

LEGISLATION TO DESIGNATE THE FEDERAL COURTHOUSE IN SANTA FE, NM, AFTER JUDGE SANTIAGO CAMPOS

HON. TOM UDALL

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 22, 2003

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to memorialize an outstanding jurist, an honorable man, and a leading Hispanic in the field of law by introducing legislation to name the Federal Courthouse in Santa Fe, NM, after Judge Santiago Campos. I am pleased to be joined in introducing this legislation by my colleagues, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. REYES, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. SOLIS, Mr. RODRIGUEZ, and Mr. PASTOR.

Judge Santiago Campos was the first Hispanic appointed to the Federal bench in New Mexico, serving from 1978 until his death in 2001, including as chief judge from 1987 through 1989. Judge Campos' career of public service only culminated with his service as a U.S. District Court Judge, as he also served in the U.S. Navy as a Seaman First Class from 1944 to 1946, as the Assistant and First Assistant Attorney General of New Mexico from 1954 to 1957, and as a District Court Judge from 1971 to 1978 in the First Judicial District in the State of New Mexico. Judge Campos served with distinction on the bench and displayed both firmness and compassion with those who entered his courtroom. He was a life long resident of New Mexico and graduated first in his law school class at the University of New Mexico.

Judge Campos was very active in his courtroom, often exercising his right to question witnesses in the middle of cross-examinations. Many agree that he became more involved in a case than other judges, but still let a lawyer try his own case. One of his most memorable cases ordered the Gannett Co. to return The New Mexican, Santa Fe's daily newspaper, to its former owner, Robert McKinney due to a breach of contract.

During his career, Campos was an honorary member of the Order of the Coif. He also received the Distinguished Achievement Award of the State Bar of New Mexico in 1993, and in the same year the University of New Mexico honored him with a Distinguished Achievement Award.

Sadly, Judge Campos passed away on January 20th, 2001. Following his passing, the New Mexico State Legislature passed a joint memorial requesting Congress to name the Federal Courthouse in Santa Fe, New Mexico, after Judge Campos who had his chambers in the courthouse for over 22 years. In addition, the judges of the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals who reside in New Mexico and the district judges of the District of New Mexico unanimously requested and support Congressional action to name the Federal Courthouse after Judge Campos. I am pleased to take up this effort.

Last Congress I introduced this legislation and was able to work to get it passed by the House. Unfortunately the Senate did not act on this legislation. This year, however, I am hopeful that we will be able to get this legislation signed into law and honor this great man with a small token of appreciation for the remarkable life that he lived.

MEMBERS OF EAST NORRITON ENGINE COMPANY WITH OVER 30 YEARS OF SERVICE

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GERLACH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor seven members of the East Norriton Fire Engine Company. For over 30 years these fine individuals—Joseph Rothwein, George Myers, Joseph M. Pfizenmayer, Douglas Lindberg Sr., Donald Huston, Henry M. Carneavale, and Joseph T. Lesinski—have dedicated over a third of their lives, 242 years total, to saving life and property for East Norriton Township and the surrounding communities.

Joseph Rothwein is a 30-year member who has held numerous positions within the Company. He served on and chaired the Board of Trustees, held elected office as Financial Secretary for over 20 years, and was a recipient of the Life Membership Award in 1995.

George Myers, a 31-year member, is the current Assistant Fire Chief and Chairman of the Board of Trustees. He has held such positions as Fire Chief and Chief Engineer of the Company and presently is a training instructor at the Montgomery County Fire Academy and Pennsylvania Fire Academy. George is a two-time recipient of the Fire Fighter of the Year Award and received the Life Membership Award in 1991.

Joseph M. Pfizenmayer, a 32-year member, and current East Norriton Township Fire Marshall, has served as Chairman of the Board of Trustees and held numerous elected positions including Assistant Fire Chief. He was a training instructor at the Montgomery County Fire Academy and was Chairman of the Montgomery Fire Advisory Board. Joe is a recipient of the Fighter of the Year Award and was presented the Life Membership Award in 1991.

Douglas Lindberg Sr., a 33-year member, and current Vice Chairman of the Board of Trustees, has held numerous elected offices including Fire Chief and is currently a training officer at both the Montgomery County Fire Academy and the Pennsylvania Fire Academy. Doug was the first member of his Company to pass the Pennsylvania State Certification of Fire Fighter Level one and is a three-time recipient of the Fire Fighter of the Year Award. He received the Life Membership Award in 1989.

Donald Huston, a 36-year member, has held several elected positions including that of Fire Police Chief as well as serving on the Board of Trustees. Donald received the Life Membership Award in 1986.

Henry M. Carneavale, a 43-year member, has held numerous elected positions, most notably that of Fire Police Chief while also serving on the Board of Trustees. Hank is a recipient of the Life Membership Award in 1979.

Joseph T. Lesinski Sr., the senior member of this group at 47 years, and former Fire Chief and a 17-year line officer, has held several elected positions during his tenure, including Chairman of the Board of Trustees. Joe has the distinction of founding the first fire school in East Norriton. He is a current Senior Training Instructor at the Montgomery County Fire Academy and Pennsylvania Fire Acad-

emy and two-time recipient of the Fire Fighter of the Year Award and in 1975 he received the Life Membership Award.

The contributions of these fine men cannot be honored or praised enough by their fellow citizens. Their ongoing leadership and commitment to the East Norriton Fire Engine Company has made their community a safer place to live now and in the future.

TRIBUTE TO PRESIDENT CHEN SHUI-BIAN OF TAIWAN

HON. TODD TIAHRT

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. TIAHRT. Mr. Speaker, President Chen Shui-bian will soon be marking his third anniversary in office. His performance as leader of Taiwan has received widespread praise around the world. In dealing with China, President Chen has sought to assuage Beijing's anxieties about Taiwan's declaration of independence. Moreover, President Chen has taken major steps to reduce tension in the Taiwan Straits. Travel between Taiwan and the Chinese mainland has been made much easier. We hope that Taiwan and China will soon resume their dialogue on issues affecting both sides. Peace in the Straits is in everyone's interest.

President Chen was instrumental in making Taiwan's accession to the World Trade Organization a reality. We hope Taiwan will be successful in joining the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) in the not too distant future. We also hope that Taiwan will be successful in gaining observer status at the World Health Assembly this May, especially with SARS affecting so many countries in Asia. As Secretary of State Colin Powell recently said, "infectious disease knows no borders and requires an effective and coordinated response at local, national, and international levels." Taiwan is part of the world that has been severely affected by SARS. Taiwan belongs to the World Health Organization and must be included in all World Health Organization activities in curtailing the spread of SARS.

Relations between Taiwan and the United States have been growing stronger everyday. Taiwan is a strong ally of ours. To reduce their trade surplus, Taiwan has bought many types of American agricultural and consumer products. Their tourists choose the United States as their number one destination and many of their students have selected our colleges and universities for advanced study. I am particularly pleased to see Taiwan giving us full support in our campaign against global terrorism and their pledge for humanitarian assistance to post-war Iraq. We must treasure Taiwan's friendship and learn from President Chen's longstanding motto: "Do your best for whatever the job requires."

On the eve of President Chen's third anniversary in office, I salute President Chen for his many accomplishments and wish him good luck and good health.