

IN MEMORY OF ANN RITTLE
MONACO

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2002

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Ann Rittle Monaco, a woman of strength, elegance, integrity and a passion for music. Ann, the Artistic Director at the Merit School of Music, died suddenly on July 30, 2002 after being hit from behind by a van while she was out on a run.

Born in Pittsburgh, she earned her bachelor's degree in music from Western College for Women in Oxford, Ohio, and her master's from the New England Conservatory in Boston. While studying at Western, she met Richard A. Monaco, an accomplished composer on the faculty. The two married and in 1974 moved to Oak Park, Illinois.

Over the years, Ann Monaco taught at Chicago State University, and UIC and spent nearly three decades teaching piano to students in her home. In 1982, she joined Merit as a piano teacher, ten years later she became the artistic director. She also was running the school's Tuition-Free Conservatory at the time of her death.

Merit offers a full continuum of instruction in music, both classical and jazz. More than 30,000 youths have studied at Merit since it was founded in 1979. Merit's primary goals are to serve the economically disadvantaged, to help young people achieve their full musical potential, and to give young people a sense of purpose by stimulating personal and educational growth through music.

Ann was a major influence on thousands of Merit students. Known for wearing "a velvet glove over an iron hand" Ann was in charge of keeping high overall artistic standards at Merit, but she also was known for her fierce dedication to her students. She paid close individual attention to her students, doing everything from helping them find appropriate apparel for performances, to teaching them how to bow properly, and to fighting to secure scholarships for them to attend college.

Mr. Speaker, it is with profound sadness that we remember the life of Ann Monaco. Her death creates a void not only at Merit, but also throughout the music education community and the world of music. I urge my colleagues to join me in expressing our condolences to her family and colleagues.

IN TRIBUTE TO ED HOGAN

HON. ELTON GALLEGLY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GALLEGLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise in tribute to a close friend, Ed Hogan, who is celebrating his 75th birthday with no sign of slowing down.

Just over a year ago, I rose to honor Ed and his wife, Lynn, for celebrating 50 years of marriage as business partners and partners in life. I spoke extensively about their entrepreneurial success and their extensive philanthropic endeavors. Some highlights:

Together, Ed and Lynn opened Pleasant Travel Service and built it into a limited liability

corporation with more than 1,700 employees and revenues exceeding \$400 million.

They formed the Pleasant Hawaiian Holidays Foundation to grant annual scholarships and awards to benefit Hawaiian residents. The non-profit Hogan Family Foundation is dedicated to promoting an understanding of the importance of travel and tourism. The Ed and Lynn Hogan Program in Travel and Tourism is funded at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles.

Ed and Lynn volunteered for numerous other non-profit organizations focused on health care, child abuse and education, and sit on several boards, and have been honored frequently for their efforts.

In 1993, Ed and Lynn were inducted into the American Society of Travel Agents' "Hall of Fame," the travel industry's highest honor. In 1995, Ed served as a delegate to the first White House Conference on Travel and Tourism.

The past year has been no less busy. Through the Hogan Family Foundation, Ed and Lynn opened a community garden in Thousand Oaks, California, that is free and open to the public. The Gardens of the World was the site of a one-year anniversary tribute to the heroes and victims of September 11, 2001, sponsored by the city and the foundation.

The Hogans also opened the Hogan Entrepreneurial Program at the Chaminade University of Honolulu. Ed joined the board of the California Tourism Association. And, they were blessed with the birth of their third grandchild, Gavin Hogan, son of Gary and Nadine.

Mr. Speaker, through a lifetime of hard work and family teamwork, Ed Hogan has achieved the American dream. At the same time he has upheld the highest ideals of America by sharing his knowledge and the fruits of his success. I know my colleagues will join Janice and me in wishing Ed Hogan a very happy 75th birthday. We can hardly wait to see what this year brings.

IN RECOGNITION OF REVEREND
FRED COBETT

HON. SAXBY CHAMBLISS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CHAMBLISS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize Reverend Fred Cobett, Children's Minister to Calvary Assembly of God in Dunwoody, Georgia, for taking on an unusual role to teach children how to help other children, while raising money for mission work.

At the request of the children he works with, Pastor Cobett agreed to spend seven entire days on the ledge of a billboard forty feet above interstate 285 in Atlanta for a fundraiser called Up in the Air For Kids. This event is part of the Boys and Girls Missionary Crusade, a non-profit organization founded by the Assemblies of God Church that exists to reach the children of the world by creating a heart of compassion in the children they lead. The Up in the Air For Kids project is geared specifically toward raising community awareness of the needs of children around the world who are living in poverty. Nine other states nationwide are also participating in this benefit and hope to reach a cumulative goal of one million

dollars. Pastor Cobett's goal for Georgia is to raise 100,000 dollars that will be distributed among four separate charities including Convoys of Hope, Latin America Child Care, Africa's Children, and Asia's Little Ones.

As the son of a minister, I have a special affinity for Pastor Cobett and his ministry. It is a high calling, and I commend him for dedicating his life to teaching children the principles of charity, generosity, and goodwill in this creative manner.

HONORING JEANNE CARIGLIA

HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Jeanne Cariglia for her 30 years of service to the students, staff, and community of Gates Lane School of International Studies in Worcester, Massachusetts.

Mrs. Cariglia has done far more than efficiently serve breakfast and lunch for 30 years. Children also receive a warm smile, a friendly greeting, a hug, and a kind word. "Jeannie" is and always has been an integral part of the Gates Lane community. She has left such a lasting impression on our children that a Gates Lane Alumnus, author Jarett Krosoczka, has recently published a children's book entitled Bag Head wherein the "lunch lady" is a curly redheaded character named, as one would expect, "Jeannie."

An active participant in all school activities and social functions, Jeannie received the prestigious Thomas Jefferson Award from the Gates Lane community in 2000. This award was given in recognition of her service above and beyond the call of duty and, more importantly, for her caring attitude, with which she serves her little charges each and every day.

Jeannie's retirement, while a great loss to our community, promises to afford her more time to enjoy her home with her husband, Dante, and her family of three daughters and two grandchildren. She also plans on traveling to sunny places with both her family and her wide circle of friends.

Mr. Speaker, I am certain that the entire House of Representatives joins me in congratulating Mrs. Jeannie Cariglia on her long career of service to the Gates Lane School of International Studies, and wishes her the best of luck in retirement.

INTRODUCTION OF NATIONAL VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATIONS WEEK

HON. EDWARD J. MARKEY

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MARKEY. Mr. Speaker, today Representative JOHN PETERSON (R-PA) and I are introducing a bill to establish a National Visiting Nurse Associations Week in honor of the army of health care heroes who, every day, comfort, care for, and assist our loved ones. Modern society takes for granted the need for nursing as an indispensable component of our public health system, but this was not always

the case. The very concept of a visiting nurse can be traced to the pioneering work of Florence Nightingale. She reformed British military hospitals in the Crimean War through an expose in the British press, she professionalized nursing and made it an acceptable profession for educated women, devoted the rest of her life to building on her experiences, setting standards and writing books, until the mission of nursing had gained the respect of the world.

When Henry Wadsworth Longfellow read of the work of Florence Nightingale, he penned a poem, Santa Filomena, that spoke of the deep appreciation owed by all of us to those dedicated to service in the ultimate caring profession. He wrote:

Whene'er a noble deed is wrought,
Whene'er is spoken a noble thought,
Our hearts, in glad surprise,
To higher levels rise.
The tidal wave of deeper souls
Into our inmost being rolls,
And lifts us unawares
Out of all meaner cares.

The Visiting Nurse Associations of today are founded on the principle that the sick, the disabled, and the elderly benefit most from healthcare when it is offered in their own homes. They are non-profit home health agencies that provide cost-effective and compassionate home and community-based health care to individuals, regardless of their condition or ability to pay for services. Through these exceptional organizations, 90,000 clinicians dedicate their lives to bringing healthcare into the homes of over 4 million Americans every year. In the face of rising costs and drastic changes in our health care system, visiting nurse associations have continued to deliver high quality health services for over 120 years.

It is time for Congress to recognize the vital services that visiting nurses provide their patients. Moreover, visiting nurses also are an indispensable lifeline for families. The comfort and quality care that visiting nurses provide can help family members cope with the difficulties of a loved one's illness.

I am proud to be introducing this important legislation with my colleague Representative PETERSON and urge my colleagues to join us in supporting National Visiting Nurse Associations Week.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KAREN MCCARTHY

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2002

Ms. MCCARTHY of Missouri: Mr. Speaker, due to a problem with my voting card my vote on rollcall No. 403 was not recorded. Had my vote card operated properly I would be recorded as a "yea" on the Waters motion to instruct House conferees on H.R. 3295, The Help America Vote Act of 2001.

TRIBUTE TO LANCE ARMSTRONG

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2002

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing a resolution honoring and congratulating Lance Armstrong on his fourth successive victory of the Tour de France. One of the world's most grueling athletic events, this year's Tour de France bicycling race covered 2,036 miles in 20 days. Winning this challenging race is an amazing feat in itself but Lance Armstrong's triumph is even more remarkable considering his comeback from cancer. Through his efforts with the Lance Armstrong Foundation, Mr. Armstrong has been an effective advocate for cancer survivorship and research.

What I find particularly interesting is the connection between health and bicycling. The active lifestyle inherent in bicycling and the environmental benefits of bicycling as an emission-free, non-polluting transportation alternative is a cornerstone of my work on the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee and as Chair of the bipartisan Congressional Bike Caucus.

The resolution being introduced today is a deserving tribute to Lance Armstrong and his Tour de France victory, commitment to cancer awareness and survivorship, and promotion of bicycling.

TRIBUTE TO DOLORES HUERTA

HON. RUBÉN HINOJOSA

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HINOJOSA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to bring attention to an outstanding member of the Hispanic community. Dolores Huerta has dedicated her life to fighting for equality and fairness for our Nation's farm workers. She has fought equally hard to protect first amendment rights and other issues of justice.

Ms. Huerta began her career as an educator. Her students were the children of farm workers and they routinely went without adequate food and clothing. In response, she founded the Stockton chapter of the Community Service Organization to educate and provide assistance to these laborers. This initial effort grew into the founding of the National Farm Worker Association, a precursor to United Farm Workers Organizing Committee. Ms. Huerta, along with this organization, has advocated against the use of harmful pesticides such as DDT and Parath; on and has led a national campaign for environmental justice. Ms. Huerta was inducted to the Women's Hall of Fame in 1993. She has received the American Civil Liberties Union Roger Baldwin Medal of Liberty Award, as well as many other prestigious recognitions of her dedication.

I am proudly cosponsor H. Con. Res. 177, a bipartisan resolution to honor Dolores Huerta for her tireless efforts on behalf of our nation. Her work particularly interests the 15th Congressional District of Texas, as 60 percent of the national migrant population resides in this area of south Texas.

October 15, 2002 marks the end of Hispanic Heritage Month. I urge my colleagues to bring H. Con. Res. 177 to the floor before the end of this month in order to appropriately acknowledge the contributions of Dolores Huerta, a truly historic Latina.

IN SUPPORT OF H. CON. RES. 177— HONORING DOLORES HUERTA

HON. SILVESTRE REYES

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. REYES. Mr. Speaker, as Chair of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus, I would like to commend my colleague, Representative HILDA SOLIS of California, for introducing H. Con. Res. 177, honoring civil rights leader Dolores Huerta. And I share my colleague's frustration with the undue delay in bringing this resolution before the House.

With National Hispanic Heritage Month celebrated between September 15 and October 15, there isn't a better time to bring this resolution to the floor. This year's celebration would be incomplete if we do not recognize a historic Latina who has led the fight for equality and justice in the United States—Dolores Huerta.

Dolores Huerta's contributions are no less than those that our nation has proudly recognized over the years. Nearly 100 other Members of Congress acknowledge the need to give Dolores Huerta the recognition she deserves and have co-sponsored H. Con. Res. 177.

The contributions of Dolores Huerta are well known and have already been recognized by numerous organizations. Dolores Huerta was inducted into the Women's Hall of Fame in 1993 for her relentless dedication to farm worker issues. She has also received the American Civil Liberties Union Roger Baldwin Medal of Liberty Award and the Ellis Island Medal of Freedom Award. And in March, she was named one of six Women Sustaining the American Spirit honorees by the National Women's History Project.

Dolores Huerta has fought for the rights of underserved laborers for more than 40 years. She has advocated against the use of harmful pesticides such as DDT and Parathyon, led a national campaign for environmental justice, and protected our First Amendment rights through peaceful protests and demonstrations.

Dolores Huerta began as a teacher, but left the teaching profession because she couldn't stand to see her students—children of farmworkers—arrive at school hungry and without shoes. She founded the Stockton chapter of the Community Service Organization in 1955 to educate and assist farmworkers. In 1962, she joined with Cesar Chavez to found the National Farm Workers Association, a precursor to the United Farm Workers Organizing Committee. The organization has repeatedly fought for the rights of farmworkers, advocated against the use of harmful pesticides and led a national campaign for environmental justice.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and the rest of the leadership to bring H. Con. Res. 177 to the floor, so we may give Dolores Huerta the recognition she so richly deserves during Hispanic Heritage Month.