

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

DEDICATION IN THE MEMORY OF
MARINE CORPS PRIVATE FIRST
CLASS FRANCIS M. FINNERTY,
JR.

HON. MARGE ROUKEMA

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 2, 2002

Mrs. ROUKEMA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call the attention of my colleagues to a very special event to be held later this month in Washington Township, New Jersey.

On October 20, 2002, the community of the Township and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6192 will dedicate the intersection of Pascack and Westgate Avenues to one of Bergen County's fallen sons, Marine Corps Private First Class Francis M. Finnerty, Jr. PFC Finnerty, who made the ultimate sacrifice for his country, exemplifies the American values that have made our country great.

PFC Finnerty arrived in Vietnam in August 1967, at the tender age of nineteen. A rifleman, he was the only soldier in his platoon to survive the battle of Hue in February 1968, later surviving almost a month in the mountains of Vietnam. Even before that—only two weeks after his arrival in Vietnam—PFC Finnerty earned a Purple Heart for injuries to his hand and leg suffered when he was wounded by a land mine in Thu Bai.

Later, in an act of pure selflessness, PFC Finnerty elected to remain in Vietnam to fight, even when he became eligible to return to his home in Washington Township. Tragically, only a short time later, PFC Finnerty became the 117th serviceman from Bergen County to give his life for his country, when he was killed in Da Nang.

Mr. Speaker, at a time when our Nation most needs its heroes, PFC Finnerty's selflessness, courage, and dedication to his country should serve as an example to us all. On October 20, 2002, our hearts will go out to PFC Finnerty's family—particularly his parents, Marion and Francis M. Finnerty—who will return to Washington Township as the Township and VFW Post 6192 dedicate one of the Township's streets in his memory.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing this solemn occasion, and commemorating the sacrifice made by PFC Francis M. Finnerty, Jr. years ago so that we might all enjoy a more secure freedom today.

TRIBUTE TO EDWIN HEAFEY, JR.

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a remarkable Californian, who has left an indelible mark on the law and the community through his work in both the courtroom and the classroom.

Edwin Heafey, Jr. was a founding partner of the Oakland-based law firm Crosby, Heafey, Roach and May. With his father, brother and a law school classmate, Edwin Heafey built the firm from eight attorneys to 250 attorneys, and six offices throughout the state of California.

Edwin Heafey was a lawyer's lawyer, among the last of the breed who could rightly claim to be an expert in fields ranging from business law to personal injury law and who had 150 trials under his belt to prove it.

He represented Alameda County in the Oakland Raiders' \$100 million antitrust dispute with the National Football League, and some of his big cases helped shape product liability law in California and across the country. In these cases and others, he was a fierce advocate, but one known for his good humor and courtesy as much as his expertise and tenacity.

His knowledge of the law was as encyclopedic as his respect for it was immense. Edwin literally wrote the book on trial procedure.

As a professor at Boalt Hall law school in Berkeley for 17 years, he helped train the next generation of trial lawyers. As a teacher and, for many, as a mentor long after graduation, Edwin Heafey seeded the California legal community with talented young people steeped in both his knowledge and his uncompromising ethic.

Edwin Heafey held himself to the highest standards and believed that the law—and his law firm—could be a significant force for social as well as legal justice.

The Crosby, Heafey, Roach & May Foundation has made hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of grants to non-profit organizations throughout the San Francisco Bay Area and Southern California. Grant recipients have included such organizations as Second Chance Adult Literacy Program, Los Angeles Youth Conservation Corps and the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights.

In addition, every year dozens of Crosby Heafey lawyers provide pro bono legal services totaling thousands of hours. They represent asylum seekers from Central America, Tibet and Haiti and seniors who have been taken advantage of or abused. They help people with AIDS to plan their estates and provide legal representation to low-income people who would otherwise go unrepresented in discrimination cases, landlord-tenant disputes and consumer problems.

The firm Edwin Heafey helped found is unique in another respect. While many big companies preach the virtues of diversity, few actually achieve a truly diverse workforce. Through commitment to the recruitment and retention of minority and women lawyers, the 2002 issue of *Minority Law Journal* ranked Crosby, Heafey, Roach and May as the 10th most diverse of the nation's 250 largest law firms.

For that, and for so much more, the East Bay of California and indeed, the legal community nationwide, has much to be thankful for from Edwin Heafey Jr.

Edwin Heafey succumbed to cancer this summer, leaving behind his beloved wife, Mary, two children, three stepchildren and four much-adored grandchildren.

His family, the closest people to him, gave the best description of him that I can imagine in a card written shortly after their loss.

They called him "fun, a phrase maker, the problem solver. He repaired relationships, created opportunities, built careers."

He was "an enthusiastic scholar, learned educator, builder of a band of mutually devoted companions into a law firm."

He was, in sum, "quite a guy."

I could not agree more.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DOUG BEREUTER

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 2, 2002

Mr. BEREUTER. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 427 & 428 for reasons of official business to release the first annual report of the Congressional-Executive Commission on China.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on the approval of the Journal and on H. Con. Res. 476.

HONORING YALE LEONARD ROSENBERG

HON. KEN BENTSEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 2, 2002

Mr. BENTSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise in memory of an accomplished and revered legal scholar, Yale Leonard Rosenberg, who passed away on Sunday, September 22, 2002, at the age of 63. His death is a tremendous loss not only to his wife Irene, but to the University of Houston Law Center community and Houston's Jewish community. As an A.A. White Professor of Law at the University of Houston Law Center, Mr. Rosenberg will be fondly remembered by his students and colleagues as a devoted teacher who inspired those around him with his quiet decency and boundless passion for teaching the law.

Yale Rosenberg, a native Houstonian, was an exceptional individual who exemplified the best of the legal field. At an early age, he demonstrated remarkable academic ability and desire to be involved in the community. In high school, he was named Houston's "Outstanding Jewish Athlete." At Rice University, Yale Rosenberg not only excelled academically, graduating with a degree in Business Administration-Economics, but also and served as the "Grand Aleph Godol," or International President of the B'nai Brith AZA Youth Organization.

Yale Rosenberg's stellar legal career began at New York University Law School and was

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followed by the prestigious clerkship with the Honorable Judge Oscar H. Davis of the United States Court of Appeals in Washington, D.C. He went on the work at the law firm of Arnold & Porter. Dedicated to public service, he joined the New York Mayor's Task Force on the Constitutional Convention as Legal Advisor in 1966 and served as Assistant United States Attorney in the Southern District of New York from 1967 through 1972.

In 1973, Yale Rosenberg returned to Houston with his wife and legal collaborator Irene Merker Rosenberg to join the faculty of the University of Houston Law Center. By his own account, the years he spent teaching civil procedure, federal jurisdiction, and professional responsibility to aspiring Texas attorneys were incredibly rewarding. Upon receiving the 2000 Teaching Excellence Award at the University of Houston, Professor Rosenberg explained, "The satisfaction of seeing a light come on in a law student's mind—that initial flash of understanding—simply cannot be replicated." His love of teaching was manifest. Yale Rosenberg shared not only his expert knowledge of the law but instilled a respect for the power that our legal institutions and principles play in all our lives. Among Professor Rosenberg's most notable accomplishments in his nearly thirty years of teaching was his development of a Jewish law course. He also made important contributions to jurisprudence in the areas of criminal procedure, constitutional law, and comparative law.

His dedication to the Jewish community was reflected in his long association with the Congregation Young Israel in Houston. Professor Rosenberg opened his home and his heart to his friends and neighbors not only in Houston but from all over the country and world.

Yale Leonard Rosenberg is survived by his loving wife Irene Merker Rosenberg, numerous cousins, vast numbers of friends and students whose lives touched with his uncommon kindness and boundless wisdom.

Mr. Speaker, students and colleagues, as well as friends and family members, mourn the loss of Professor Yale Leonard Rosenberg, but his lasting impact will always remain in their hearts.

IN RECOGNITION OF RUDOLPH
"RUDY" MANZ

HON. MARGE ROUKEMA

OF NEW JERSEY

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Mrs. ROUKEMA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate an outstanding member of our community and of New Jersey—Rudolph "Rudy" Manz, who this year completes fifty years of service to the Franklin Lakes Volunteer Fire Department in Franklin Lakes, New Jersey. Rudy is an outstanding example of the type of person who makes Bergen County, our state, and our Nation such a wonderful place. He exemplifies the American values that have made our country great.

The list of Rudy's contributions to the families of Bergen County and New Jersey is innumerable. Rudy joined the Franklin Lakes Volunteer Fire Department on March 3, 1952. In the more than fifty years since, he has served in almost every capacity, from Chief Engineer to Chief of the Department. In 1972, and again

in 1988, Rudy was honored as Firefighter of the Year. He is a thirty-year member of the New Jersey State Fire Chief's Association, and is a Past President, Life Member, and Member of the Board of Trustees of the New Jersey/New York Volunteer Fireman's Association.

Perhaps more amazing, while Rudy has given so much of his time and energy to the Franklin Lakes Volunteer Fire Department for the past half-century, his dedication to service and his community does not end there. Rudy serves as a hospitality minister at the Most Blessed Sacrament Church, has delivered Meals on Wheels to those in need, has been a Charter Member of the Northwest Bergen Mutual Aid Association, and is a life Member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5702. It is little surprise that in 1996, Rudy was honored as "Volunteer of the Year" in Franklin Lakes.

In recognition of all that Rudy has given, on October 19, 2002, the Franklin Lakes Volunteer Fire Department will honor Rudy with a dinner in tribute recognizing his fifty years of service. Rudy's justified pride in this accomplishments is shared by his wife of fifty-two years, Anna, his four children, and his ten grandchildren. In these times, where America most needs its heroes, Rudolph "Rudy" Manz should serve as an inspiration and example to all.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Rudy Manz on his fifty years of dedicated service to the Franklin Lakes Volunteer Fire Department, and saluting the countless contributions he has made to the lives of so many residents of New Jersey.

CHIEF JUDGE MICHAEL
SKWIERAWSKI, "POLISH AMERICAN OF THE YEAR"

HON. GERALD D. KLECZKA

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 2, 2002

Mr. KLECZKA. Mr. Speaker, on Friday, October 11, 2002, the Milwaukee Society will be honoring the Chief Judge of Wisconsin's First Judicial District, the Honorable Michael J. Skwierawski at its annual Pulaski Day banquet.

Judge Skwierawski has served as a Circuit Court Judge since 1979, and as Chief Judge since 1998. In addition to several other judicial activities, Judge Skwierawski also teaches for the Wisconsin State Bar Association, the Wisconsin Judicial College and the National Judicial College.

Despite his busy professional schedule, Judge Skwierawski finds time to be active in the community. He has coached softball and served on various committees at St. Sebastian's Parish, was board member and consultant for a non-profit group that operates group homes for adolescents, and volunteers at St. Francis Hospital during the Christmas holidays.

But it is also his hard work and dedication within the Polish community in Milwaukee that makes him such a wonderful choice for Polish American of the Year. It was under Judge Skwierawski's leadership and vision as President of the Polish Heritage Alliance that the

longstanding dream of a Polish Center in Wisconsin became a reality. This beautiful traditional Polish country manor design facility has become a gathering place for people of Polish heritage, and a source of great pride for Milwaukee's Polish community.

Judge Skwierawski has been a member of the Polish National Alliance since 1978 and has been active in a number of committees and projects, including the annual PolishFest weekend at Milwaukee's lakefront. On occasion, the judge even shares his considerable musical talents for a good cause, and in his "spare" time he can be heard performing as lead singer for the Rock 'n' Roll band, "Presumed Guilty."

It's with great pleasure that I join with the judge's wife Gloria, his children Andrea, Jenny, Meg and Andy, his many colleagues and friends in offering well deserved congratulations to Chief Judge Michael Skwierawski, 2002 Polish American of the Year.

IN MEMORY OF BILL STEVICK

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 2, 2002

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, it is with deep sadness that I inform the House of the death of Mr. Bill Stevick of Harrisonville, MO.

Mr. Stevick was born in Topeka, KS, on June 8, 1920, son of James Floyd and Vera May (Maze) Stevick. He attended Springfield Missouri High School and received his law degree from Washburn University, Topeka, KS, in 1950.

Mr. Stevick served in the U.S. Army during World War II both in Italy and North Africa under General George Patton receiving both the Silver Star and Purple Heart. He attended the U.S. Army Command and Staff College at Fort Leavenworth and was a graduate of the Industrial College of the Armed Forces. He was called back to active duty in 1951 as a Major during the Korean War and served in Virginia as a training officer. He retired from the Army Reserves as a Lieutenant Colonel.

Along with his distinguished military career, Bill was a member of the Delta Theta Phi legal fraternity and practiced law for over 50 years. In the 1950's he was Director of Vital Statistics and Records for the State of Kansas, served as a general counsel for the State of Kansas and was appointed Workers Compensation Commissioner of Kansas. He was elected as Lee's Summit Municipal Judge in 1962 and worked in public relations for the former AT&T Company in Lee's Summit, retiring with over 25 years of service.

Mr. Stevick was commander of the Topeka chapter of the Military Order of the World Wars, a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Harrisonville, the American Legion, Harrisonville, Gideons International, the National Rifle Association, the Cass County Historical Society, Telephone Pioneers, and the Missouri and Kansas Bar Associations. Bill was an active member of the Harrisonville United Methodist Church, where he served as lay speaker for many years, as well as an impersonator of John Wesley, founder of the Methodist Church. He was also a well-known impersonator of Mark Twain. Bill was a longtime Scoutmaster, an Eagle Scout and member of the Tribe of Mic-O-Say. He was active