

IN HONOR OF CLEVELAND POLICE
COMMANDER MARVIN CROSS

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 21, 2003

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of Commander Marvin Cross, upon the occasion of his retirement from the Cleveland Police Department—Following twenty-two years of dedication to the citizens of Cleveland; and twenty-two years of honor to the force and to the badge.

Commander Cross was born and raised in Cleveland, and graduated from Max Hayes High School. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Myers University, and later graduated from the FBI Academy. In 1981, Commander Cross joined the city of Cleveland Police Department. By 1983, Commander Cross was promoted to the position of Detective, and within ten years, he was appointed to the position of Sergeant in the 6th District. His extensive experience regarding hate crimes, combined with his passion for social justice, led Commander Cross to create the city of Cleveland's Ethnic Intimidation/Hate Crime Task Force. This Task Force has resulted in a 62 percent reduction of hate crime activities since 1998.

Commander Cross' great intellect, combined with his exceptional interpersonal skills, brought people and agencies together for the common good and protection of Cleveland citizens. He developed a Fugitive Tracking System that led to the apprehension of over 2,500 fugitives; and reduced fugitive tracking expenses by more than forty percent.

The list of Commander Cross' accomplishments and accolades is long and far-reaching. He was twice-named Police Officer of the Year; was honored with the Distinguished Service Award from the city of Cleveland Police Department; and was bestowed the Red Cross Biennial Volunteer Hero Award, among others.

These extraordinary honors reflect the extraordinary nature of Commander Cross himself. His integrity, vision, heart, and concern for others has served to uplift the lives of countless families and individuals within our community. Commander Cross in the ultimate hero and role model for our youth. His sincere concern for our children has been witnessed through his involvement in the Amateur Athletic Youth Basketball League, the Special Olympics Torch Run and the Greater Cleveland Big Brothers/Big Sisters Shadow Blue Program.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor, gratitude and celebration of Commander Marvin Cross, as we reflect on his twenty-two years of significant service to the citizens of Cleveland. Commander Cross' positive nature, personal integrity, expertise, and focus on protecting his constituents in the city of Cleveland have all served to raise the grade of safety and protection within the City limits to an exceptional level. Commander Cross' outstanding years of service has been a guiding force within our community, and is worthy of our gratitude and recognition. We wish Commander Cross and his entire family many blessings, great happiness and abundant health today and always.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. VERNON J. EHLERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. EHLERS. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall Nos. 626 and 627 I was absent because I was giving a major lecture on science and engineering to the American Society of Mechanical Engineers.

Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on both issues.

ON THE DEATH OF JAMES A. GRAHAM, FORMER NORTH CAROLINA COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE

HON. RICHARD BURR

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BURR. Mr. Speaker, North Carolina lost a great friend today. For 36 years, the Old North State's agricultural interests were overseen with care, love, and passion by Jim Graham. For 36 years, Jim Graham served as Commissioner of Agriculture for my State, and he was probably the most beloved figure in public life in 20th century North Carolina.

Anyone who met the Commissioner—whether they met him once, or knew him for all of his 82 years—knew the same Jim Graham. He was affable, kind, and passionate. Mr. Graham grew up in Rowan county, was educated at State College (now North Carolina State University), and held several agriculture-related jobs before he entered public service, including managing the Dixie Classic fair in my home town of Winston-Salem. He was appointed Commissioner of Agriculture in the summer of 1964, was elected to the position that fall, and held it until his retirement in 2001.

Mr. Speaker, the Commissioner was a passionate member of the other political party. So passionate, in fact, that when introduced at political rallies, he would let out the loudest donkey bray you have ever heard. But while he brayed loudly for his party, he never spoke louder, or with more passion, than he did when preaching for the betterment of the North Carolina farmer. He always held the land, and the people who worked the land, in the highest esteem.

With all the changes that have occurred in North Carolina agriculture in the last 30 years, it is a good thing that we had Jim Graham looking out for us. When he was looking out, he was looking forward. He took the Tar Heel State from near-total dependence on the golden leaf of tobacco, to today, when tobacco income is complemented by hogs, poultry, winegrapes, soybeans, sweet potatoes, and more.

He was a positive voice for the future of North Carolina, and just as he would never forget your name, not soon will many forget his ever-present cigar and cowboy hat, his kind manner and love for his state.

No farmer anywhere had a better friend than Jim Graham. No State in the Union had a better public servant than Jim Graham. Well done, good and faithful servant.

HONORING SAMUEL HUNTINGTON
AND BILL STANLEY

HON. ROB SIMMONS

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 21, 2003

Mr. SIMMONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize two individuals who are genuine Connecticut treasures—Samuel Huntington and Bill Stanley.

On Monday I will attend a ceremony to reinter Samuel Huntington. Mr. Huntington will be laid to rest in Norwich, Connecticut, a community in the Second District, which I am proud to represent.

Samuel Huntington was born in Windham, Connecticut on July 2, 1732. He did not have the benefit of a formal public education as he was the eldest son and his father needed him to help work the family farm. Possessing a fine mind, when he was finished with his farm chores he devoted himself to reading. Mr. Huntington enjoyed studying the law and when he turned 22 he left the farm to pursue his interest. Unable to afford a formal legal education, he studied on his own. The library of an attorney in a neighboring town provided him with access to the necessary books—his own determination accomplished the rest.

He did well. In 1774, he became an associate judge in the superior court. Mr. Huntington was among those who early on spoke against British tyranny. In October 1775, his wisdom and patriotism earned him an appointment by the Connecticut General Assembly to represent the colony in the Continental Congress.

In the July 1776 Mr. Huntington joined his colleagues in voting for the Declaration of Independence. In 1779, Mr. Huntington served as president of the Congress. As such, some say he was the first President of the United States. He remained a member of that honorable body until 1781, when ill health forced him to retire. Samuel Huntington died on January 5, 1796.

Recently the Norwich Historical Society embarked on a campaign to renovate the tomb of Mr. Huntington and his wife. Over time the tomb had decayed and was in danger of collapse. Our Founding Fathers deserve more, and the leaders of Norwich have responded.

The second individual I recognize is President of the Norwich Historical Society, William Stanley. He is also one of Connecticut's treasures. Bill organized the effort to renovate the tomb and I was very pleased when he called me for support. Bill is a good man and a good friend.

For five decades Bill Stanley has dedicated himself to public service. His resume shows an individual who has a profound devotion to his community and has worked to make it a better place in which to live, work and raise a family.

In 1963, Bill was chairman of the Norwich Flood Rehabilitation Drive and from 1966 to 1970 he was a state senator, representing the 19th District. Over the decades he has served as chairman of the Eastern Connecticut District of the American Cancer Society; led Eastern Connecticut Recruitment for the Boy Scouts of America; been treasurer of the Norwich Industrial Park Association; served as director of the William W. Backus Hospital, and has been vice chairman of the Southeastern Connecticut Water Authority.

Motivated by a desire to improve the lives of our senior citizens, Bill became the founder, treasurer and president of St. Jude Common, a non-profit elderly housing facility in Norwich. St. Jude's provides high quality housing. Bill has also dedicated his time to Norwich Free Academy and served as Chairman of the Norwich Charter Revision Commission.

Bill's public service has not gone unnoticed. He is the 1995 recipient of Norwich Rotary's Outstanding Citizen Award and in 1991 the Eastern Connecticut Chamber of Commerce named him Norwich's Citizen of the Year. Bill is the unofficial Norwich historian, having published several books chronicling the city's past. His "Once Upon a Time" column has appeared in both the New London Day and the Norwich Bulletin.

These are merely a few of the public citations from Bill's years of service. They do not include the many times Bill quietly helped people by making a phone call or offering good advice. Bill served in the Marine Corps. He is a Korean War veteran.

I am proud that I was able to be of some assistance to Bill Stanley in ensuring one of our nation's Founding Fathers received the honor and respect he deserves as America's first president.

IN RECOGNITION OF LILA DE CHAVES-CHRONOPOULOS

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 21, 2003

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Lila De Chaves-Chronopoulos. A remarkable woman, Lila De Chaves-Chronopoulos serves as President of the National Museum of Greek Folk Art, Lifetime Honorary Chair and Executive Global Cultural Director of the Euro-American Women's Council, and President of the Hellenic Federation of Friends of Museums. It is a pleasure to honor this ambassador of Greek folk art and culture.

Lila De Chaves-Chronopoulos has had a distinguished career as an ethnologist specializing in historical and ethnic textiles, jewelry and costumes. Among other accomplishments, she is currently professor of visual arts at American University in Athens. Ms. De Chaves-Chronopoulos is known for her participation in numerous international exhibitions of metalwork in Greece and abroad. She has also given various seminars through the American Women's Organization of Greece, as well as consulting for Hellenic organizations in Greece and the United States. In addition to her educational efforts, Ms. De Chaves-Chronopoulos has worked tirelessly to preserve Hellenic culture and promote Hellenic achievements to audiences around the world.

Granddaughter of an immigrant to America, Lila has strong ties to both the Greek and American communities. Her grandfather, Konstantin V. Chrones, came to the United States at the turn of the century and lived and worked here for 15 years prior to returning to his native Greece to raise a family. Lila's grandfather passed his American experience and his love of Greek culture on to his children and grandchildren. Lila's father, Vassilis K. Chronopoulos, was a well known doctor and revered philanthropist in Greece. The in-

fluence of her grandfather's American experience and her father's philanthropic efforts profoundly shaped Lila's life. Just as Lila has helped increase American awareness of Hellenic culture, she has also helped Europeans to understand and appreciate America's unique history, culture and way of life.

As President of the friends of the Museum of Greek Folk Art, Lila has authored numerous articles in both scholarly and mass media publications. Over the years, Lila De Chaves has shared the breadth and depth of her vast knowledge of folk art and jewelry with a wide audience. Her endless efforts to support the arts and culture, and to enlighten communities around the world are commendable.

In recognition of her outstanding achievements, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Lila De Chaves-Chronopoulos.

TRIBUTE TO HANK STOVALL,
BROOMFIELD COUNTY AND CITY
COUNCILMAN

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 21, 2003

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the outstanding work of Hank Stovall. Hank served for 24 years on the Council for the City and County of Broomfield as a member for Ward 4 and as Mayor Pro Tempore for a number of years.

Along with his colleagues on the city council, Hank helped make Broomfield the diverse and vibrant community that it has become today. He has also helped preserve the high quality of life that citizen in this community at the foothills of the Rocky Mountains have come to expect and appreciate.

The citizens of Broomfield have benefited greatly from Hank's dedicated leadership. He helped secure a quality transportation system in the Broomfield region, including support for the Northwest Parkway, an important highway that will connect this community with the Denver International Airport and other important access roads in the region. This Parkway will also include an open space buffer that will add to the quality of the Broomfield neighborhoods as well as increase transportation efficiency and access. He also worked with coalition to improve the US 36 highway corridor and the Broomfield intersections to this important highway corridor.

He also has helped ensure that Broomfield's transition from a city to a county was smooth, effective and successful. He and his colleagues recognized the importance of establishing Broomfield as a city and county so as to better serve its citizens. Before the conversion to a county, residents were required to travel to four distant county offices as the city was spread across four separate counties. By making Broomfield a county, the citizens of this community can now enjoy the efficiencies that come with that designation as well as further develop the sense of community that he and others have sought to accomplish.

Hank has been involved in many regional and State governmental committees, authorities, task forces and coalitions. All of this work was designed to promote effective governmental function and quality services to citizens and communities in the Broomfield region.

But perhaps his most lasting legacy will be his leadership on issues related to Rocky Flats, the former U.S. Department of Energy nuclear weapons production facility just south of the city and county. He brought his knowledge of nuclear issues to the table as strategies and approaches for cleaning up this facility were being discussed and developed. He insisted that the cleanup be thorough, cost effective and protective of the health, safety and environment of the surrounding communities. He was also a strong proponent of preserving the open space resources at this site and was an early advocate of designating the site as a national wildlife refuge. His support, as well as the support of other leaders surrounding the site, helped make this a reality.

He remained very concerned with public health and safety issues related to this site and its cleanup, closure and conversion to a national wildlife refuge. He was especially concerned about the health and safety of the workers at the site and pushed for instituting a high level of safety in all facets of the work done there.

Hank leaves the Broomfield County and City Council with a long and distinguished record of accomplishment and service. The citizens of Broomfield enjoy a quality of life, a strong sense of community and a solid reputation for service and leadership on regional issues because of Hank's involvement and public service work. I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing Hank every success in his future endeavors and hope that he remains active in community and regional issues for years to come.

IN HONOR OF THE FERTITTA FAMILY
105TH ANNIVERSARY RE-
UNION

HON. NICK LAMPSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 21, 2003

Mr. LAMPSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the 105th Anniversary of the highly regarded Fertitta Family in Galveston, Texas. The Fertitta family generously devotes their time, integrity, and leadership to every community their journey encounters.

This family reunion is a rare celebration of perseverance, achievement, loyalty, and love of an incredible ancestry. The Fertitta family heritage traces their roots back more than a century ago to Palermo, Sicily where a courageous young man named Joseph Fertitta made the pivotal decision to come to America in 1897.

Joseph and Olivia Fertitta have inspired hundreds of descendants to travel across the country to Galveston, Texas to celebrate the trials and joys of life together as a family. It is to he and his wife Olivia that a profound amount of respect and honor should be paid to, and upon whose base this incredible family is built upon.

Mr. Speaker, on November 29th, this family will commemorate its anniversary of over 100 years of faith and love. I ask you, and all of my colleagues, to join me in recognizing this remarkable family's triumph that has passed the test of time and remains a shining example of America's strength and unity.