

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING 2003 RN OF THE YEAR  
AWARD RECIPIENT BRENDA  
STARK

**HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 13, 2003*

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Brenda Stark on the occasion of her reception for the Central Valley Coalition of Nursing Organizations' 2003 RN of the Year Award for Outstanding Education. The banquet honoring her and the three other award winners will be held Friday, May 9, at the Radisson Hotel in Downtown Fresno, CA.

Brenda Stark is undoubtedly dedicated to the nursing profession. Early in her nursing career, Brenda discovered a love for teaching. She has taught in a variety of healthcare, academic, and community settings. She is now very active in mentoring and educating vocational nursing students in the largest school district in the area. Brenda is experienced as a nursing manager with extensive managerial skills in community health ambulatory care setting. She works with numerous agencies, churches, and schools in developing and planning health related programs to meet community needs.

Ms. Stark is Vice-President of the Central Valley Black Nurses Association. She is very concerned about the health care needs of all people, and volunteers to provide health care screening for churches in the Fresno area. Her lifelong achievements are reflective in her love for the profession and for the welfare of all people.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Brenda Stark for her excellence in the field of Outstanding Education. I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing Brenda many years of continued success.

HONORING ALAMEDA COUNTY 2003  
UNIONIST OF THE YEAR DOROTHY  
FORTIER

**HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 13, 2003*

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dorothy Fortier for receiving the 2003 Unionist of the Year award from the Central Labor Council of Alameda County, AFL-CIO. Ms. Fortier will be honored at the Council's Unionist of the Year Dinner on May 15.

Ms. Fortier will be honored for her life-long dedication to the labor movement and her community. She currently serves as President and on the Executive Board of the Central Labor Council.

In addition to her responsibilities on the Central Labor Council, she serves as Secretary-Treasurer of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Minority

Caucus, and on the National Executive Board of the Coalition of Labor Union Women.

Ms. Fortier began her involvement in the labor movement in 1975 as a member of IBEW Local Union 1245. She has served as the union's Assistant Business Manager since 1987.

Ms. Fortier has gone beyond what is required as President of the Central Labor Council to successfully complete numerous labor studies courses. She participates as an instructor and moderator in a wide range of union programs on the local, State, national and international levels.

Ms. Fortier has also been active in raising a new generation of labor activists at home. Her three children, Rhonda R. Fortier-Bourne, Alfred W. Fortier II and Richelle B. Fortier-Phillips are union activists in OPEIU, IBEW and CWA respectively.

I am honored to commend Dorothy Fortier for her commitment to improving the labor movement and her community.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF CAP-  
TAIN ARMANDO ARIEL GON-  
ZALEZ

**HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 13, 2003*

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a saddened heart for the untimely death of a South Florida resident who paid the ultimate sacrifice in the name of freedom. Captain Armando Ariel Gonzalez was killed on April 14, 2003 in a non-hostile accident when a commercial refueler collapsed at a supply area in Southern Iraq. I wish to express my deepest condolences to Captain Gonzalez' wife, and the entire Gonzalez family. Equally, I offer all my support and prayers.

I believe that a person's life is not measured by the time spent on this earth, but by what is accomplished while here. With this in mind, Captain Gonzalez will always be considered a hero. The ultimate passing of any true hero is a tragedy.

This tragedy only crystallizes the great risk and danger these brave men and women experience in the name of the people of the United States. All of America mourns the loss of our military men and women, though we cannot feel the depth of the families' pain. We must never forget that the peace and prosperity that we enjoy today are founded on the ultimate sacrifices made by those who have lost their lives in war throughout our Nation's history. They have earned our gratitude and respect.

Mr. Speaker, because of the very high regard in which I hold all members of the United States armed services, it is especially disturbing to me when one of these fine young men or women is killed. By any measure, their contributions, in terms of human sacrifice, are immense. As a nation we share the sense of

loss that the Gonzalez family is experiencing. Though sorrow runs deep, our pride for Captain Gonzalez shines brightly.

HONORING 2003 RN OF THE YEAR  
AWARD RECIPIENT AMY R. TOBIN

**HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 13, 2003*

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Amy R. Tobin on the occasion of her reception for the Central Valley Coalition of Nursing Organizations' 2003 RN of the Year Award for Outstanding Administration. The banquet honoring her and the three other award winners was held Friday, May 9, at the Radisson Hotel in Downtown Fresno, CA.

Amy Tobin has been a strong leader in the health care community. She has developed a Nursing Ethics Forum to educate and provide a means for nurses to discuss ethical issues at the unit level. She became a resource for clinical responses and a consultant for guiding discussions on ethical issues for both nursing and medical staff. Amy also served as the nursing liaison to the medical staff ethics committee.

Amy has shown her care for humanity in several ways. First, through the development and holding of quarterly classes for the public in the Wellness Center at Community Hospital, she taught on such topics as hypertension, cholesterol control and osteoporosis. Secondly, she taught Nursing Management curriculum through California State University, Fresno's Extended Education program and has instructed professional courses in the clinical, regulatory and organizational development areas. Ms. Tobin has established the first official voting status for a nurse on a medical staff committee and accomplished this in an academic environment by lobbying for collegiality and teamwork. Amy strives to improve the conditions and standards of the medical profession and takes every chance she can to teach others about health awareness.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Amy R. Tobin for her excellence in the field of Outstanding Administration. I invite my colleagues in wishing her many years of continued success.

HONORING ALAMEDA COUNTY  
UNION LEADER JIM PROLA

**HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 13, 2003*

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Jim Prola for receiving the COPE Award from the Central Labor Council of Alameda

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County, AFL-CIO. Mr. Prola will be honored at the Council's Unionist of the Year Dinner on May 15.

Mr. Prola, a member of the Central Labor Council's Executive Board, will receive the award to honor his dedication to the labor movement and to his community. Before being elected to the Executive Board, Mr. Prola served as a delegate for over 20 years to the Labor Council representing the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) Local Union 2019.

He began his labor career as a member of AFSCME Local Union 444, where he started the Health and Safety Committee and served as the local union's Vice-President. As a member of AFSCME Local 2019, Mr. Prola worked with his local union to build a Labor and Environmental Coalition which now involves the majority of the East Bay Municipal Utilities District Board of Directors.

In addition to his work with the Central Labor Council, Mr. Prola currently serves as Political Action Chair for AFSCME District Council 57, Region 3 of the San Francisco Bay Area, and as representative to the AFSCME Statewide Steering Committee.

Mr. Prola has been instrumental in engaging AFSCME participation in the political process and in helping labor to build political power to win social and economic justice. He has contributed to the COPE Program of the Central Labor Council of Alameda County AFL-CIO through his consistent participation and volunteer work to further labor's political programs.

In addition to his outstanding efforts in the labor movement, Mr. Prola serves his community as a volunteer coach for youth basketball in Oakland schools, as a volunteer coach for youth soccer in San Leandro, and as a volunteer coach for the Babe Ruth Baseball League.

I am honored to commend Jim Prola for his commitment to community service and his diligent work to further political involvement by unions.

#### HONORING THE COURAGE OF ARMY STAFF SERGEANT TARIK JACKSON

#### HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 13, 2003*

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, Army Staff Sergeant, Tarik Jackson, a graduate of Miami Springs High School, is a pride to the Florida Community. During an ambush on March 23 near Nasiriyah, Southern Iraq, he was shot while trying to get several injured soldiers out of the way of enemy fire. Motivated by his indescribable bravery, Sergeant Jackson walked for a mile after he had been shot in the arm, hip and thigh, and encouraged others to keep going.

The Purple Heart Staff Sergeant Jackson was awarded correctly recognizes his exemplary character and great courage.

I am glad to hear that the doctors expect Army Staff Sergeant Tarik Jackson to fully recover, although I understand that he will need months of rehabilitation.

Mr. Speaker, Sergeant Jackson's injury only crystallizes the great risk and danger these brave men and women experience in the

name of the people of the United States. We never forget that the peace and prosperity that we enjoy are founded on the sacrifices made by those who have been maimed or killed in war throughout our nation's history. They have earned our gratitude and respect.

#### HONORING 2003 RN OF THE YEAR AWARD RECIPIENT IRENE HEETEBRY

#### HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 13, 2003*

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Irene Heetebry on the occasion of her reception for the Central Valley Coalition of Nursing Organizations' 2003 RN of the Year Award for Advanced Practice. The banquet honoring her and the three other award winners will be held Friday, May 9 at the Radisson Hotel in Downtown Fresno, California.

Irene Heetebry is a skilled, experienced nurse practitioner who provides exemplary care. She encourages open communication with her patients and cares about what is going on in their lives. Irene is a genuinely thoughtful person who is not only doing her job to help others, but also to make an impact on their lives.

Ms. Heetebry displays a positive approach that allows patients to make the best decisions in choosing the type of life they want to lead. Irene facilitates preventative health maintenance, life style change, diabetic care, cholesterol, asthma, hypertension, and weight management services for her patients. She has taught classes on diabetes diagnosis and prevention, utilizing the knowledge she gained from her correlation study on self-care and the diabetic patient.

Irene encourages people to pursue their nursing careers and frequently receives accolades from those whom she has helped support over the years. She excels in all attributes which are needed to be a successful nurse.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Irene Heetebry for her excellence in the field of Advanced Practice. I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing Irene many years of continued success.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. TOM COLE

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 13, 2003*

Mr. COLE. Mr. Speaker, on May 9, 2003 for rollcall vote Nos. 177 through 182, I was in Oklahoma due to the devastating tornado that struck my District. If I had been present, on rollcall vote No. 177, I would have voted "yea." On rollcall vote No. 178, I would have voted "yea." On rollcall vote No. 179, I would have voted "yea." On rollcall vote No. 180, I would have voted "yea." On rollcall vote No. 181, I would have voted "no." And on rollcall vote No. 182, I would have voted "yea."

#### IN MEMORY OF LANCE CORPORAL JOSEPH BASIL MAGLIONE III

#### HON. CURT WELDON

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 13, 2003*

Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with great sadness and tremendous gratitude to honor the life of a brave young man, Lance Cpl. Joseph Basil Maglione III, who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. Lance Cpl. Maglione was just 22 years old. He died Tuesday, April 1, 2003, in Camp Coyote, Kuwait. Joe was serving with the Bridge Company Bravo, 6th Engineering Support Battalion, 4th FSSG (Force Service Support Group) of Folsom, Pennsylvania.

Joseph was a Marine Corps Reservist and a full time Architectural Engineering student at Drexel University. He was about to start his senior year. Joe attended boot camp at Parris Island, S.C. in June 2000. He served in Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, Fort Lee, Virginia, Folsom, Pennsylvania, and Camp Coyote, Kuwait.

Born in Abington, Pennsylvania, he was the son of Joseph B. Maglione II of York, Pennsylvania and Rosemary Corr of Audubon, Pennsylvania. He was the grandson of Mary and Jim Corr of Lansdale and the late Joe and Anne Maglione.

Joe was a 1999 graduate of North Penn Senior High School in Lansdale. He attended Council Rock High School in Holland from 1997 until 1998. He also attended Holland Junior High School from 1994 until 1996. In Lansdale, Joe attended Pennbrook Middle School and Gwyn Nor Elementary School from 1987 until 1993.

Joe began his studies at Drexel University in 1999 in the Mechanical Engineering area. He changed his major to architectural Engineering last year.

Joe worked for Northampton Township Water Authority and AV Weber in North Wales as credit for his Drexel Co-op Program. Joe loved sports. In North Penn he was on the rugby team and track team. In Council Rock he played football, was on the track team, ran the hurdles and was on the wrestling team. Joe was also a student of Tae Kwon Do in Bong Pil Yang's Martial Arts School in Lansdale from 1987 until 1993. Joe attended art classes offered by Michener Art Museum in Doylestown. He was a talented artist.

Mr. Speaker, Lance Cpl. Joseph Maglione III exemplified the spirit of service that has made this country great. It is proper to remember and honor a man of such worth and character with great respect for what he stood for. Our pride in Joe shall certainly live on—his life, his courage, his sacrifice and strength of character. The example of his citizenship and dedication to duty will be his enduring legacy. Mr. Speaker, at this time I ask you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in honoring the memory, life and service of Lance Cpl. Joseph Maglione III, and in sending our heartfelt condolences to his family, his friends and community.