbrough, Jr., Robert L. Kirk, M.C. Klepac, T.M. Knutson, Clyde K. Kobbeman, K.R. Krueger, and T.L. Kyle.

C.E. Lames, Ernest C. Lammer, John F. Langowski, Jr., Gene O. Lanier, Jr., Ronald L. Lantrop, T.L. Laplaunt, C.P. Leary, John E. Leavister, D.J. Lee, Harry Lerner, W.D. Lidster, P.F. Linneman, Eddie C. Lipscombs, I.B. Livingston, Thomas E. Lloyd, J.W. Logan, Isaac Lopez, R.D. Loveridge, and Charles J. Lyons.