

CONGRATULATING INDIANA
BROADCASTER OF THE YEAR
AWARD RECIPIENT, HAROLD A.
WELTER

HON. STEVE BUYER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 22, 2004

Mr. BUYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Harold Welter for receiving the Indiana Football Coaches Association "2004 Broadcaster of the Year Award."

For 39 years Harold Welter has been the voice of high school sports in Indiana's Kankakee Valley. If there was an important football game, boy's basketball game, girl's basketball game, and even sometimes a baseball game in the area, Harold was there broadcasting it on WKVI radio.

Though Harold is a die-hard fan of his hometown Knox High School Redskins, he broadcasts each game in a professional and impartial manner that brings the action of the game to life for his listeners. He also regularly invites local individuals to be guest commentators on a night's game, a privilege I have had on one occasion.

Harold has gone the extra mile promoting high school sports. He established a Saturday morning radio show now called "Saturday Sportsline" on WKVI which recognizes outstanding high school sports teams and athletes through in-depth interviews with coaches and players that let listeners learn more about our local sports heroes.

This year, the Indiana Football Coaches Association recognized Harold's dedication to high school sports in Indiana by naming him their "Broadcaster of the Year." It is a tremendous honor and well deserved. His sincerity and concern for the lives of young adults is admirable and recognized by all who know him.

From his first job in radio at WRIN in Rensselaer, Indiana, to his many years of calling high school sports in the Kankakee Valley, Harold has kept his listeners tuning in. I am pleased to join other Hoosier sports fans in honoring Harold for his contributions to Indiana high school sports and congratulate him again for being named "Broadcaster of the Year" by the Indiana Football Coaches Association.

THE HEALTHY START REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2004

HON. FRED UPTON

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 22, 2004

Mr. UPTON. Mr. Chairman, I rise today to announce that, along with my colleagues Representatives EDOLPHUS TOWNS, CHARLES "CHIP" PICKERING, ELIJAH CUMMINGS, SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO, ROSA DELAURO, JOHN SPRATT, BOBBY RUSH, JIM MARSHALL, and DANNY DAVIS, I am introducing legislation to reauthorize the Healthy Start Act, H.R. 4905.

The Healthy Start program works to reduce the incidence of infant mortality and low birth weight and eliminate perinatal disparities in communities across the Nation where the infant mortality rate is in excess of 150 percent

of the national average. The program, which began as a successful demonstration project in 1991 under the leadership of Health and Human Services Secretary Lewis Sullivan and was overwhelmingly authorized by Congress in 2000, has at its core the recognition that infant mortality and morbidity are not just medical problems, they are community problems. To qualify for a Healthy Start grant, communities must buy-in by forming networks of community public and private decision-makers and leaders, educators, health professionals, and family members to set ambitious goals for themselves and work in a coordinated and effective way to meet those goals. These programs are targeted to at-risk populations and are characterized by aggressive outreach to reach young women who are pregnant and/or are already mothers, as well as fathers, who live in communities with the toughest poverty, drug use, and unemployment.

We are fortunate to have a Healthy Start program in Kalamazoo, Michigan, in my Congressional district. Our Healthy Start Family Resource Center offers prenatal care, WIC resources, transportation, personal counseling and many other services. So far, 100 percent of the expectant mothers who have received prenatal care and other services through the Center have delivered healthy, full-term babies.

The Healthy Start Reauthorization Act will reauthorize the program for fiscal years 2005 through 2010 at "such sums as may be necessary."

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF MAJOR GENERAL RONALD L. LOWE

HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 22, 2004

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, the U.S. Congress and the nation take great pride in formally recognizing the exceptionally meritorious military service of Major General Ronald L. Lowe, U.S. Army, who completes his tour as the Chief of Staff, United States Pacific Command on the 29th of July 2004. This significant milestone marks the completion of more than 38 years of active and reserve service to the nation.

Major General Ronald L. Lowe was assigned to the position of Chief of Staff, U.S. Pacific Command, Camp H.M. Smith, Hawaii on 4 June 2000. Prior to joining the USPACOM staff, General Lowe served for three years as the Deputy Commander for Support, Eighth U.S. Army, Yongsan, Korea. In this role he served as the senior wartime logistician responsible for battle command of all Army combat service support forces in the Korea theater of operations. Earlier, MG Lowe served for four years as Vice Director of Information Systems for Command, Control, Communications and Computers (DISC4), Office of the Secretary of the Army, with duty at the Pentagon, Washington, D.C.

Prior to recall to active duty under the Defense Department's "Chairman's Ten" program, General Lowe held U.S. Army Reserve command assignments with the 351st Civil Affairs Command, the 7th Psychological Operations Group and the 14th Psychological Op-

erations Battalion. During the early years of his career General Lowe served on active duty as a mechanized infantry platoon leader, company commander and battalion logistics officer, in Europe. Later he served as a Deputy District Senior Advisor in the Republic of Vietnam and as Chief of the Enlisted Separations Branch of the U.S. Army Personnel Center.

General Lowe is a graduate of the Infantry Officer Basic Course, Civil Affairs Officer Advanced Course, the Command and General Staff College and the Army War College. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from San Jose State University and Certificates in Procurement and Applied Total Quality Management from the University of California, Berkeley. He has participated in advanced management programs at the University of California at Los Angeles, Michigan State University and Harvard University. In civilian life, General Lowe retired from Pacific Bell, an SBC Communications subsidiary, in 1997. Prior to his retirement he served as Pacific Bell's Executive Director of General Contracting. More recently he worked in Europe as a senior consultant for KPMG. He is a past President of the Senior Army Reserve Commanders Association, SARCA, and the National Civil Affairs Association and he currently serves on the Advisory Board of the Association of the U.S. Army.

General Lowe has been awarded the Combat Infantryman's Badge, the Expert Infantryman's Badge, the Parachutist Badge, the Legion of Merit with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Bronze Star Medal, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Meritorious Service Medal with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters and various other decorations.

The U.S. Congress congratulates MG Lowe on his retirement, and extends its gratitude for his many years of service to our nation.

A SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO JOHN REAGAN MCKEE ON THE OCCA- SION OF HIS RETIREMENT

HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 22, 2004

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to Mr. John Reagan McKee on the occasion of his retirement. On June 4, 2004, Mr. McKee retired after thirty years as an English teacher at Libbey High School in Toledo, OH.

To truly do Mr. McKee justice would not be to speak of his achievements by the awards he received or the teams he coached; it would be to speak of the kind of educator he was. John McKee was able to turn discouraging circumstances into opportunities.

John McKee introduced students to their potential and his belief in their character guided and motivated children to fulfill their dreams. For the past five years, the Graduating class has chosen Mr. McKee as the teacher who influenced them most.

Whether an English teacher, basketball coach or Advisor on the school paper, John McKee brought out the best in his students and made sure they recognized it as well. In doing so, he ensured himself a permanent spot in the memories of his students as one who truly believed in them. Among students

and among his fellow teachers, his presence at Libbey will be sorely missed.

Mr. Speaker, the profession of education is not merely a job, it is a lifestyle. My appreciation for teachers runs deep. And my appreciation for dedicating one's life to the advancement of education runs deeper. John McKee has effectively displayed a commitment to his community. John's passion for education is what makes him a model citizen of the Fifth District.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying special tribute to John Reagan McKee for thirty years of success as an educator. On behalf of the people of the Fifth District of Ohio, I am proud to recognize John McKee's great achievement. We wish John and his family all the best as we pay tribute to one of Ohio's finest citizens.

HONORING OVERSTOCK.COM FOR THEIR EFFORTS IN AFGHANISTAN

HON. CHRIS CANNON

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 22, 2004

Mr. CANNON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize a Utah company for the help it has given to the recently freed people of Afghanistan.

Overstock.com, founded in 1999, is one of Utah's best performing companies and a leader in liquidating excess inventory through the Internet. For nearly five years, Overstock.com has operated on principles of value investing and fair deals, which is why it has become a leader on the Internet.

Overstock.com has also done great work abroad as well. Worldstock is the socially responsible goods department of Overstock.com that contracts with skilled craftspeople in developing countries and helps them sell their products. I am proud to say that this Utah based company is now Afghanistan's largest private employer. The Ministry of Commerce in Afghanistan reported that Worldstock has made it possible for 1,400 Afghans—90 percent of them women—to earn a living. This is a quite a feat, considering that just a few short years ago Afghans, especially women, were living under the oppressive Taliban regime.

In Afghanistan, Overstock.com has been able to utilize technology to provide employment for this developing country. Overstock.com has given Afghans the skills needed for long-term business success. Additionally, Overstock.com has said that it will not make a profit of more than one percent on goods sold through its Worldstock division. This policy has allowed women, prevented from working under the Taliban regime, to now flourish. Global trade and commerce are now a reality to the Afghani people thanks in part to the efforts of Overstock.com.

I would also like to recognize the founder and CEO of Overstock.com, Dr. Patrick Byrne. Being a three-time cancer survivor has not slowed down his altruism, productivity or creativity. It is Dr. Byrne's vision that drives Overstock.com and its work in Afghanistan. In 2003, Dr. Byrne hired Neelab Kaniska, an Afghan woman who fled her homeland when she was a child, to manage Worldstock. This position allowed Neelab to return to her native country and work with local artisans and pro-

vide them with the technological tools that now employ over 1500.

Overstock.com and Dr. Patrick Byrne understand the importance of all markets whether it is the individual consumer, small business owner, or an artisan in a developing country. I applaud their efforts and their representation of Utah, American business, and the American spirit.

IN MEMORY OF NEIL HAVENS

HON. ELTON GALLEGLY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 22, 2004

Mr. GALLEGLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the memory of Neil Havens, former postmaster of my hometown of Simi Valley, California, and a man for whom community was family and who epitomized the spirit of Simi Valley.

Neil Havens died peacefully Friday at the age of 74 in his favorite chair in the home he and his wife, Pat, moved into soon after they married in 1951. A fourth-generation Simi Valley native, Neil was appointed postmaster by President Dwight Eisenhower, taking over from his father, Charles Reuben Havens. His grandfather, Charles Albert Havens, also delivered the post in Simi Valley.

And while his 30-year reign as postmaster guaranteed him a place in Simi Valley's history, it was Neil's commitment to community that guaranteed him a place in the hearts of all who knew him.

Neil Havens was a longtime Rotarian. He served as president of the Rotary Club of Simi Valley twice. He was one of the founding members of the Simi Valley Education Foundation. He served on the board of the Simi Valley Cultural Arts Center Foundation. He was a member of the Salvation Army Disaster Team. He raised money for Simi Valley Hospital. He was active in the U.S. Naval Reserve. And the list goes on.

But that is not what people talk about when they talk about Neil Havens. They talk about his firm handshake and his ready smile framed by a trademark jawline beard. They talk about how many friends he had and how he called every week. They talk about how their lawn was mysteriously mowed when they fell ill, to find out later that it was Neil who wielded the mysterious mower. They talk about how he visited sick friends every day they were ill and looked after their family once they passed.

Neil Havens defined community as family. And Neil looked after his family.

Neil is survived by his wife, Pat, herself a community icon. She and Neil graduated together from Simi Valley High School in 1947 and raised three children in Simi Valley, Debra, Barbara and Russ. The City Council named Pat as Simi Valley's first City Historian while I was mayor of the city, a post she still holds along with Director of the Strathearn Historical Park and Museum.

In addition, Neil is survived by four grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I know my colleagues join me in sending our condolences to Pat Havens, their children and grandchildren, and pause in remembering a man whose family extended far beyond the bonds of blood and whose life embraced all who knew him. Godspeed, Neil.

INTRODUCTION OF H.R.____, THE LIBERTY LIST

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 22, 2004

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, in presenting the 2003 State Department Human Rights Report Secretary of State Colin Powell declared, "We join in solidarity with courageous men and women all over the world who strive to advance human rights and democratic values within their own countries and throughout the international community." Today, I introduce the Liberty List Act that will highlight those courageous men and women and reinforce the special significance of freedom, democracy, and human rights in American foreign policy.

The Liberty List will be an independent annual report issued by the State Department to highlight the work of individuals and organizations, including the media, who promote the development of liberty, democracy, and respect for human rights. In addition to honoring these individuals and organizations for their important contributions to their societies, the Liberty List will draw attention to the conditions against which the honorees struggle and will offer some protection for honorees by identifying them to the international community. A few individuals and groups, such as Aung San Suu Kyi and her National League for Democracy NLD, are known around the world for their struggle. Yet, for every individual who is known to the international community, there are many other heroes who deserve recognition and support as they risk their own lives for the improvement of others'.

The Liberty List is fundamentally different from the existing State Department Report on International Religious Freedom and the annual Country Reports on Human Rights Practices. Current reports focus on the human rights records of national governments; they deal with the imposition of state power. The Liberty List, in contrast, will spotlight individuals and organizations who are working against that power to build freedom, democracy, and respect for human rights.

Leaders in the struggle for freedom and democracy around the world deserve recognition for the sacrifices and their struggles. It is through the work individuals, who struggle at the local and national levels to improve the lives of their families, friends, and neighbors, that democracy, freedom, and human rights will prevail. The Liberty List Act will establish a means by which the United States can honor these men and women as they strive to make the world a better, safer place.

I urge my colleagues to join me as cosponsors of this legislation.

THE CASE OF THE HUNGARIAN GOLD TRAIN

HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 22, 2004

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to discuss an important issue of justice for Holocaust survivors: the saga of the Hungarian Gold Train, and the role played by the United States government.