

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN MEMORY OF FORMER CONGRESSMAN ROMAN PUCINSKI OF ILLINOIS

HON. J. DENNIS HASTERT

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 1, 2002

Mr. HASTERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of former Congressman Roman Pucinski who nobly served and represented the people of Illinois for 14 years in this body.

Roman Pucinski began a life of service by enlisting as a private in the One Hundred and Sixth Cavalry during World War II. A member of the Army Air Forces in the Pacific, he flew 49 missions over Japan and lead his bomber group on the first B-29 "Superfortress" bombing raid over Tokyo in 1944. And his dedication and bravery won him the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal with Clusters.

In 1958, the people of Northwest Chicago elected Roman Pucinski to represent them in the 86th Congress of the United States. Over the course of his tenure in the House, Congressman Pucinski became a champion of airline safety. As a newly elected member in 1959, Congressman Pucinski strongly urged the government to require cockpit voice recorders in all airplanes that carry at least six passengers. In 1964, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) ultimately adopted Congressman Pucinski's proposal, phasing in the requirement for cockpit voice recorders over the following 3 years. Many years later, his persistence and dedication to airline safety won Congressman Pucinski the FAA's Silver Medal of Distinguished Service.

Yet, we should also remember Congressman Pucinski for his invaluable contributions to education. As a sponsor of legislation to strengthen public education, he secured funding over several years to improve educational opportunities for the young people of Illinois.

In 1972, Congressman Pucinski left the House of Representatives to pursue a seat in the U.S. Senate. Although he was not elected to the Senate, he continued his life of public service as a Chicago alderman from 1973 until 1991.

Congressman Pucinski will forever be remembered in the halls of the House for his many years of service and dedication to the people of Illinois. And the people he so dutifully represented will forever feel the impact of his immeasurable contributions to their communities.

A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT OF FRED ABRAHAM

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

HON. RALPH REGULA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, Whereas, Fred Abraham was a 23 year advocate for wetland and waterfowl conservation through Ducks Unlimited; and

Whereas, Fred Abraham was an integral factor in the reauthorization of the North American Wetlands Conservation Act, which raised the appropriation from \$6.75 million to \$43.5 million; and

Whereas, Fred Abraham must be commended for his diligence, heart, and his ability to motivate those around him by establishing a superb example; and

Whereas, Ohio and the entire United States will continue to reap the benefits of Mr. Abraham's dedication, service, and friendship;

Therefore, we join with the residents of the state of Ohio in celebrating Fred Abraham's years of service and retirement from Ducks Unlimited.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE BROOME-TIOGA ASSOCIATION FOR RETARDED CITIZENS

HON. MAURICE D. HINCHEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HINCHEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Broome-Tioga Association for Retarded Citizens in celebration of its 50th anniversary. I am honored to congratulate the ARC for its 50 years of service to Broome and Tioga counties.

ARC began its activities with a small group of families and individuals, which provided educational and recreational activities for their disabled children. In its infancy, the group organized a half-day pre-school program for 3- to 8-year-olds in the Trinity Memorial Parish House.

In 1952, the ARC founders, a group of eight local families, met to discuss the need for services for mentally retarded children. The Broome County chapter of the New York Association for the Help of Retarded Children was founded on September 9, 1952. A primary class for 8 to 12 year olds was set up in the Presbyterian Church. The founders raised money with bake sales and by obtaining small donations.

For 50 years, ARC has served our community with diligence and care. Over time, the ARC has expanded its services to provide compassionate care to thousands of retarded citizens. It opened full-time classrooms for pri-

mary and intermediate mentally retarded children. The school programming expanded to three classrooms, as the primary program moved to Woodrow Wilson School in Binghamton and the pre-school program moved to Your Home Library in Johnson City. A half-day nursery school class for 3-5 year olds was also established.

In 1964, the Tioga ARC Chapter was formed and opened its first workshop for adults in downtown Binghamton. In 1974, the Tioga and Broome County associations merged and began to provide social opportunities through its Party Night Programs.

In 1977, ARC opened Supervised Community Residences on Chapin and Main streets in Binghamton and on Broad Street in Endicott. Additionally, it established the Carlton Street Supervised Apartment Housing complex, where the New Day Training program began. It also established the Pre-Vocational Day Training Program, which served 20 people. ARC's Day Treatment Program was its first Medicaid-funded program.

ARC began to provide employment opportunities through its Supported Employment Services. Additionally, it established the Family Support Services Program to assist families in maintaining their children at home. It also established the Individual Support Services Residential Program, providing necessary assistance to individuals.

In 1994, ARC opened the Tioga County Multi-Functional Facility in Owego. The site is the county's first provider for people with developmental disabilities. The Day Habilitation Program, established in both Broome and Tioga counties, provides services to 175 individuals.

Mr. Speaker, I am delighted to salute the Broome-Tioga ARC for its many years of distinguished service to our community. It is my pleasure to join the members, family and friends of ARC in extending my deepest appreciation for its outstanding services.

RECOGNITION OF "TOWERS OF LIGHT" BY DOROTHY DIEMER HENDRY

HON. ROBERT E. (BUD) CRAMER, JR.

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 1, 2002

Mr. CRAMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to share with the House of Representatives a poem written by one of my constituents, Dorothy Diemer Hendry of Huntsville, Alabama. The poem, "Towers of Light," was written at the time of the 1-year anniversary of September 11 and provides us with hope and encouragement that we can become towers of light in this world. I am pleased to share this poem with you today.

"TOWERS OF LIGHT"

(By Dorothy Diemer Hendry)

Two shafts of light
stream down through clouds

● This "bullet" symbol identifies statements or insertions which are not spoken by a Member of the Senate on the floor.

Matter set in this typeface indicates words inserted or appended, rather than spoken, by a Member of the House on the floor.

to bedrock of a crater
cleared of rubble and bones.
We look up, up, up
these twin towers of light
until we must shield our eyes
from their source, more luminous
than sun and moon and stars.

What is the source?
Not firestorm of planes
commandeered and exploded
in misbegotten piety and hate.
Not savage burning of
"heathen" temples or churches,
mosques or synagogues.
Not merciless holocaust
of "enemy" fields and forests,
schools and homes and people.

The source of light may
go by different names in
your religion and mine,
yet somehow the twin towers
remind us of two neighbors filled
with the radiance of the Golden Rule.

Neighbor from anywhere,
let us not quarrel about
holy names and ancient cruelties.
Let us fill the crater with loam
and plant a new garden on Earth.
In honor of heroes and loved ones,
let us summon the courage, wisdom,
and kindness to dwell in mutual peace.
Can we not become towers of light?

CELEBRATING THE REDEDICATION OF THE SAN DIMAS CATHOLIC CHURCH OF MALESSO

HON. ROBERT A. UNDERWOOD

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 1, 2002

Mr. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the rededication of one of Guam's oldest churches, the San Dimas Catholic Church of Malesso. This Sunday, September, 29, 2002, the residents of Guam will celebrate and welcome the new church building, the patron saint of Malesso, which is the island's southernmost village. For more than three centuries the San Dimas Catholic Church has stood as a center of faith and traditions for the community of Malesso. On the eve of the rededication celebration, I would like to commemorate the rich history the San Dimas Church and the village of Malesso have brought to my district of Guam.

The history of Catholic missionaries in Guam began on June 9, 1671, when the Spanish ship Buen Socorro docked in Umatac Bay with four new padres for the Marianas Mission. The four had come to relieve three Fathers already working in the Marianas under the guidance of Father San Vitores. Two of the new priests, Father Francisco Esquerra and Father Francisco Solano, had come from the Philippines by way of Mexico.

The Padres worked hard in Hagatna, the capitol city of Guam, preaching to Spanish soldiers and lay workers, while maintaining carefully the devoted congregations formed by Father San Vitores. They rebuilt the Hagatna church, which had been destroyed in the typhoon of 1671. Father Esquerra and the other Padres soon were not content to work only in Hagatna, and began to make various mission journeys covering more than half the island.

Late in 1672, Father Esquerra became concerned at the great distance they had to travel

to get to the usual anchorage of the ships, which was the port of San Antonio de Umatac (Umatac). He decided that it would be good to have a church in the southern part of the island which the Padres could settle. Father Esquerra decided upon the village of Malesso, and built a church there under the patronage of San Dimas. The Padre himself carefully attended the construction of the church. Two years later in 1674, Father Esquerra was martyred. However, the legacy of the San Dimas Church still lives today.

Thirty-one pastors have served the people of San Dimas Parish for 330 years. The Padres include:

1672-1674	Fr. Francisco Esquerra, S. J.;
1674-1799	Fr. Raphael Canicia, S. J. &
other Jesuits;	
1800-1805	Fr. Cristobal Ibanez;
1836-1848	Fr. Jose Ferrer;
1851-1860	Fr. Juan Fernandez;
1864-1869	Fr. Faustino Fernandez Del
Corral;	
1870-1886	Fr. Mariano Martinez;
1886-1890	Fr. Juan Herrero;
1890-1891	Fr. Jose Lamban;
1891-1893	Fr. Ildefonso Cabanilla;
1893-1899	Fr. Crisogono Oitin;
1908-1923	Fr. Cristobal de Canals;
1923-1927	Fr. Bernabe de Caseda;
1930-1934	Fr. Gil de Lagana;
1935-1936	Fr. Marcelo de Vallava;
1937-1940	Fr. Pastro de Arrayoz;
1940-1942	Fr. Marcian Pellet;
1942-1945	Fr. Jesus Duenas & Fr. Oscar
Calvo ministered to the people of Guam dur-	
ing the War Occupation;	
1945-1947	Fr. Marcian Pellet (Returns
from a prison camp);	
1947-1948	Adelbert Donlon;
1948-1950	Fr. Julius Sullivan;
1950-1953	Fr. Alexander Feeley;
1954-1956	Fr. Antonine Zimmerman;
1956-1957	Fr. Sylvan Conover;
1957-1967	Fr. Timothy Kavinaugh;
1967-1987	Fr. Lee Friel;
1987-1987	Fr. Felixberto Leon Guerrero;
1987-1988	Fr. Patrick Castro;
1988-1997	Fr. Jose Villagomez;
1997-1998	Fr. Eric Forbes;
Archdiocesan Clergy; and	
1998-Present	Fr. Mike Crisostomo

Nearly 80 percent of Guam's residents are Roman Catholics. This identity has profoundly shaped many of the island's culture and traditions. For more than three centuries, pastors and parishioners have given their time and skills with strong loyalty and devotion to the San Dimas Church.

The reopening of the doors at the San Dimas Catholic Church of Malesso after four years of being closed to rebuild the church structure is especially meaningful to those who dedicated countless hours to coordinating its reconstruction. Hundreds of church volunteers led by San Dimas' Pastor, Pale Mike Crisostomo, devoted and sacrificed time working on the church's Finance Council, Demolition Crew, Worship Space Volunteer Committee, Dedication Committee, Parish Council, Pastoral Planning Committee, Finance Committee, Solicitation Committee, Building Committee, Cemetery Committee, Confraternity of Christian Mothers, Angel Tree Project, Faith Formation or "Eskuelan Pale", Ministers of Liturgy, Sacristan, Eucharistic Ministers, Acolytes, Altar Servers, Music Ministry, Knights of Columbus, Maintenance and Landscaping,

and Office Staff, to make the rebuilding and rededication of San Dimas Church a great success.

I would also like to recognize and commend the many individuals who spent tireless hours coordinating the celebration, from those who will prepare the food for the village feast, set up all of the palapas and tents, decorate the church and surrounding areas and the celebrants who will all help to usher in the new San Dimas Catholic Church of Malesso this year. Biba San Dimas! Biba Malesso! Biba Guam!

HONORING THE MEMORY OF KENNETH MICHAEL GRAFF

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 1, 2002

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to 2 Lieutenant Kenneth Michael Graff, USMC, upon his passing on September 23, 2002 while attending Naval Aviation School at Pensacola Naval Air Station.

Lt. Graff was born and raised in Dix Hills, NY, and was a 1996 graduate of Half Hollow Hills High School East. In 2001, he graduated from the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, (USMMA), located in the town of Kings Point, NY, on Long Island. Kenneth was revered by all of his peers because of his kind spirit and his overwhelming willingness to help others.

Whether it was in the classroom, on the athletic field, or in the regiment, Lt. Graff excelled in every facet of the Academy. In the regiment, Kenneth held charge of an entire platoon in his company, as well as multiple petty officer and squad leader billets. He was a key member of both the Academy soccer and baseball teams, where he turned in outstanding All-Star and championship team performances. Kenneth was a fierce competitor, a strong student, an outstanding athlete, and a person who took pride in his regiment.

Lt. Graff was a caring and thoughtful person, who could find common ground with any of the midshipmen, from his peers to his subordinates. He was secure in himself and focused on his goals. This dedication and focus is exemplified by his success at the Academy, his decision to accept a commission in the U.S. Marine Corps and his selection to Naval Flight School. These key events show the honor, integrity, drive, and patriotism of this young man.

Mr. Speaker, this is a tribute to a young man who was at the beginning of a promising and fruitful life. Though his life was short, he was an outstanding young man brought up by loving parents, family and friends. We will miss him and the promises and potentials he represented. We need more young people of his upbringing and caliber to enrich our families, communities, and country. My condolences go to his parents, Orris and Kenneth Graff and his brother, Michael John. I salute the memory of their son and brother, 2nd Lt. Kenneth Michael Graff, USMC.