

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 12, 2002

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, on September 10, 2002 I was unable to vote on rollcall 378. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

HONORING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF BURKE CENTRE

HON. TOM DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 12, 2002

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to honor the 25th Anniversary of Burke Centre, Virginia.

Burke Centre is located in the core of the 11th congressional district of Virginia. This planned residential community began its development in 1976 and has grown into a thriving community with over 5,800 residences in its five neighborhoods: the Commons, the Landings, the Oaks, the Ponds, and the Woods. These neighborhoods are impressive examples of a successful organized community, with each of the five represented by one trustee, and featuring a pool and community center.

The gem of Burke Centre is the Conservancy, consisting of 1,700 acres, including 350 acres of pristine open space area ideal for a wide range of active and passive recreational activities. Ponds, tennis courts, playing fields, swimming pools, and other amenities are maintained for the enjoyment of residents.

This planned neighborhood took into consideration the community needs of its residents during its development. An efficient and effective committee system ensures residents' voices are still heard today. Burke Centre has established itself as a community committed to conservancy with its abundance of nature parks and outdoor activities. The Election Board is responsible for maintaining this mission and overseeing the annual Conservancy Board and Cluster Committee elections.

In commemoration of its 25th anniversary, Burke Centre's Fall Festival, planned and organized dually by volunteers and staff, will be the community's chance to celebrate this landmark anniversary. Antique vendors, entertainment, games and arts and crafts will pay tribute to Burke Centre's beginnings.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, with all that Burke Centre has created and offered its residents since its development 25 years ago, we have great reason to celebrate today. Accordingly, I extend my warmest congratulations to a community that has been dedicated to providing the best possible residential and community environment to its citizens.

IN RECOGNITION OF EDITH LEDERBERG

HON. E. CLAY SHAW, JR.

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 12, 2002

Mr. SHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to my good friend Edith Lederberg, a woman who has served with distinction at the Area Agency on Aging of Broward County for twenty-five years.

Born on October 26, 1929, Edith Lederberg is a native of Freeport, New York. There she attended Hofstra University and obtained a Baccalaureate degree in Spanish and a Master's degree in Education. While residing in New York, Ms. Lederberg held teaching positions in the Freeport and Linderhurst Public School Systems, and Wantagh Union Free School District. In 1975, she became a Public Relations Consultant for the Wantagh Union Free School District.

Moving to Broward County, Florida in 1977, Edith continued her public relations career when she became Director of Community Relations Advocacy as Community Coordinator for the Area Agency on Aging. In 1986, Ms. Lederberg was appointed Executive Director of the Area Agency on Aging of Broward County.

As Executive Director of the Area Agency of Broward County she performs as the Project Director under the guidance of the Area-wide Council on Aging; planning, coordinating, and directing the Area Agency on Aging Programs. She works with the State Department of Elder Affairs, as well as with public and private agencies at the local level. She sets policy for the Area Agencies administrative unit, advocates on behalf of senior concerns locally, statewide, and nationally, and raises financial resources to support programs for Older Americans residing in Broward County.

Throughout the years, Ms. Lederberg's remarkable service has been widely recognized. In 1995, Ms. Lederberg was appointed to serve as a Florida Delegate to the White House Conference on Aging. In 1996 and 1997, she served as President of the Florida Association of Area Agencies on Aging. Edith also is an active member of Broward's Coordinating Board for Transportation Disadvantaged and the Coordinating Council of Broward. Additionally she has been inducted into Broward Women's Hall of Fame and Broward Senior Hall of Fame. In 1999, she was selected as one of the Broward County Fair's First Ladies of Broward and was the designee for the Florida Department of Elder's Affairs' Incredible Partners Award. In 1997, she was appointed by Senator Bob Graham to serve on the Federal Judicial Nominating Commission, and I had the privilege of reappointing her in 2001.

For the past twenty-five years Edith has found her calling as an advocate for the elderly, not only in Broward County, but throughout the state and the country, and what an advocate she is. This 'Angel of the Aging', as she is often called, is knowledgeable, articulate, persuasive and stubborn when fighting for what she feels is right. Many in Florida have seen the poster of this petite woman sitting on a Harley with the caption: 'Fully Engaged in Positive Aging'. How appropriate, Edith Lederberg: mother, grandmother, poet, baker of cakes, and voice of the elderly.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to recognize Edith Lederberg today for all of her contributions, improving the quality of life for senior citizens of Broward County and for her 25 years of service to the Area Agency on Aging of Broward County.

IN PRAISE OF THOMAS O'SULLIVAN, DR. FRED EPSTEIN, AND DR. GEORGE JALLO

HON. PATRICK J. KENNEDY

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 12, 2002

Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island. Mr. Speaker, I today offer my praise for the incredible strength, dedication and bravery of three individuals, Thomas O'Sullivan, Dr. Fred Epstein and Dr. George Jallo.

In the beginning of 1999, then five-year-old Thomas started to have difficulty walking and maintaining balance. His parents, Patrick and Andrienne O'Sullivan, obviously concerned, took Thomas to a doctor in Ireland. Thomas was diagnosed as having an inoperable brain tumor, and his parents immediately began searching for someone who could help him. They had heard of one Dr. Fred Epstein, who founded the Institute for Neurology and Neurosurgery at Beth Israel Medical Center in New York City. Dr. Epstein's team received and reviewed Thomas' medical records.

Through this connection, a doctor trained by Dr. Epstein, Dr. George Jallo, agreed to perform surgery on Thomas without cost. In April of 2002, Dr. Jallo successfully removed 70% of the tumor plaguing Thomas' health. I cannot overstate how much we owe Dr. Epstein and Dr. Jallo for their work, because without this surgery, Thomas would have lost the ability to walk or swallow, his condition would have worsened, and he would most likely not have been able to live a normal life.

While Thomas still faces a difficult road to recovery, thanks to Dr. Epstein, Dr. Jallo and to Thomas' own inner-strength, it is by no means an impossible one. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commend the determination and commitment that they have all demonstrated. It is truly a testament to the richness of the human spirit. I also wish Thomas good health and long life, and encourage those who are still working on Thomas' behalf to see that he reaches that goal. Your actions have made us all proud and should serve as a reminder to the American people of the good that is in all of us. Thank you.

TRIBUTE TO KANU-FM PUBLIC RADIO OF THE UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS

HON. DENNIS MOORE

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 12, 2002

Mr. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an important cultural organization that has played a vital role in my congressional district for the past 50 years.

Radio station KANU-FM began broadcasting on September 15, 1952, in Lawrence, Kansas, when Harry Truman was serving as

President. During the coming weekend, they are celebrating their 50th anniversary on the air. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their service.

Since 1952, KANU has informed, enlightened, educated and amused the radio listeners of northeast Kansas; it is the flagship station of National Public Radio in our state and it is a cultural lifeline for Kansans and an example of public radio at its best.

At a time when radio programming is becoming more homogeneous, KANU continues to present classical music, jazz, opera, bluegrass and folk music. These genres have a wide audience, but listeners might not be able to hear them on the radio without the steadfast, continued support of KANU.

KANU is also a credit to its home institution, the University of Kansas, which has backed the institution from its beginning.

As a listener, supporter and occasional guest of KANU, I urge all Kansans, and indeed, all fans of good radio, to thank KANU for their 50 years of broadcasting and to wish them well for the next 50 years.

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HON. MAJOR R. OWENS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 12, 2002

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, on September 10 I was unavoidably absent and missed roll-call votes Nos. 378, 379, 380, 381, 382 and 383. If present I would have voted "yea."

PAYING TRIBUTE TO NICK PAPADAKIS

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 12, 2002

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I stand before you and this body of Congress today to honor a remarkable veteran of the United States Navy who recently passed away. Nick Papadakis of Pueblo, Colorado contributed selflessly to our nation and I thank him for his commitment to this country. As a Navy veteran who served in time of war, Nick is an example of what is best about our country: the passion and valor of its citizens.

In 1959, after service in the Navy, Nick received an honorable discharge and started a career with the Prudential Insurance Company, which lasted for twenty-eight years. He moved to Colorado in 1971 and immediately found his calling. Nick and his wife dearly missed the deli specialties of San Francisco and opened their own restaurant, "The Deli." The Deli was a success because aside from good food, Nick provided a personal atmosphere where customers could discuss sports, politics and the Pueblo Community. Nick's deli has been a vital part of the Pueblo community since it opened.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me today in celebrating the life of Nick Papadakis, who tragically lost his battle with cancer recently. Nick dutifully served our country and selflessly committed himself to the betterment of Pueblo. His legacy of love includes his wife, June; his

two daughters, Michele and Alison; and their husbands; as well as three precious granddaughters who doted on their grandfather. Nick's remarkable spirit empowered all who knew him. I would like to express my deepest condolences to his friends and family as I pay tribute to the power of his life today before this body of Congress.

ALLEN SHUR: 2002 JOHNS LABOR LEADER OF THE YEAR

HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 12, 2002

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to salute Allen Shur on receiving the 2002 Johns "Labor Leader of the Year" Award in recognition of his outstanding contributions to the working women and men of our community.

Allen was born in Los Angeles in May 1948. His father was a member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. Allen lost both of his parents at a young age. Overcoming his loss, he graduated from high school in Los Angeles County. Then he attended college in southern California and became active in the labor and political movements of the late 60s and early 70s.

Allen joined the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers in 1967. He graduated from the then four-year IBEW/NECA Inside Apprenticeship program in 1971. Allen distinguished himself by his political involvement, which caught the attention of IBEW's membership. He served on the Executive Board of Local 569 and as a Labor Trustee.

In 1995, the membership overwhelmingly elected him to the office of Business Manager, a position that he continues to hold. Allen has continued his support for organizing the electrical workers in San Diego and Imperial Counties, increasing Local 569's membership rolls each year. In addition, Allen has directed his staff to organize both workers and contractors, providing all workers in the electrical industry the union choice.

Allen serves as the District I Vice President of the California Federation of Labor (AFL-CIO), Executive Board Member of the San Diego Labor Council, Vice President of the San Diego County Building and Construction Trades Council, and Secretary of the AFL-CIO Building Corporations. He also volunteers his time with Christmas in April and other community organizations.

Allen Shur exemplifies the high values, standards, and principles of the late John S. Lyons. I offer my congratulations to him on his receipt of the 2002 "Labor Leader of the Year Award."

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EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF CONGRESS ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF TERRORIST ATTACKS LAUNCHED AGAINST THE UNITED STATES ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

SPEECH OF

HON. DEBORAH PRYCE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 11, 2002

Ms. PRYCE of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on the anniversary of the day our great nation was forever changed when terrorists attacked and killed thousands of Americans simply because they were American.

Today, first and foremost, our Nation pays respect to the victims and their families. We stand united and remind them that one year has passed and still, we will never forget September the 11th.

What happened to the United States on that infamous day brought out the best of the American spirit.

The enemies who struck us grossly miscalculated the strength and resolve of the American people.

They didn't know that our bonds of liberty, our bonds of freedom, and our bonds of democracy are stronger and run deeper than any individual, than any building, than any monument.

As President Bush said, "This country will define our times, not be defined by them. As long as the United States of America is determined and strong, this will not be an age of terror; this will be an age of liberty, here and across the world."

During this unprecedented time of great challenge, there will be no corner of the earth where the demons of September 11th will be safe from justice.

America will continue to fight for the security of our great nation, and for peace in the world.

We will never forget every firefighter, flight attendant, father and friend that died that infamous day. May God watch over their families and continue to bless America.

PITTSBURGH PIRATES ALL-STAR EMPLOYEES

HON. WILLIAM J. COYNE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 12, 2002

Mr. COYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call the House's attention to the recognition that the Pittsburgh Pirates have recently awarded a number of their employees for their outstanding work.

The Pittsburgh Pirates Baseball Club began playing its home games at PNC Park on Pittsburgh's North Shore during the 2001 baseball season. The new baseball park is an impressive facility, and it has been well regarded by the many fans and visitors who have attended games there.

An important part of the positive experience visitors take away from PNC Park consists of the service they are provided with by the more than 2,500 employees who work at the Park on each game day. These workers take visitors' tickets, staff the concession stands, keep