

HOUSE RESOLUTION 5367—TO NAME THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS OUTPATIENT CLINIC IN HORSHAM, PENNSYLVANIA, THE "VICTOR J. SARACINI DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS OUTPATIENT CLINIC"

HON. JOSEPH M. HOFFEL

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 12, 2002

Mr. HOFFEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of the resolution that Representative Greenwood and I introduced yesterday, which will name the new Veterans clinic in Horsham, Pennsylvania after Victor J. Saracini, a distinguished veteran and victim of the attacks on September 11.

Victor J. Saracini served his country with great pride as an exemplary technical coordinator aboard S-3A fighterjets on the U.S.S. *Saratoga*. He served in the Naval Reserve at the Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base, Willow Grove, Pennsylvania, until his honorable discharge as lieutenant in 1985. Victor Saracini was the recipient of the National Defense Service Medal, the Navy E Ribbon, and the Expert Marksmanship Ribbon.

On the morning of September 11, 2001, terrorists hijacked the Los Angeles-bound airplane that Captain Saracini was piloting, and reset course for the South Tower of the World Trade Center, killing everyone on board and murdering hundreds of other innocent civilians inside the building. These innocent victims, Mr. Saracini included, represent our nation's first casualties in this war on terror.

To honor the life of Victor Saracini, devoted aviator, distinguished veteran, and proud defender of America's freedom, is to honor all victims of September 11 and their families. I urge my colleagues to support this resolution, and I call on the House Veterans Affairs Committee to pass this resolution and bring it to the floor of the House of Representatives as soon as possible.

TRIBUTE TO BOB BRIGHAM

HON. JANE HARMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. HARMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the distinguished career of a friend, Bob Brigham.

I met Bob during my first campaign for Congress and we have been friends ever since. Over the years, I have known Bob to be a savvy and affable man, who greatly cares about educating our children. In addition to his community work, Bob's most enduring accomplishment has been his 35 years as a teacher, coach, administrator, and mentor with the Manhattan Beach Unified School District.

Although Bob's most storied athletic accomplishment lies in being a star football player at Redondo Union High School and Fresno State, I know him best as someone who can keep up with me during Manhattan Beach's annual 10-k run.

In addition to his commitment to his students and to jogging, Bob has always found

time to play an active role in his hometown of Manhattan Beach. He has participated in the Manhattan Beach Historical Society, the Centinela-Bay Human Relations Committee, PFLAG, the Beach Cities Symphony Association, and his congregation, the Manhattan Beach Community Church, where he has been a member since 1939.

On a personal note, from Day One, Bob has also been an invaluable member of Team Harman, volunteering in each of my campaigns. After stuffing envelopes and walking precincts together, I have come to trust Bob as another set of eyes and ears in the district, helping to keep me informed about the latest concerns of South Bay residents.

Mr. Speaker, Bob Brigham has been an asset to the South Bay for more than 60 years. And because of his devotion to Manhattan Beach and the South Bay, his retirement from the Manhattan Beach School District will not mean retiring from community involvement. And I know he will also find the time to stay fit, so he can keep up with me during our next race to the finish line.

Thank you, Bob, for your contributions and your friendship.

MICHAEL D'ANTUANO: 2002 JOHNS FELLOWSHIP AWARD WINNER

HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 12, 2002

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to salute Michael D'Antuano on receiving the 2002 Johns "Fellowship Award" in recognition of his outstanding contributions to the working women and men of our community.

Michael has over 25 years of construction industry experience and is recognized throughout the country for his skills in labor relations, collective bargaining and negotiations. He joined the Parson Corporation in 1975 as a labor advisor on the massive Alaska Pipeline program. Working with Arco and Sohlo on their oil and gas modular fabrication and construction projects, Michael was assigned to construction sites throughout Washington, Oregon, California and Prudhoe Bay, Alaska. In the late 1970s, he was assigned to Parson's headquarters in Pasadena, California, and assumed the administration of labor relations activities throughout the United States on major company projects, emphasizing labor/management cooperation and safe working environments and conditions for craftsmen.

Michael was appointed the President of Parson Constructors, Inc. in April, 1994—the construction arm of The Parson Corporation. As President, he has been instrumental in establishing innovative approaches to labor/management relations. Parsons has negotiated and administered ground breaking Project Labor Agreements for major infrastructure and government programs throughout the country. Locally, the San Diego County Water Authority Emergency Storage Project is under construction with a project labor agreement negotiated and administered by Michael and his staff.

He is on the Board of Directors of the North American Contractors Association (NACA) and serves on numerous labor/management committees across the nation. He is also a trustee for the Laborers International Union Laborers-

Employers Cooperation and Education Trust and a Southern California Regional Board Member of the American Cancer Society (ACS).

Michael D'Antuano 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 Johns "Fellowship Award."

DINGELL-LAHODD STEEL LEGACY ACT PRESS CONFERENCE

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 12, 2002

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, for the thousands of steelworker retirees who have lost or are at risk of losing their pension and health care benefits, help is needed immediately.

The bill we have introduced, the Dingell-LaHood Steel Legacy Relief Act, will ensure that all retirees of all troubled steel companies—companies that have closed, companies that are bankrupt, companies that are being acquired—will have for themselves and their families health benefits equivalent to what's provided by Medicare, and a prescription drug benefit similar to the Blue Cross/Blue Shield program.

To do this, this bipartisan bill sets up a trust fund in the Treasury Department that taps steel import duty receipts, the assets of government-assumed retiree health care plans, and a portion of the profits made by healthy steel companies that benefit from this program.

We are saying that the United States will not stand by and watch while thousands and thousands of workers who helped build this country are left unable to take care of themselves and their families.

We are saying to all of our nation's retired steelworkers: We have not forgotten, and we will not let you down.

This bipartisan legislation is a critical step in our ongoing efforts to help the steel industry and steel workers.

We pushed a long time for the Administration to initiate a Section 201 steel investigation, and finally last year we got one.

We pushed the International Trade Commission to recognize the devastating effect of steel imports through a finding of injury, and we got it.

Many of us have spent countless hours trying to save steel companies in our districts that are on the brink. In my hometown of Cleveland, our entire community—steelworkers, local government, state government, businesses, churches, citizens—coalesced to keep LTV from shutting the doors on our steel mills forever. And we won—the mills remain, and a new owner will keep them running.

And now we are all stepping forward—the steelworkers, steel companies, Members of Congress—to ensure that men and women who have given 20, 30, even 40 years of their lives to the manufacture of steel are not left behind.

I want to tell all retired steelworkers—whom I meet all the time and who ask me how they are going to afford health insurance, how they are going to take care of their families—I want to tell all of you: We will not rest until this legislation is passed.