

IN RECOGNITION OF PASTABILITIES RESTAURANT AND THEIR OUTSTANDING COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION

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In his State of the Union address earlier this year, President Bush unveiled the USA Freedom Corps, challenging every American to commit at least 2 years of their life to serving their community and their country. Pastabilities, in Wilmington, Delaware has exceeded the President's call to action. Owner Luigi Vitrone recognizes the importance of neighborhood revitalization and preservation. He and his staff have spent years dedicating energy and resources to improving their community. The results have been outstanding.

Founder of the Little Italy Neighborhood Restaurant Association, LINA, Mr. Vitrone spearheaded the effort to save Wilmington's "Little Italy" from an economic downturn. Having lived and worked in the neighborhood for over a decade, the personal investment ran deep.

Established in 1997, LINA has raised \$4.8 million from public, state and private sources to help rejuvenate the neighborhood. The money raised has been used to add new light posts, brick sidewalks, banners, and flowerpots and to make important structural changes that make the neighborhood more handicapped accessible. Luigi Vitrone has successfully restored Delaware's "Little Italy" to the beautiful, unique, authentic community it once was.

Volunteer service is vital to the improvement of our community, and the Pastabilities family has lent their time and energy at every turn. Local businesses such as this one serve as role models for citizen action and make Delaware shine. I am proud to put a spotlight on one of the State's premier businesses.

I commend Pastabilities for their fantastic culinary work and thank Luigi Vitrone for his leadership and commitment to strengthening the community. This most recent honor bestowed upon the restaurant mirrors the pride felt by the neighborhood.●

IN RECOGNITION OF IRON HILL BREWERY AND RESTAURANT FOR OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY INVOLVMENT

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The restaurant takes its name from a historic Delaware landmark where Generals Washington and Lafayette battled with General Cornwallis to ensure American liberty and freedom. Today, Iron Hill carries on this tradition of fighting for freedom. For the past four years, Iron Hill has been a major sponsor of the "Race Against Family Violence" which takes place each year on Mother's Day weekend. The race benefits Child, Inc., a non-profit organization that helps free children and families from the threat of domestic violence through prevention, education, treatment and advocacy.

To date, the Iron Hill family has raised \$16,000 through the "Race Against Family Violence." The operation has also taken an active role in the revitalization of downtown Wilmington, donating food and services and raising money for organizations such as the March of Dimes. Iron Hill has turned the act of giving to the community into a tradition. Twice a year, they provide a complete dinner for Delaware Technical & Community College's culinary class.

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IN RECOGNITION OF SALLY HAWKINS

• Mr. CARPER. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Sally Hawkins, owner and president of WILM NewsRadio in Delaware. On her 80th birthday she remains a vibrant and purposeful woman, a dedicated entrepreneur and a celebrated public servant.

Sally started and maintains what is now the only remaining privately-owned and operated all-news radio station in the country. In an era when single-station AM radio operations have all but disappeared, she built a respected news station from the ground up—earning my respect, and the respect of her peers along the way.

As chair of the National Governor's Association and now as the DLC's chair for Best Practices, I've spent some time touring the country and highlighting the nation's very best programs, businesses and innovators. WILM certainly ranks among the best. The inroads made by Sally and the family, her family, at WILM are unparalleled.

WILM News radio strives to reinforce the foundation of community radio. The station's programming transcends race, creed, income and political boundaries. Its commitment to community outreach and support of the arts and non-profits has helped keep organizations vital during the crucial development stages.

In a business environment in which the pressure to cut costs for the sake of profit is common, Sally has never wavered in her commitment to balanced coverage and public service. WILM is heavily committed to providing a neutral forum in which all political aspirants may enjoy equal time to debate issues in front of the public. Sally seeks to enlighten listeners, making them better citizens and more informed voters.

How many of us can say that we are proud of the life that we've lived and the service that we've provided to the community?

In a career that spans decades, Sally has led the National Association of Broadcasters Board, as well as the boards of the Better Business Bureau, the Delaware State Chamber of Commerce and the U.S. Small Business Administration. She has served on the executive committee of the Grand Opera House, the external affairs committee of Christiana Care, and on the boards of Blue Cross/Blue Shield, Goldey-Beacom College, the Delaware Council of Economic Education, the Girl Scout Advisory Council and the Delaware Community Foundation. Last year, she was named The Ledger's 2001 Entrepreneurial Woman of the Year. This remarkable woman, at the helm of one of our state's most important news outlets since 1972, has done much to pave the path for women who want both successful careers and families and for First State organizations who dare to dream big.

Fueled by dedication and determination, Sally Hawkins took control of WILM thirty years ago. Today she still runs the day-to-day operations of the station, writes copy, mentors and travels internationally.

Today, I commend Sally Hawkins for her talent and perseverance, and join all of those whom she has touched, in celebrating her life. Happy birthday, Sally.●

TRIBUTE TO VICE ADMIRAL THOMAS J. KILCLINE, SR.

• Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I pay tribute to an exceptional leader—Vice Admiral Tom Kilcline, Sr., in recognition of his remarkable career of service

to our country. Tom served his country for over 50 years as a distinguished Naval Officer and as President of The Retired Officers Association, TROA. Having battled cancer for over three years, Tom passed away on July 11, surrounded by his family at the Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, MD.

In 1943, at the height of World War II, he enlisted in the Navy from Kokomo, IN and was appointed to the U.S. Naval Academy in 1945. Tom enjoyed a distinguished career as a Naval Aviator; he flew in Korea, became an accomplished Test Pilot, commanded a tactical carrier based squadron during Vietnam, and flew actively, including tactical jets, until his retirement as Commander Naval Air Forces, US Atlantic Fleet in 1983.

Admiral Kilcline was an incredible leader and tireless advocate for our Navy. During my tenure as the Secretary of the Navy, Tom headed the Office of Legislative Affairs and, while there, we worked closely together to push for legislative initiatives to improve readiness and to provide for much of the modern naval force you see today.

Following his retirement, he served as National President of The Retired Officers Association where he continued to work with Congress on behalf of thousands of our retired service personnel for nearly 10 years.

Tom's greatest ally and strength was his devoted wife of 52 years, Dornell Thompson of Pensacola, FL. Dornell, a daughter of a naval aviator, was by his side through all his battles, from championing the cause of our country and our military families, to his fight with cancer.

They have had four children: Rear Admiral Tom, Jr., on duty with the Naval Aviation Warfare Staff at the Pentagon; Lt. Patrick, lost in an F-14 accident; Lt. Kathleen, a Navy doctor killed in an auto accident; Mary, devoted daughter and navy wife of Captain Bob Novak; and seven loving grandchildren.

Admiral Tom Kilcline will be greatly missed by his family, friends and this Nation, but his legacy of devotion to family and service to his country remain with us forever.●

TRIBUTE TO JOHN NOWAK

● Mr. BUNNING. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize Mr. John Nowak of Fairview, KY. Mr. Nowak, who operates a farm outside of Hopkinsville, KY, has recently garnered national praise for his innovative and effective farming techniques.

Hay samples produced by Mr. Nowak earned the Best Pure Alfalfa, Best Alfalfa with Grass and Best of Show awards during the American Forage and Grassland Council held in Minneapolis earlier this month. These hay samples underwent a rigorous laboratory analysis for relative feed value, protein fiber and mineral content as a part of the criterion.

As every farmer in Kentucky knows first hand, the high level of humidity combined with irregular rainfall and nighttime dew can create a very taxing and unfriendly farming environment. Oftentimes, these factors result in an unproductive and unprofitable season, but this has not been the case for Mr. Nowak. Mr. Nowak, through hard work and inventive thinking, has been able to successfully overcome these unpredictable and intrusive obstacles. He has truly become a pioneer for commercial hay production in Kentucky and the entire United States.

John Nowak's practices have also been noticed by such noted agriculturists as Dr. Garry Lacefield, a University of Kentucky extension forage specialist at Princeton's Agriculture Research and Education Center. He is one of Nowak's most adamant supporters. Dr. Lacefield plans on working closely with Mr. Nowak in the future to further improve the sellability and commercial marketing of hay.

In a capitalistic society such as the one we have in the United States of America, innovation and ingenuity play such vital and important roles in our economic success. I applaud Mr. Nowak's entrepreneurial spirit and urge him to continue to find better and more improved ways of production.●

CONGRATULATIONS TO MS. MARSHA VAN HOOK

● Mr. BUNNING. Mr. President, I rise today among my colleagues to congratulate Ms. Marsha Van Hook of Somerset, KY. On July 16th, Marsha Van Hook was the proud recipient of the Ted Jaskulski National Public Policy Award. This award is presented annually to an individual who has contributed to public policy efforts on behalf of people with developmental disabilities. Ms. Van Hook was nominated by the 26 members of the Kentucky Developmental Disabilities Council, KDDC, for her advocacy efforts related to disabilities.

In keeping with the goals and values of the KDDC, Marsha Van Hook has tirelessly and selflessly worked to ensure that children and young adults throughout the Commonwealth suffering from developmental disabilities have the right to an education, the opportunity to work and support themselves, and the access to affordable health care and transportation in their respective communities. Specifically, Ms. Van Hook's strong advocacy and involvement at the local and state level has brought a heightened sense of awareness to local communities across Kentucky concerning people with developmental disabilities and the dilemmas they face on a daily basis. She has been the eloquent voice of reason for advocacy and has also been an instrumental force in getting legislation passed regarding transportation needs for the disabled.

This most recent accolade is not the first time Ms. Van Hook has been duly

recognized for positive influence on society. Both the Kentucky State Senate and House as well as many disability groups throughout the Commonwealth have presented her with awards.

Currently, Marsha Van Hook is employed by the Appalachian Regional Commission, ARC, where she is actively involved with their "Partners in Advocacy" training program. This program offers training and support to individuals and their families in developing and expanding much needed advocacy skills. She also participates in several commissions and committees at both the state and local level.

I ask that my fellow members of the Senate join me in congratulating Ms. Marsha Van Hook for this prestigious and noteworthy award and thank her for all that she has done and is doing to advance the cause of children and adults suffering from developmental disabilities.●

RECOGNITION OF DR. MIMI SILBERT

● Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I would like to take this moment to reflect on the work of a very special woman and friend, Dr. Mimi Silbert, whose extraordinary commitment and compassion have greatly enhanced the quality of life for so many people in California and across the Nation. The Jewish National Fund will present Mimi with its Woman of Valor Award on September 24 in Los Angeles.

Mimi serves as President, Chairman of the Board and CEO of the Delancey Street Foundation, which, since 1971, has helped thousands of substance abusers and get back on their feet. The foundation is known to be the largest of its kind in America.

The Delancey Street Foundation has centers in New York, New Mexico, North Carolina and Los Angeles, but its headquarters in San Francisco are the most well-known. Located on the San Francisco waterfront, the 400,000-square-foot complex is the largest self-help facility in the country. The complex houses 500 residents and contains Delancey's national moving company, catering company, a screening room, the Delancey Street Restaurant and Crossroads Café.

Although best-known for her work with the Delancey Street Foundation, Mimi also serves as a powerful voice for reform. She recently wrote, designed and implemented a new juvenile justice system for the city of San Francisco, which has served more than 2,000 young people. City agencies and community-based organizations worked together to create a one-stop Community Assessment Center for arrested young people, two afterschool facilities, and other programs. Mimi also used her extensive expertise to work as a prison psychologist and police trainer, as well as teach at the University of California at Berkeley, San Francisco State University, and the Wright Institute.

Mimi truly personifies the Jewish National Fund's Woman of Valor