

MARTIN WALZER HONORED

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2002

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call the attention of the House of Representatives to the service to the community of Martin Walzer, who will receive the Robert N. Pursel Distinguished Community Achievement Award. The Danville, Pennsylvania, Chapter of the American Red Cross will present this award to him on November 16 in recognition of his lifetime of service to the community.

Mr. Walzer was born in 1942 in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, the third child of Martin Shubert and Mary Flexer Walzer. He graduated from the Hill School in Pottstown and graduated from Cornell University with a degree in agricultural economics. His connection to the Danville area began when he went to work in sales for his father's wholesale food distribution company.

One of his customers in the Danville area was the owner of the Pine Barn Inn, Margaret Bush, and when she decided to get out of that business, he bought it and has become known as Danville's "goodwill ambassador." He has also grown the business over the years and it now has more than twice as many rooms as it did when he bought it.

Mr. Walzer is a member of the Danville Area Community Center board of directors and a founding member of the Danville Area Community Foundation executive board. He has participated in numerous additional community organizations over the years, including the Danville Chamber of Commerce, Iron Heritage Festival, Montour County Recreation Authority and the Greater Danville Industrial Development Corporation.

He has also made large-scale contributions to the community, such as donating the land that Geisinger Medical Center used to create its main entrance as well as donating approximately \$6,000 to the Danville Area Community Center by covering the cost of its 15th anniversary fundraising dinner.

"Just as generous, though, are the many smaller kindnesses," as the Danville News stated in the article announcing Mr. Walzer had been chosen for this award.

Because his inn is next to the busy Geisinger Medical Center, Mr. Walzer has taken advantage of many opportunities to put his generosity and caring into action, whether that simply means being supportive to families with a loved one in the hospital with a serious illness or injury or going further to loan them clothes and give them rides to Williamsport or Scranton.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to call to the attention of the House of Representatives the long record of service to the community of Martin Walzer, and I congratulate him on this well-deserved award.

TRIBUTE TO BEN C. ANDERSON,
PRESIDENT, BUILDING INDUSTRY
ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHERN
CALIFORNIA

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to an individual whose dedication and contributions to Southern California are exceptional. Southern California has been fortunate to have dynamic and dedicated community leaders who willingly and unselfishly give time and talent to making their communities a better place to live and work. Bob Anderson is one of these individuals. At the end of the year, Ben will be stepping down as President of the Building Industry Association of Southern California after many years of dedicated service.

Ben has worked through BIA/SC, the California Building Industry Association (CBIA) and the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) to promote the building industry's contributions to the communities that it serves, to advocate on behalf of his colleagues and to create new home-ownership opportunities. Ben has exemplified leadership and dedicated service to the building industry as a CBIA and NAHB director, as BIA/SC Secretary/Treasurer, Second Vice President, First Vice President and President.

Ben has also served as a member of the Board of Directors for the Boys and Girls Club in the City of Fontana and continues to be active in several business organizations both in the Inland Empire and Orange County.

Ben has worked tirelessly to ensure that all Southern Californians have the opportunity to achieve the American Dream of home ownership, and to promote housing as a community asset which strengthens the fabric of our many neighborhoods in Southern California. Ben has been a dedicated, strong and effective voice for the principles and ideals of California's building community during his years as a member and leader of the Building Industry Association of Southern California.

Ben's diligent work as the President of Building Industry Association of Southern California has contributed immeasurably to the betterment of Southern California. His involvement in community organizations makes me proud to call him a fellow community member, American and friend. I know that all of the residents and homeowners of Southern California are grateful for his service and salute him as his term comes to an end. I look forward to working with him in the future for the good of our community.

IN OPPOSITION TO H.R. 2155,
SOBER BORDERS ACT

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2002

Ms. McCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in opposition to H.R. 2155, the Sober Borders Act.

While I support the intent of this legislation, I am concerned H.R. 2155 unnecessarily fails

to balance our need for safe driving on the borders with the interests of a safe and legal flow of people across the borders too and from the United States.

At a time when our border patrol officers and Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) inspectors face heavy workloads, H.R. 2155 would impose new duties unrelated to terrorism that could potentially overwhelm the resources and personnel available at our borders. In the wake of the September 11th tragedies, it is important that we allow INS agents and officials do to their jobs correctly and efficiently, without burdening them with new responsibilities normally assigned to state law enforcement agencies. We must be careful not to stretch the limited resources beyond INS's immigration and anti-terrorism functions.

I am also concerned that H.R. 2155 could be improperly used to target persons on the basis of race, ethnicity or national origin unless safeguards are added to prevent racial profiling. During mark-up of H.R. 2155, a sensible amendment was offered to monitor whether law enforcement uses their authority in a discriminatory manner to detain, test and arrest persons suspected of driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol. Unfortunately, this amendment was defeated and the bill brought before the full House contained no accountability measures to prevent racial profiling and provided no opportunity to address this issue further.

I believe this amendment was a modest request that would have made the underlying bill stronger. New authority (such as the new authority granted in H.R. 2155) that creates a risk of racial profiling should be accompanied by accountability mechanisms that measure whether profiling has occurred. It is important that in our pursuit for greater safety we do not violate the rights of certain individuals based merely on race, ethnicity or national origin.

I support measures that seek to reduce drinking and driving in America's communities and neighborhoods. But in these efforts we must be careful not to weaken existing law enforcement functions or violate the rights of the American people. Regrettably, H.R. 2155 does not meet these goals.

EXPRESSING SORROW OF THE
HOUSE AT THE DEATH OF THE
HONORABLE PAUL D.
WELLSTONE, SENATOR FROM
THE STATE OF MINNESOTA

SPEECH OF

HON. ELIJAH E. CUMMINGS

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 12, 2002

Mr. CUMMINGS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a great American and a great man—Senator PAUL WELLSTONE. The passing of Senator PAUL WELLSTONE creates a void that is impossible to fill—it is a tragedy for this nation and a personal tragedy for me.

PAUL WELLSTONE was a tireless fighter for what he believed in. He was a man whose honor is unquestioned, whose energy was infectious, and whose dedication to his country—and those ideals upon which it was built—was obvious in everything he did. PAUL WELLSTONE's passing robs voiceless Americans—the poor and disenfranchised—of one

of their greatest advocates. And it leaves those of us bent on furthering a progressive agenda without one of our greatest leaders.

Mr. Speaker, I also rise today to mourn the loss of one of the hardest-working people I have ever known. PAUL WELLSTONE earned himself a scholarship to the University of North Carolina as a student and an athlete. Four years after graduation he was awarded a Ph.D. in political science and began a 21-year teaching career in which he became increasingly involved in community organizing. In 1990, PAUL WELLSTONE—an under-funded underdog—ran a long-shot campaign for the United States Senate, which he won by energizing ordinary Minnesotans. 12 years later, his political legacy stands as testament to him keeping his promises.

Unlike many politicians, there was no disconnecting between PAUL WELLSTONE's political ideology and the way he lived his life. PAUL was the Senator who knew the names of the elevator operators and waiters in the Senate Dining Room. He was the Senator who, according to James W. Ziglar, a Republican who was Sergeant-at-Arms of the Senate from 1998 to 2001, returned late one evening to his office to tell the cleaning staff how much he appreciated their work. PAUL WELLSTONE's unique authenticity, and his ability to remain true to his roots distinguished him here in Washington and, as many Minnesotans will tell you, back in his home state.

PAUL WELLSTONE was an unabashed liberal. He believed that every American should have access to affordable health care and good public schools, that our foreign policy should be based first and foremost on the sanctity of all human life—American or otherwise. And he knew that coming down on the right side of an issue—keeping in-line with his morals and ethics—was always more important than voting with the majority or in a politically-motivated way. PAUL WELLSTONE voted against the Persian Gulf War as one of his first acts as a Senator, and just recently was the only Senator facing re-election who voted against giving President Bush authority to conduct preemptive and unauthorized military strikes on Iraq. PAUL was a man who did not compromise his ideals.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Senator PAUL WELLSTONE. In an era where the difference between talk and action is often enormous, PAUL WELLSTONE was a man who lived as he spoke. I believe that America is better for it.

HONORING THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF SHREWSBURY, MA

HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2002

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the men and women of the First Congregational Church of Shrewsbury, Massachusetts for receiving the Harry S. Cutting, Jr. Award for community service in the town of Shrewsbury.

The Harry S. Cutting Award is given out by Shrewsbury Community Services to recognize members of the community who, through their support and commitment, have made an out-

standing contribution to Shrewsbury Community Services, as well as to the residents of Shrewsbury.

The First Congregational Church is a member of the Shrewsbury Ecumenical Council and is active in a wide range of local and international community service. The Church devotes its time to support food donations, clothing drives, academic scholarships, among many other worthy causes.

On the international level, the Church has been active in the Caribbean by providing medical and dental care free of charge to those in need of help. Additionally, the Church has worked on the HEFFA Project, an international organization that helps countries become self-sufficient.

Mr. Speaker, it is a pleasure to inform the U.S. House of Representatives about the hard work that the First Congregational Church of Shrewsbury, Massachusetts has done over the past few years. It is always important to have citizens join together to help others. I am confident that the entire U.S. House of Representatives joins me in congratulating the First Congregational Church for receiving the Harry S. Cutting, Jr. Award.

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF OAKLAND CITY COUNCILMEMBER DICK SPEES

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2002

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Oakland City Councilmember Dick Spees on his retirement after 24 years of distinguished service.

Dick Spees is a leader on issues of economic development, marketing, finance, quality of life, public safety, and regional planning. Throughout his tenure on the City Council, he has remained committed to providing top-notch service and programs to his constituents.

Bolstering Oakland's economy and creating new recreational and educational facilities are top priorities for Dick Spees. He has led efforts to found the Chabot Space and Science Center, Oakland-Sharing the Vision, Oakland Tours, Bay Area Economic Forum, Bay Area World Trade Center, and Bay Area Bioscience Center.

With his support, Oakland has purchased open space, built new recreation centers, libraries, and cultural facilities, and upgraded emergency response facilities and equipment. The Oakland Fire Assessment District and an incentive program that encourages property owners to make seismic improvements to their homes were formed under his leadership.

As Chair of the City Council's Rules Committee, Dick Spees has overseen campaign finance reform, the sunshine ordinance, the lobbyist registration ordinance, and the formation of the public ethics commission.

A true civic leader, Dick Spees has represented Oakland on many Bay Area regional agencies, including the Association of Bay Area Governments, the Bay Area Economic Forum, the Regional Airport Planning Committee, the Bay Area World Trade Center, Oakland Base Reuse Authority, the City-Port Liaison Committee, and the BART-Oakland Airport Connector Stakeholders Committee.

I am honored to congratulate Dick Spees on all of his remarkable accomplishments. The people of Oakland will lose a true leader with Dick Spees' retirement, but his legacy of tireless dedication to improving lives will endure.

HONORING CATHLEEN BARNIER OF SONOMA COUNTY, CA

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2002

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, we rise today to honor Cathleen Barnier of Sonoma County, California, upon her retirement from 30 years of leadership in the management of community-based non-profit organizations.

For the last 10 years, Cathleen has been the President and CEO of Goodwill Industries of the Redwood Empire (GIRE), an agency providing employment and training programs, retail stores, business services, and recycling programs in six northern California counties. During her tenure, GIRE has been an active partner in community employment and education initiatives.

Prior to her work at GIRE, Cathleen served as Executive Director of the Family Service Agency of Sonoma County and Service Director of the American Cancer Society of Northern California. She also worked at Sonoma State Hospital, Sonoma County Adoption Agency, and North Bay Regional Center.

Cathleen's community involvement includes active roles with the Workforce Investment Board, Santa Rosa Chamber of Commerce, Business Education Round Table, Economic Vitality Project, Santa Rosa Rotary, and School to Career. She was also appointed by the Governor to the State Department of Rehabilitation Advisory Council.

Mr. Speaker, Cathleen Barnier has provided exemplary service to the community for over 30 years, demonstrating that compassion and commitment combined with leadership and ability result in success. We are proud to honor Cathleen for her achievements and to wish her well in her future life traveling and spending time with family and friends.

TRIBUTE TO COMANCHE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL OF SHAWNEE MISSION, KS

HON. DENNIS MOORE

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2002

Mr. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, I want to take this opportunity to recognize and commend the students of Marilyn Tieszen, a kindergarten teacher at Comanche Elementary School of Shawnee Mission, KS, which is located in the Third Congressional District of Kansas.

Following the tragic terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, Ms. Tieszen had her students create an American flag, using a white sheet, and dipping their hands in red and blue