

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN HONOR OF CARMEL GALASSO

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 25, 2003

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Carmel Galasso for her outstanding commitment to serving her community. She was presented the Mary T. Norton Memorial Award by the United Way of Hudson County on September 16, 2003, at the Crown Plaza Hotel in Secaucus, New Jersey.

Ms. Galasso has demonstrated a remarkable passion for helping those in need and has provided, and continues to provide, valuable services that have touched many lives throughout Hudson County. As a member of the Saint Peter's College Alumni Board, she currently works on special projects for the college, as well as the community as a whole. Since 1996, she has served as the program coordinator of Catholic Community Services for the Hudson County Parish Access Center in Jersey City.

Over the years, Ms. Galasso has worked tirelessly to improve her community. She began as a grammar school teacher and guidance counselor at Saint Aedan's School in Jersey City, where she taught for 8 years. She then became assistant director of Campus Ministry at Saint Peter's College for 10 years, where she spearheaded food and toy drives and walks against hunger. As program coordinator for the Parish Access Center, Ms. Galasso was instrumental in establishing a registration site for families to apply for New Jersey Kid Care and creating satellite offices that provide critical services for families in need. These offices have provided countless family baskets, Christmas gifts, toiletry items, and food gift certificates.

Ms. Galasso's dedication is also evident in her immediate response to the tragedy of September 11. In the days following the tragedy, Ms. Galasso led efforts to provide sandwiches, water, and other supplies needed to help support those impacted by the World Trade Center disaster. With the help of the United Way of Hudson County, Ms. Galasso was able to process 186 cases for families who were impacted by the attack.

Ms. Galasso continues to be involved with the Resurrection Parish and the Bon Secours Health System. She helps coordinate the Parish Nurse Program, which offers medical care to parishioners at local churches through a holistic approach to physical, emotional, and spiritual needs.

Ms. Galasso was born and raised in Jersey City, New Jersey. She received her bachelor's degree in Education from Saint Peter's College and her master's degree in Adult Christian Community Development from Regis University in Colorado.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Carmel Galasso for her outstanding

contributions to the success of community programs that have served countless individuals throughout New Jersey.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO DOUGLAS BROWN

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to stand before you today and pay tribute to the career of a dedicated servant from the state of Colorado, Douglas Brown. At the end of this month, Doug will retire from his position as the Director of the Colorado Office of Legislative Legal Services, ending thirty-one years of dedicated service to our state. Doug's hard work and dedication have been instrumental in defining the shape of Colorado's state government, and I am honored to pay tribute to him here today.

Doug began his career as a staff attorney with the Office of Legislative Legal Services in 1972 and was appointed Director of that office eight years later. During his tenure as Director, Doug helped represent the Colorado General Assembly in thirteen cases before the Colorado Supreme Court.

In addition to his duties at the Office of Legislative Legal Services, Doug was also very involved with the National Conference of State Legislatures, serving as a member of the organization's executive committee. Doug also spent a year as an adjunct political science professor at the University of Denver and was a lecturer in law at the University's law school for two summers.

Mr. Speaker, it is truly a privilege to stand here today and honor the career of such a remarkable citizen. Doug Brown's knowledge and expertise will be hard to replace, and I know that his fellow attorneys and the staff at the Office of Legislative Legal Affairs will miss him a great deal. I wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

“PROJECT 90” CONTRIBUTES TO OUR COMMUNITY

HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, too often the source of drug and alcohol addiction permanently destroys lives. For this reason, I invite my colleagues to join with me today in commending Project 90, Inc., for its success in helping to rebuild and reclaim lives which have been shattered by addiction. Project 90, which is located in San Mateo, California, has bene-

fited our community for over 30 years, and it is most appropriate to acknowledge that contribution.

Since 1972, this alcohol and drug rehabilitation program has helped over 6,500 men overcome their addictions. I am proud to note that the success of this program is remarkable, in that, virtually all the men who graduate from Project 90 have successfully eliminated addiction and do not return to drug or alcohol usage. I am also proud to note this program began in my congressional district in San Mateo, California with five men who were determined to overcome the disease of addiction and who were determined to form a recovery process that worked.

Mr. Speaker, Project 90's recovery process is based on “Project Ninety's Social Model Residential Treatment Program,” which is based on the philosophy that an individual must take responsibility for his recovery. The treatment is unique in that it helps addicts learn about the process of recovery, the disease of addiction, and how this has affected their lives. Additionally, the addict learns about the path of self-destruction created by addiction, how circumstances drive him to addiction, and how his behavior perpetuates it.

Treatment services are carried out through written assignments, group and individual counseling, as well as personal work following the twelve-step program of Alcoholics Anonymous. The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) also recently recognized Project 90 for its exemplary data collecting methods, and participants in Project 90 have spoken with other SAMHSA grantees to share record keeping methods developed by Project 90.

Mr. Speaker, Project 90 has expanded its facilities so that it now has the space to handle 223 men and 12 adolescent males. The program can accommodate young men struggling with addiction who face incarceration by providing the alternative of treatment in group homes. The remarkable services that Project 90 provides include a work-training program, transitional housing, clean and sober environments, a strong alumni program, and services for men with mental illness and addiction.

As you know, Mr. Speaker, the benefits of this program include not only the men who have received help, but also their spouses, children, employers and communities. Children have fathers again, domestic violence is reduced, and homes are strengthened. Communities are strengthened as these men become productive members of society and increase work place productivity.

Mr. Speaker, I invite my colleagues to join with me in congratulating Project 90 on its success and wish it continued achievement in helping substance abusers win against their fight with addiction. The organization has shown extraordinary vision and innovation in drug rehabilitation, and it has strengthened our community.

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25TH ANNIVERSARY OF
LIFELIGHT IN PENNSYLVANIA'S
FOURTH CONGRESSIONAL DIS-
TRICT

HON. MELISSA A. HART

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 25, 2003

Ms. HART. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to have the opportunity to pay tribute to a pioneer in the emergency medical services field which serves Pennsylvania's Fourth Congressional District. September 26, 2003 marks the 25th anniversary of Lifelight, a service providing emergency helicopter and critical care ground transportation services for critically ill and injured patients.

Lifelight has been awarded some of its industry's most sought-after awards. This year it was named EMS Provider of the Year by the Pennsylvania Emergency Health Services Council. Over the past two years, members of Lifelight's flight crew have received Pennsylvania Pre-Hospital RN of the Year Awards. Furthermore, in 1999, Lifelight's medical director was named Pennsylvania Medical Director of the Year.

The times we live in pose never-before-conceived-of threats to our citizens. It is reassuring to know that my constituents are served by this award-winning team of first-responders who are committed to their patients and their community.

I ask all of my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in thanking the brave men and women of Lifelight for their dedication, their ability to work under pressure, and their effectiveness in carrying out their critical mission.

RECOGNIZING THE UNION CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT CARE PROGRAM

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 25, 2003

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Union City Police Department's CARE Program. CARE is the acronym for Citizens Aiding Residents and Elderly and is a division of the Union City Police Volunteer Program.

Established in January 2003, CARE is a non-medical, volunteer, in-home visitation program for seniors, shut-ins and dependent adults living in Union City. CARE's four goals are to provide community resources that foster autonomy, independence and individuality, enhance quality of life, provide social and emotional support and provide security and confidence.

CARE volunteers visit the most needy within the Union City community and are trained to recognize signs of elder abuse, malnutrition and other safety and sanitary issues that affect the well being of the CARE clients.

The Union City Police Department has developed collaborative relationships with many organizations that provide CARE clients with necessary services, such as Meals-on-Wheels, Union City Fire Department, Transit Department, Leisure Services and the Senior

Commission, Alameda County Injury Prevention Project, local hospitals, and the Alameda County Department on Aging.

CARE is a unique program and is a first in the Bay Area initiated by law enforcement. I applaud the Union City Police Department for spearheading this valuable resource for its residents. I also pay tribute to the CARE volunteers whose commitment and devotion make a difference in Union City.

CONGRESSMAN KILDEE HONORS SUPERINTENDENT REVEREND A.C. LEE, SR.

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 25, 2003

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to pay special tribute to Superintendent Reverend A. C. Lee of the Greater Bible Way Church of God in Christ in Flint, Michigan for providing continuous leadership and support to the church and community. On September 26, 2003 the Greater Bible Way Church family will salute and honor their pastor during a special celebration.

Superintendent Lee was born in Houston, Texas to John and Minnie Lee. He graduated in 1951 from Charlton Pollard High School in Beaumont, Texas. In 1952 he enlisted in the U.S. Military and was stationed in Germany as an instructor and recreation specialist. After serving in the military, Superintendent Lee returned to the Flint area in 1955 to study Business Administration at Mott Community College. He was employed as a welder at the Chevrolet Frame and Stamping Plant from 1957 to 1964, after which he returned to Houston, Texas for a period of two years. Upon returning to Flint, Michigan he was hired by Buick, where he remained until retiring in November of 1981.

In 1966, Superintendent Lee re-established his membership with the Macedonia Church of God in Christ. He also, during that same year received his ordination from the Holy Convocation of Northeast Michigan Jurisdiction, where the Bishop C.J. Johnson was the presiding prelate. On the first Sunday in June of 1970, Superintendent Lee stepped out on faith and founded the Bible Way Church of God in Christ, located at 801 E. Pasadena Ave., in Flint. The Church blossomed and the vision of the Lord became clear to Superintendent Lee that was time to expand, thus the church relocated to its present place of worship at 1602 Montana Avenue on the East Side of Flint. Superintendent Lee serves on numerous boards and community-based organizations, i.e. Job Central Advisory Board, Metro Housing, Salem Housing and the Genesee County Health Department. His service has not gone unnoticed; Superintendent Lee has attained many accolades for his dedication. These awards include the 2001 Faith Community, Business and Education Leadership Award, 2002 Senator Robert Emerson Award for Volunteer Leadership in Health Care Greater Flint (Michigan) Health Coalition; and the 2003 Certificate of Emeritus in recognition of honorable and distinguished service to the north central jurisdiction as Executive Secretary. In 2000 Superintendent Lee established the Reverend A.C. Lee & Dorothy M. Lee Scholarship fund—Mott Community College.

In addition to being an outstanding leader and role model Superintendent Lee is also a devoted husband to his wife Dorothy M. Lee, affectionately known as "Lady Lee" and a supportive father/grandfather to his five children and five grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, as a Member of Congress, I ask that my colleagues in the 108th Congress join me in saluting Superintendent Reverend A.C. Lee for his undying support and leadership to the populace of Flint, Michigan.

HONORING LT. COL. BYRCE W. MCINTYRE, USAF

HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 25, 2003

Mr. HALL. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pay tribute today to a distinguished officer and an outstanding citizen, the late Bryce W. McIntyre of Bonham, TX, who passed away last year at the age of 85.

Bryce McIntyre, the son of John and Lois Whitney McIntyre, was born on September 15, 1917, in San Diego, California. In 1938 he joined the U.S. Army Air Corps, where he served as a fighter pilot during World War II. Shot down over Germany, he was a Prisoner of War from September 1944 to May 1945. He served again as a pilot in the Berlin Airlift and Korean War, and later with the Military Assistance Advisory Group in Japan. During his distinguished 23-year military career, he was awarded the Purple Heart and four Oak Leaf Clusters. Upon his retirement as a Lieutenant Colonel in the U.S. Air Force in 1960, Mr. McIntyre and his family made their home in Bonham, where he was an active member of the community.

He served as manager of the Bonham Area Chamber of Commerce, followed by a career with the Bonham State Bank. He served with the Fannin County Fair Board, the Boy Scouts of America and Bonham Boys Baseball. He was an active member of the Bonham Kiwanis Club and the Bonham Golden K Kiwanis Club and established the fireworks display for the Fourth of July celebration at Lake Bonham as well as the popular Fannin County Trade Days. He also served as a leader of the Friends of Willow Wild, Inc.

Mr. McIntyre is survived by his loving wife of 56 years, Dorothy Castle McIntyre; his children Dr. Lorraine Mitchell and husband Raymond of Cumby, Bryce McIntyre, Jr. and wife Jenny of Bonham, Alice Truitt and husband Dale of Commerce, and Dr. Mike McIntyre of Santa Cruz, CA; his twin brother Bruce McIntyre of Bonham; sister Beryl Riley of Descanso, CA; twelve grandchildren; five great-grandchildren and other family members.

Bryce McIntyre was a beloved and respected member of the Bonham community. His integrity, compassion and sense of service were evident in his love for his family and fellow citizens—and he served as a wonderful role model for all who knew him. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to recognize such an outstanding American and to extend my sympathies to his family and many friends.