

HONORING THE LIFE OF JOHN  
FRANCIS "JACK" BUCK

SPEECH OF

**HON. TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 26, 2002*

Mr. JOHNSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, today it is my pleasure to join my colleagues in honoring a truly great American, Jack Buck. For nearly five decades, Jack Buck's memorable voice announced Super Bowls, World Series and the games of his beloved St. Louis Cardinals. I was honored to actually be in the broadcast booth at Busch Stadium with him on a few occasions. Growing up in Central Illinois, Jack Buck became baseball to me. His voice was that of a trusted friend's and he became like a member of my family. I distinctly remember his calls of Stan Musial, Bob Gibson, Ozzie Smith and Mark McGwire and I will never forget game five of the 1985 National League Championship Series. Ozzie Smith had hit a home run to beat the Los Angeles Dodgers and a very excited and emotional Jack Buck told everyone to, "Go crazy, folks, go crazy". This man, this legend, came from nothing to become everything he wanted to be. He is a shining example of what is good and right and what can be achieved in our country. Tradition and the integrity of baseball are words that come to my mind when I think of this pillar of his community. He did so much for St. Louis and those of us in the Midwest fortunate enough to have KMOX on our dials. My thoughts and prayers are for the Buck family and the fans of Jack Buck and the St. Louis Cardinals organization in this time of mourning.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO PATTY  
ERJAVEC

**HON. SCOTT McINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 27, 2002*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to pay tribute to Patty A. Erjavec for her outstanding contributions to the business community of Pueblo County, Colorado. Patty was recently awarded the Charles W. Crews Business Leader of the Year Award by the Greater Pueblo Chamber of Commerce in recognition of her selfless leadership within the business community, leadership that deserves the appreciation and respect of all Coloradans.

Patty Erjavec believes strongly in the importance of an educated workforce to bring about economic revitalization in the Pueblo area. As President of the El Pueblo Boys' & Girls' Ranch, she has worked tirelessly to insure that future generations have the access to a solid education that they deserve. At the ranch, Patty has invested herself in the lives of many children, showing them the love and compassion which has helped to form them into productive members of the Pueblo community.

Patty has been active in numerous other civic organizations, each expressing her vision for a brighter and more prosperous future for the business community of Pueblo. During her

presidency of the Pueblo Rotary Club #43, she actively organized the membership to provide tutoring, mentoring and parenting classes to an underprivileged elementary school with a significant number of families living well below the poverty level. As a member of the State Board for Community Colleges and Occupational Education, Patty has been able to influence statewide policies in order to support the development of an educated workforce.

Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to pay tribute to Patty Erjavec for her contributions to the Pueblo community. I applaud her receipt of the Greater Pueblo Chamber of Commerce's "Business Leader of the Year" award recognizing her significant achievements for the good of the community. Patty serves as a shining example that a woman can successfully manage career goals and family responsibilities while making time to give back to her community. For these reasons I bring Patty Erjavec to the attention of this body of Congress and applaud her devotion to the people of Pueblo.

HONORING DONALD AND RUTH  
McNULTY ON THEIR 50TH WED-  
DING ANNIVERSARY

**HON. JACK QUINN**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 27, 2002*

Mr. QUINN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to honor the 50th wedding anniversary of Donald and Ruth McNulty of Blasdell, New York. As family and friends will gather to celebrate this joyous occasion, I too would like to recognize them at this special time. Following their hearts throughout this 50-year journey has led to happiness and a loving life together.

Love has flourished between these two hearts, but not without dedication and hard work. This celebration of 50 years is a remarkable accomplishment and is to be commended. Mr. Speaker, it is with excitement and admiration that I extend my congratulations to Donald and Ruth and offer them my best wishes for many years to come.

JON LOCKE: SADDLING UP FOR  
THE OLD WEST

**HON. JAMES A. BARCIA**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 27, 2002*

Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Jon Locke, a journeyman actor whose feature-length films and television credits read like a viewer's guide to the great Westerns so many of us enjoyed during our youth. Cowboy actors such as Jon Locke not only entertained us, they also helped unlock the history of the real West by giving viewers a glimpse of the legendary men and women who settled our American frontier.

Over the years, many fans saddled up and rode along with Jon Locke and scores of other cowboy actors as they journeyed back to the Old West by watching celluloid versions of our frontier legends. While the names of all these actors may not be as recognizable as some of

the top-billed stars who rode off into the sunset, the supporting cast of faithful sidekicks, bad guys, cowpokes, gunfighters and others were unmistakable and essential to the Western myths that have become such an important part of our American culture.

Fans will recognize Jon for his appearances in episodes of "Gunsmoke," "The Texan," "Cimarron City," "Bonanza," "The Virginian," "Wagon Train," "Laramie," "Tales of Wells Fargo," "Sheriff of Cochise," and "Custer," to name a few, and also for his roles in feature films for MGM, Universal Studios, 20th Century Fox and Walt Disney Productions. He also appeared in "Land of the Lost," "The Waltons," "Perry Mason" and many other classic television shows of bygone days, some of which now can be seen in syndication.

As a characteristically American film genre, Westerns occupy an honored place in the hearts and minds of all of us who see honor and glory in the rugged individualism portrayed in those movies. Jon Locke has been an integral part of the history of the Western in movies and on television throughout his acting career. Still active in the film industry, Jon also does his part to keep the memory and spirit of the Old West alive by appearing at reenactment events and Western festivals throughout the country. He usually brings his banjo along and has been known to sing a tune or two.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in applauding Jon Locke for embodying in his acting the true grit, valor and work ethic of the cowboys, frontiersmen and pioneers who forged ahead to make America the great and noble nation it is today. I am confident that Jon won't hang up his spurs until the last roundup is over. He truly has kept the campfire burning for all those aspiring young cowboys and cowgirls of the future.

CONGRATULATING A.M. ROSEN-  
THAL IN RECEIVING THE PRESI-  
DENTIAL MEDAL OF FREEDOM

**HON. FRANK R. WOLF**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 27, 2002*

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, last week, President Bush announced the recipients of the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian honor. A.M. Rosenthal, a Pulitzer Prize winner, former executive editor of the New York Times, and human rights advocate was named as one of the prominent Americans to receive the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

Mr. Rosenthal led the fight against tyranny, against communism and he provided a valuable voice in raising America's attention to the problem people from a variety of faiths being horribly persecuted simply for their religious beliefs.

Mr. Rosenthal should serve as an inspiration to the future American generations that one can change the world by passionately seeking truth and justice.

Congratulations Mr. Rosenthal on winning this prestigious and honorable award.

I want to enclose for the record this article from the Washington Times that describes in more detail the contributions of Mr. Rosenthal and the other recipients of this elite honor.

{From the Washington Times, Friday, June 21, 2002}

**12 RECEIVE PRESIDENTIAL MEDALS—MANDELA, NANCY REAGAN, ROSENTHAL, MR. ROGERS HONORED**

(By Joseph Curl)

President Bush yesterday announced the recipients of the Presidential Medal of Freedom, a list that includes two writers, three entertainers, an athlete and a former first lady.

Among the dozen to receive the nation's highest civilian honor is A.M. Rosenthal, a Pulitzer Prize winner for foreign correspondence who became the executive director of the New York Times. He writes a weekly column now for the Washington Times.

"Believe me, it never occurred to me that I would be given a medal by the president—or anyone else," Mr. Rosenthal said in a telephone interview last night. The White House praised Mr. Rosenthal's efforts "to highlight the suffering of oppressed people, especially religious minorities."

Mr. Rosenthal began in newspapers in the 1940s traveled the world as a foreign correspondent. In 1960, won the Pulitzer Prize for his reporting from Poland. He served a stint in India before returning to New York to become the top editor at the New York Times. The other recipients, all of whom will receive their medals in a White House ceremony in July, are:

Nancy Reagan, wife of former President Ronald Reagan, for her long anti-drug work as first lady and her continued work against drug and alcohol abuse through the Nancy Reagan Foundation.

Nelson Mandela, who led the fight to end apartheid in South Africa over the course of his 73-year public life. Mr. Mandela was imprisoned by the South African government in 1962 and was released on Feb. 11, 1990. Mr. Mandela was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1993 and inaugurated as the first democratically elected president of South Africa on May 10, 1994.

Katharine Graham, who led The Washington Post until 1993 and, the White House said, "was known as an editor who maintained excellence by supporting her reporters and encouraging those who worked for her." She was chairman of the Post, but actually never held an editing position.

Hank Aaron, who holds the career records for home runs, at 755. Mr. Aaron, who was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1982, played first on a team in the old Negro League and, the White House said, "was unfettered in his pursuit of excellence by frequent encounters with racism throughout his career."

Bill Cosby, a one-time stand-up comedian and one of the most popular television performers of the 1980s with "The Cosby Show," which revolutionized the portrayal of blacks on television. "Throughout his career," the White House said, "Dr. Cosby has appealed to the common humanity of his audience, rather than the differences that might divide it."

Plácido Domingo, a renowned opera singer, conductor and arts administrator over his 44-year career. "He was blessed with an unusually flexible voice, which has allowed him to perform in 188 different roles, more than any other tenor in the annals of opera performance," the White House said.

Fred Rogers, host of "Mister Rogers' Neighborhood" for over three decades, making the show the longest-running program in the history of public broadcasting. "All of his work has been emblematic of the same philosophy and goal: to encourage the healthy emotional growth of children and their families," the White House said.

Peter Drucker, a prominent pioneer of management theory. "Dr. Drucker has

championed concepts such as privatization, management by objective and decentralization" and is "currently applying his expertise to the management of faith-based organizations," the White House said.

Dr. D.A. Henderson, best known for his leadership of the World Health Organization's global small-pox-eradication campaign from 1966 to 1977. "He was also instrumental in initiating the WHO's global program of immunization which now vaccinates approximately 80 percent of the world's children against six major diseases," the White House said.

Irving Kristol, author, editor and professor. "Mr. Kristol's writings helped lay the intellectual groundwork for the renaissance of conservative ideas in the last half of the 20th century. His approach adapted traditional conservative thought with contemporary societal issues and became the framework for compassionate conservatism," the White House said.

Gordon Moore, co-founder of the Intel Corporation who directed the company's growth as the most successful development of the microchip. In November 2000, Mr. Moore and his wife established the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation with a multibillion-dollar contribution, funding projects in higher education, scientific research, the environment and San Francisco Bay Area projects.

The Presidential Medal of Freedom was established by President Truman in 1945 to recognize civilians for their service during World War II, and it was reinstated by President Kennedy in 1963 to honor distinguished service. It is the nation's highest civilian award.

**CELEBRATING SAN FRANCISCO LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL AND TRANSGENDER PRIDE AND IN HONOR OF OFFICER JON D. COOK**

**HON. NANCY PELOSI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 27, 2002

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender pride in San Francisco and to pay tribute to the memory of Jon D. Cook, the first openly-gay San Francisco police officer to lose his life in the line of duty.

This weekend marks the 32nd annual San Francisco Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Pride Celebration entitled, "Be Yourself, Change the World!" This is our time to celebrate San Francisco's proud history of advocacy for equal rights for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender persons and to recognize the important contributions the LGBT Community makes to our City and to our nation.

Officer Jon Cook's legacy is an important example of such contributions. On June 12, 2002, Officer Cook was killed when his police car collided with another police car as they both pursued a suspected violent felon. Before joining the force, he worked as a research scientist searching for a cure and treatments for HIV/AIDS. He also served honorably as a lieutenant in US Air Force intelligence with a top-level security clearance.

Officer Cook touched the lives of many people in San Francisco. More than 2,000 attended his funeral mass, including friends and family members, over 600 fellow officers from throughout Northern California, and hundreds

of residents and community leaders from the Castro and Mission districts that he served. His fellow policemen and women remember him as a dedicated officer who always wanted to be at the scene; residents remember with gratitude the way he looked out for them. "Jon loved being a cop," recalled his domestic partner of three years, Jared Strawderman. "He loved serving his community. He loved being in situations where he could help people. He wanted to go to where the trouble was and fix the problem."

To his parents Jon Sr. and Rosemary Cook; his siblings Bonnie, Brian, Wayne, Jamie and Gary; partner Jared Strawderman; and his many nieces and nephews; we share your loss, and we are grateful for the service Jon provided to the people of San Francisco.

The contributions of Officer Cook and so many others in San Francisco bring into sharp focus the need for basic protections of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender persons. As we mourn the loss of Jon Cook, we also reaffirm our commitment to the fight for equal rights for all and our belief in the beauty of our diversity.

**TRIBUTE TO JERRY L. BLOCKER, LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD WINNER, METRO DETROIT SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL JOURNALISTS**

**HON. DAVID E. BONIOR**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 27, 2002

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to a man whose leadership and achievements in broadcast television and journalism span the decades and have touched the lives of so many across southeastern Michigan and beyond. Each year the Metro Detroit Society of Professional Journalists holds its annual banquet, a celebration honoring local journalists and the recent work they have accomplished. This banquet, traditionally the biggest Society of Professional Journalists event of the year, also honors distinguished journalists who have shown outstanding dedication to journalism and whose contributions continue to leave a lasting impression on all those in the field, with the prestigious Lifetime Achievement Award. This year, on June 26, 2002, the Metro Detroit Society of Professional Journalists honored three local journalists with Lifetime Achievement Awards, and among them they honored Jerry L. Blocker posthumously, who died on October 31 at age 70.

A pioneer for African American journalists in Detroit, Jerry Blocker was truly a model and a mentor for so many television journalists. Hired by Channel 4 after the 1967 Detroit riots, his work paved the way for so many young African Americans with aspirations for television journalism. He anchored weekend newscasts until 1975, and following a long and prosperous career, he retired from broadcast work in the early 1990s and established his own public relations firm, Jerry Blocker Enterprises, in Farmington Hills. Known for his characteristic low-key and matter-of-fact style, he devoted his life and profession to providing the highest standards of journalistic excellence.

Jerry Blocker always gave one hundred percent in every aspect of his life; his work, his