

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN RECOGNITION OF THE EDMONDS COMMUNITY COLLEGE CENTER FOR FAMILIES GROUND BREAKING

HON. JAY INSLEE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 4, 2002

Mr. INSLEE. Mr. Speaker, balancing work and family has become increasingly difficult for families across America. One of the greatest challenges that many families face is finding safe, affordable childcare. It is with these challenges in mind that I am delighted to announce that a week from today, on June 11, 2002, Edmonds Community College will officially begin construction on their new Center for Families. The Center for Families, scheduled to open in September 2003, will triple the college's on-site childcare center from about 5,000 to 15,000 square feet. The Center will also triple its childcare capacity for the children of students, including students who are retraining for new jobs after unemployment and those participating in welfare-to-work programs.

Moreover, this new center will serve as a training facility for future professionals in early childhood education and as a model of best practices in parent education, childcare, preschool education (including Head Start), and family support. The Center for Families will have a Family Resource Center providing a "one stop" reference service for parents and professionals. Here, families can find the resources they need to stay in school and find the best care for their children, as well as parenting resources, professional help, and support groups.

The Edmonds Community College Foundation successfully raised \$4 million dollars for this exciting new center from a combination of federal, state, county, city, and private funds. The center will bring together children from all backgrounds—some have parents who are new immigrants, other parents are professionals seeking new job skills, while others are transitioning from welfare. As a community resource, it will create more graduates who are successful and, ultimately, a more educated community.

Mr. Speaker, I encourage my colleagues to join me in congratulating Edmonds Community College on their wonderful Center for Families. The Center for Families will truly be, "Expanding Childcare, Educating Families, Enhancing Community."

IN RECOGNITION OF THE POPULATION COUNCIL ON THE OCCASION OF ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 4, 2002

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the Population Council,

which is celebrating its 50th anniversary. Its headquarters are located in the 14th Congressional district which I represent. The Population Council strives to improve the well-being and reproductive health of people around the world and works to achieve a humane, equitable and sustainable balance between people and resources.

Established in 1952, the organization conducts high-quality, objective, policy-relevant research in biomedicine, public health and social science. It also offers evidence-based technical assistance and capacity building through collaborative research, awards, fellowships, and training.

Founder John D. Rockefeller III believed that the reason to care about population was "to improve the quality of people's lives, to help make it possible for individual's everywhere to develop their full potential." Although the circumstances facing the world have changed substantially over the past 50 years, that vision has motivated the organization throughout its history. Today the Council remains in the forefront of its field, anticipating problems, doing the research, and providing the results that inform the debate and facilitate the development and implementation of science-based solutions. The Council's research agenda now includes HIV/AIDS, urbanization, adolescents, and aging, along with its long-standing work in contraceptive development, improving access to high-quality reproductive health services, and understanding the causes and consequences of population change.

The Population Council began as a funding agency with a professional staff of fewer than ten and an annual budget of less than 1 million dollars. This fiscal year the Council will operate on a budget of \$86 million, with offices in 18 countries and on four different continents. It conducts research and programs in more than 70 countries. The Council's extensive various offices and programs employ nearly 600 people worldwide and includes citizens from more than 40 countries.

The Population Council Board of Trustees is comprised of leaders in the fields of biomedicine, business, economic development, health, the media, philanthropy, and social science.

The organization receives funding from the government as well as private foundations, corporations and individuals. In all of its endeavors, the Population Council has aspired to the highest professional and ethical standards and has earned a worldwide reputation for excellence and integrity. Policymakers, program managers and others concerned with population issues turn to the Population Council for rigorous research results—results that help improve people's lives.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in commending the Population Council for 50 years of groundbreaking research, and wishing them continued excellence in the next 50 years.

RETIREMENT OF ROBERT E. MELICAN

HON. JAMES P. McGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 4, 2002

Mr. McGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join the community of Northborough, Massachusetts in honoring Robert E. Melican, Superintendent of Schools, as the Northborough Middle School is renamed the Robert E. Melican Middle School.

Mr. Melican is representative of all the hard-working and dedicated educators in Central Massachusetts. He has been a part of the Northborough School District since 1969, serving the children of Northborough and Southborough as a sixth grade teacher, math teacher, Assistant to the Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, Acting Superintendent, and finally as Superintendent for the Northborough, Southborough and Northborough-Southborough School Districts since 1996. For 33 years, Mr. Melican has dedicated himself to the children fortunate to live in these communities.

Additionally, Mr. Melican has deeply committed himself to those outside of the school community, serving as a member of the Worcester County Superintendents' Association, the Massachusetts Superintendents' Association, the Worcester Vocational School District, and the Advisory Board at Worcester State College. Currently, Mr. Melican serves as Vice President of the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents and in that capacity has earned the respect of his peers throughout the state.

Mr. Speaker, I am certain that the entire U.S. House of Representatives joins me in congratulating Mr. Melican for his accomplishments.

TRIBUTE TO PATRICK NAGLE

HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 4, 2002

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Patrick Nagle for being recognized with the Pennsylvania Financial Services Advocate award given by the Small Business Administration (SBA). This award, which recognizes his ongoing service in the banking industry, made Mr. Nagle the state winner in addition to being the winner in the Western Pennsylvania District for 2002. Mr. Nagle serves as the Vice President and Small Business Manager/SBA Coordinator for Central Bank, a division of First Commonwealth Bank. In this position he is responsible for the expanding portfolio of SBA loans for Central Bank as well as the entire First Commonwealth system.

When Mr. Nagle first accepted the responsibility for this program in 1994, the portfolio

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contained only three SBA loans. Since that time remarkable progress has been made. At the end of the most recent fiscal year, September 30, 2001, First Commonwealth's portfolio contained 144 SBA loans making them the second largest originator of SBA loans in Western Pennsylvania. Much of this progress is attributed solely to the hard work and dedication Pat Nagle has invested in his work. He helped make many people's dreams of owning their own business come true. With the addition of new businesses, vitality and growth are made possible for communities' consumers and entrepreneurs.

In addition to being a member of the First Commonwealth system, Mr. Nagle is also active in the SBA Community Express loan program and various local economic development agencies. He is known by many to be helpful by sharing his knowledge and expertise at small business seminars in his and surrounding communities. By sharing what he knows, he makes it possible for others to provide a helping hand in starting new businesses. This creates a chain reaction of community growth and in turn the opportunity for prosperity for everyone. Many of this country's small businesses were made possible because someone cared enough to believe in another person's vision. Pat Nagle has embodied this spirit in his work and community activism.

As a small businessman myself, I know exactly how hard it is to make payroll, schedule, keep inventory, and all the other responsibilities that fall under being a small business owner. I also know that in this country small businesses are the number one creators of jobs—and the more we help small businesses, the stronger our local economies will be.

I would like to congratulate Mr. Nagle once again on this tremendous award he has received and thank him for all of his hard work. I wish him the very best of luck in all of his future endeavors.

CHANGE OF COMMAND AT WHITEMAN AIR FORCE BASE

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 4, 2002

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, April 22, a Change of Command was held at Whiteman Air Force Base in Knob Noster, MO. Col. Douglas L. Raaberg succeeded BG Anthony Przybyslawski as the Commanding Officer of the 509th Bomb Wing. BG Przybyslawski will continue his outstanding military career as the assistant director of operations for Air Combat Command headquarters in Langley Air Force Base, VA. Lt. Gen. Keck oversaw the change of command.

Col. Douglas L. Raaberg has had an exemplary military career. Col. Raaberg graduated from the U.S. Air Force Academy in 1978 with a BA in aeronautical engineering. He also holds two masters degrees in systems management and national security strategy. Col. Raaberg has served at Vance Air Force Base, training Navy, Marine Corps and allied pilots. While commanding the Ninth Bomb Squadron, Col. Raaberg's unit set a world record for flying around the world in nearly 36 hours without re-fueling.

Mr. Speaker, as Col. Douglas L. Raaberg takes command of the 509th Bomb Wing at Whiteman Air Force Base, I know that the Members of the House will join me in wishing him the best in the days ahead.

HONORING THE SAFETY OF STANDARD REGISTER'S MURFREESBORO PLANT

HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 4, 2002

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the hard work and dedication of the employees of Standard Register Company's Murfreesboro, Tennessee, plant. The strong work ethic the Standard Register associates share have led them to achieve a milestone—five years with no lost-time accidents. This five-year period represents 690,500 hours of working safely.

In 1978, a site in my hometown of Murfreesboro became the fourteenth Standard Register plant. Murfreesboro was chosen because of its proximity to the interstates, railroads and airports. Today, the plant employs 80 people.

The Murfreesboro plant manufactures continuous business forms and checks. Employees in the Stanfast Section produce booklets, notepads and more. The Murfreesboro plant fills orders from local sales offices and ships its products all over the United States and internationally.

Founded in 1912 in Dayton, Ohio, Standard Register currently employs 6,000 people in the United States, has annual revenues exceeding \$1 billion and serves companies in 40 countries. In addition to producing business forms, the company also offers its clients electronic documents, as well as consulting and e-business services.

I congratulate each and every Standard Register employee at the Murfreesboro plant for a job well done and wish each one many more successes in the future.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE YMCA OF GREATER NEW YORK CITY, ON THE OCCASION OF ITS 150TH AN- NIVERSARY

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 4, 2002

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I would like to pay tribute to the YMCA of Greater New York City, which is celebrating 150 years of remarkable service to New Yorkers. Through a variety of programs and initiatives the YMCA has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to serving those in need, and to strengthening the community at large.

Founded in 1852, the YMCA distinguished itself as an institution committed to aiding those emigrating to New York City. It also garnered a reputation as an institution firmly committed to social justice, and throughout its existence has advocated on behalf of a number of historically significant causes. During the 19th century the YMCA was identified as

staunchly abolitionist. In addition, it formed a commission to minister to soldiers in the camps, hospitals and battlefields of the Civil War. Upon the conclusion of the Civil War, the YMCA initiated new programs to serve African-Americans, railroad workers and young urban boys.

During the first half of the 20th century the YMCA continued to emerge as a pioneer on social issues. While racial integration was not obtained nationally until the mid 20th century, many New York City YMCA programs were integrated much earlier. During this time women also became members.

In the latter half of the 20th century the YMCA began to focus on addressing the needs of the rapidly growing urban population. In particular, it began to initiate programs targeted at aiding adolescents and their families. A number of these programs addressed poverty, delinquency, and drug abuse, including Jobmobiles and Youthmobiles, which allowed YMCA programs to be mobile and travel into communities in need. A growing emphasis on physical fitness led to the introduction of sports programming including two sports invented at the YMCA—basketball and volleyball.

During New York City's fiscal crisis, the YMCA worked to assist families affected by expanding childcare and family programs. Over the last decade the YMCA has continued to demonstrate a commitment to serving youth. Through partnerships with the United Way and the New York City Board of Education, the YMCA has become a presence in nearly 200 public schools in every school district in New York City through the "Virtual Y." The "Virtual Y" currently enrolls 7,500 students. It also operates Teen Action NYC which currently operates in five schools and provides life skills and career planning.

During its existence, the YMCA has also demonstrated a commitment to public and private partnerships. Early YMCA supporters from the private sector included William E. Dodge, Jr., J.P. Morgan, and Cornelius Vanderbilt II. It has also received substantial support from some of New York City's most influential leaders, including Governor Thomas Dewey, Mayor John Lindsay and Mayors David Dinkins, Rudolph Giuliani and Michael Bloomberg.

During 2002 the YMCA of Greater New York will serve 170,000 youth and 200,000 adults. The YMCA of Greater New York will commemorate its 150th anniversary with a book entitled, "The YMCA at 150: A History of the YMCA of Greater New York, 1852–2002."

I ask that my colleagues join me in saluting the YMCA of Greater New York on 150 years of outstanding service to the community.

IN HONOR OF THE FERREIRO FAM- ILY, HARRISONFEST'S 2002 FAM- ILY OF THE YEAR

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 4, 2002

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Ferreiro family, Harrisonfest's 2002 Family of the Year. The family was honored on May 31st, at the annual Harrisonfest