

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING JOHN M. McCANN

HON. RAHM EMANUEL

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 10, 2004

Mr. EMANUEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate John M. McCann of Chicago on receiving the Dr. Robert Hamilton Special Service Award in recognition of his years of excellence and dedication to the DePaul University Athletic Department.

John McCann is being honored for his years of service to DePaul University as sports information director. From 1958 to 1973, John was the man responsible for the promotion of DePaul athletics, years that produced some of the most exciting times in Blue Demons history.

A lifelong Chicagoan, John was raised on the city's west side, attending St. Philip's School. During World War II, John was in the U.S. Navy, stationed on the USS Case. Upon his return from the war, John enrolled at DePaul University, beginning a relationship that would last a lifetime.

After graduating from DePaul in 1950, John began his career in education, first working as a teacher at DePaul Academy. He later joined the ranks of teachers and administrators in the Chicago public schools, eventually becoming the principal of Lakeview's Louis J. Agassiz Elementary School, a position he retired from in 1984.

But John's true passion was always with DePaul athletics. As sports information director, John oversaw the publicity and media coverage of dominant years in Blue Demons basketball, including the great teams of the 1960s that starred Howie Carl and Billy Haig. John was an integral part of the DePaul basketball family that was led by the legendary Coach Ray Meyer and his longtime assistant, the late Frank McGrath.

To John and his wife, Cay, family has always been a priority. Their son Kevin has followed in his footsteps as an educator, rising to his current position as principal of Jamieson School in Lincoln Park. John is most proud, though, that Kevin and his two siblings, Mary and John, all attended his beloved alma mater, DePaul.

Mr. Speaker, I join with the people of Chicago and the members of the DePaul family in recognizing the great honor being bestowed upon John McCann and wish him continued happiness in the future.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO GEORGE AND VIE OBERN

HON. LOIS CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to pay tribute to two special citizens, George and Vie Obern.

George and Vie Obern have dedicated themselves to improving conditions for bicyclists, hikers and equestrians throughout Santa Barbara County. George and Vie Obern's work led to the successful development of local trail and pathway projects, including the Maria Ygnacia Creek Bikepath, the Coastal Route Bikepath, the Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail and many others.

During the 1970s, George and Vie Obern assumed a leadership role in the development of many bikepaths and trails, working to bring consensus among local homeowners, special districts, Caltrans, the Southern Pacific Railroad and county government regarding the need to build six miles of paved bikepath in the midst of an urbanized area.

The Coastal Route and Maria Ygnacia Creek bikepaths are the primary recreational facilities for the Goleta Valley and are two of the best urban pathways in the State. On January 20th, 2004, the Santa Barbara County Supervisors designated the Coastal Bike Route in Goleta Valley as the "Obern Trail" in recognition of the hard work and dedication that George and Vie Obern exhibited in their work to develop the trails. It is my pleasure and honor to recognize the Oberns at this time for their work in our community. The generosity and dedication of people like George and Vie Obern are what make our community special, and I am happy to salute them.

PAYING RESPECTS TO HAL SHROYER

HON. BOB BEAUPREZ

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BEAUPREZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay respect to a great American, a great Coloradan and a great Republican.

My good friend, Hal Shroyer of Adams County, Colorado, is without question a giant in Colorado politics. As one who has toiled through the political party leadership myself from precinct committeeman to State chairman, I can honestly say that my State, our country and our Republican Party have no greater patriot and warrior than Mr. Shroyer.

For decades he has fought valiantly for the causes and ideals of the GOP. Having served at all levels of party leadership, including his chairmanship of the Adams County GOP, Hal Shroyer has represented the ideals and philosophy of the Republican Party with civility, grace and patriotism. A shrewd strategist, a motivating leader and an appropriate role model for all who relish the thrill of partisan battle yet respect the integrity of the local opposition, Hal Shroyer set the example in Colorado of what it means to be a party leader.

Mr. Speaker, we unfortunately live in an age where honest differences about principles and policy too often give way to petty and personal attacks. Hal Shroyer may be among the last of a dying breed. He is a great man of integrity

and principle, a man who loves America more than anything, a great husband to his late wife Maxine, a great friend to all who have the pleasure of making his acquaintance and, put simply, a decent and honorable American.

Mr. Speaker, Hal Shroyer of Adams County, Colorado, is a true American treasure; and it is my tremendous honor to pay my most heartfelt respects to him and his legacy of leadership and patriotism.

FEBRUARY SCHOOL OF THE MONTH

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 10, 2004

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I announce the Early Childhood program in the Hempstead Union Free School District as School of the Month in the Fourth Congressional District for February 2004.

The principal of the Early Childhood program is Florence Galloway, and the superintendent of schools is Dr. Nathaniel Clay. The Early Childhood program serves almost 1,000 students in the village of Hempstead's first Full Day Kindergarten program. The faculty work to ensure children begin life on the right path, with a strong commitment to education and family values.

The administrators and teachers of the Full Day Kindergarten program are committed to teaching every child to read by the third grade through an enriched curriculum of math, science, and social studies. The students are taught socialization skills that revolve around respect, sharing and interaction, a superior combination.

This invaluable program was spearheaded by the current principal, Mrs. Florence Galloway, in 2003. Mrs. Galloway has dedicated her life to improving the classroom and school environment, while remaining active within the community. During her 48 years in education, Mrs. Galloway dedicated 35 to the Hempstead School District. After more than 2 decades of service at the Marshall Street Primary School, Mrs. Galloway accepted the position of coordinator for the district's pre-K program. Shortly after, Mrs. Galloway took on the role of principal for the district's newly formed Early Childhood program, a task she has proudly served for 11 years. Mrs. Galloway will be retiring this year after nearly a half-century of impeccable service. She will be greatly missed not only in Hempstead but in the entire Fourth Congressional District.

Mr. Speaker, the faculty and students of the Early Childhood program, along with the community, have created a wonderful learning environment. I am proud to name the Hempstead Early Childhood program as the school of the month for February 2004.

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