

TRIBUTE TO KELLER HAYES

HON. DIANA DeGETTE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 22, 2004

Ms. DeGETTE. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the notable accomplishments of a remarkable woman in the 1st Congressional District of Colorado. It is both fitting and proper that we recognize Keller Hayes for her impressive record of business and civic leadership as well as her invaluable service to our state and community.

Keller Hayes has used her time, skill and energy to make Colorado a better place. She came to our community from a small ranch in rural Nebraska and graduated from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln with a degree in Journalism and Women's Studies. She worked for various publishing houses, including a trade publication in Minnesota and for Monterey Life in California before joining the Colorado Women's Chamber of Commerce.

For Keller, the economic empowerment of women has meaning. Whether advocating for passage of a pay-equity resolution at the statehouse or developing a Women's Business Certification program to allow women-owned companies to gain greater access to corporate and government contracts, Keller has been a champion for social and economic empowerment. She believes in the mission of the Colorado Women's Chamber of Commerce and during her tenure as President, she gave its mission new life and helped build a dynamic organization. When Keller took up the job, she and a part-time person were the only staff the chamber had. Today, the organization has eight staff people, boasts 1,700 members and has become the largest women's chamber in the country. Under Keller's leadership, the Women's Chamber created a structure that promotes the economic advancement of its members and provides meaningful leadership for women in business. Keller has opened doors and garnered respect for the women's business community. She has brought other women along and helped get them a seat at the table. Keller has fought for recognition of both the immeasurable contribution of women to our economy and the full value of women's abilities. As a result of her leadership, business women have become a more powerful force in our city and our state.

For her efforts, Keller was chosen the 2001 Outstanding Woman in Business Nonprofit by the Denver Business Journal and 2002 Women in Business Advocate of the Year in Region VIII for the Small Business Administration. But it takes a special person to reach a high level of professional accomplishment and still find the time and energy to give back to the community. Over the past six years, Keller has volunteered for the Rape/Spouse Abuse Crisis Center as an on-line counselor, volunteer trainer, speaker and public relations volunteer. Not only has Keller used her skills and talents to promote the economic empowerment of women, she has done much to advance the well-being of our people.

While I believe many of us are saddened Keller has left the Women's Chamber, I am confident that her leadership, skill and experience will be of great benefit to all of us in her new venture and we look forward to her continued involvement in our civic life.

Please join me commending Keller Hayes for her professional achievement, community service and active involvement in helping women attain professional excellence and a dynamic voice in public life. It is the strong leadership she exhibits on a daily basis that continually enhances our lives and builds a better future for all Americans.

HONORING BILL LYNCH AS DEPUTY MANAGER FOR KERRY-EDWARDS CAMPAIGN

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 22, 2004

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the appointment of William (Bill) Lynch Jr. as Deputy Campaign Manager for the Kerry-Edwards Presidential Campaign.

A Harlem native and former Deputy Mayor of the City of New York, Bill Lynch has more than 30 years experience in local and national politics, government operations and public policy. In 1997, former President William J. Clinton nominated Mr. Lynch for the position of Vice Chair to the Democratic National Committee.

Prior to Mr. Lynch's appointment as the Deputy Mayor for Intergovernmental Affairs in 1989, he served as Campaign Manager for David Dinkins '89 and as Chief of Staff to the then Manhattan Borough President. Bill Lynch has been a social and political activist for the past twenty-five years, serving as Director of Legislation and Political Action for District Council 1701 of the American Federation of State and Municipal Employees (AFL-CIO), as well as Campaign Manager for Congressman MAJOR OWENS and Assemblyman William Frank Boyland both of Brooklyn, New York.

Mr. Lynch will lead a national effort to motivate and deliver key Democratic Party constituent groups, particularly African Americans and Latinos that have been marginalized in the past. I urge my colleagues to join me in commending Mr. William Lynch on his recent appointment as the Deputy Campaign Manager for the Kerry-Edwards Presidential Campaign and wish him all the success.

I commend to my colleagues the following article, which appeared in the New York Daily News on July 20, 2004.

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DEMS' NEW CAPTAIN

(By Errol Louis)

On a quiet, isolated farm in Tennessee, a few hundred political leaders gathered Sunday to honor two New Yorkers—Len Riggio, the Brooklyn-born chairman of Barnes & Noble, and former Deputy Mayor Bill Lynch—in a ceremony that symbolizes a pivotal moment in the race for President. Newly named to the post of deputy manager of the Kerry-Edwards campaign, Lynch will help lead a national effort to fire up and deliver many of the Democratic Party's key constituent groups. That includes women, gays, young adults, blacks, Latinos and union members, especially in the swing states—all in the 104-day sprint between now and Election Day.

Should Lynch succeed, the ticket stands a good chance of winning. But if he comes up even a little bit short in key states like Ohio, Pennsylvania or Florida, it could cost the Democrats the election.

Given the importance of his mission, it's fitting that Lynch was back at the Haley Farm Freedom School, a 157-acre spread outside Knoxville, over the weekend. There he joined a cross section of the Democratic Party's elite, including David Dinkins and Elizabeth Edwards, the wife of the vice presidential candidate, at the dedication of the Riggio-Lynch Chapel, a building paid for by the bookstore magnate and designed by renowned architect Maya Lin (of Vietnam memorial fame).

The farm, formerly owned by the writer Alex Haley, was acquired a decade ago by the Children's Defense Fund and transformed into a thriving conference and training center for veterans of the civil rights movement and their younger, modern successors. Over the last 10 years, more than 6,000 young people have passed through the Haley farm for retreat-like workshops on everything from writing policy papers to studying how civil disobedience works.

College-age activists, many with dreadlocks and tattoos, regularly sit and swap stories with movement veterans who put their bodies on the line in places like Selma, Birmingham and the Mississippi Delta. The same kids are the secret weapon that could carry the election.

Lynch, a former union organizer who did his share of sit-ins before turning to electoral politics, is expected to tap into this army of well-trained young activists and bring their farm-stoked energy into the Kerry-Edwards campaign.

The challenge for Lynch will be to persuade party bigwigs that in many communities, no amount of expensive advertising, fancy Internet networking or televised debating can replace doorknocking, phone-banking and other kinds of grass-roots organizing.

It's a debate that goes on in every Democratic campaign. All too often, fancy media strategists win the debate and grab most of the campaign funds—and then lose the election.

It doesn't have to turn out that way. The troops who could win the fall election have been training quietly for more than a decade on that quiet farm outside Knoxville. If Lynch succeeds at bringing them into a Democratic win, it will look like a 100-day electoral miracle.

INTRODUCTION OF BILL TO ESTABLISH A BORDER PATROL UNIT FOR THE U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS

HON. DONNA M. CHRISTENSEN

OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 22, 2004

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce legislation to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to establish at least one Border Patrol unit for the U.S. Virgin Islands.

With over 175 miles of unprotected and open borders, the Virgin Islands are the gateway to the U.S. and our nation's southernmost border. And, it would appear, Mr. Speaker that the U.S. Virgin Islands is today the gateway of choice for human smugglers.

Since 1998 more than 500 Chinese nationals have entered the territory of the U.S. Virgin Islands. Those dropping the aliens ashore have identified the Virgin Islands as an area from which illegals can try to travel undetected to the U.S. mainland. While most of these

landings have principally been during the pre-dawn hours at one of the several cays on the island of St. John, there have also been landings on all three islands with 15 Chinese nationals being apprehended on St. John and St. Thomas as recently as this past April 19th. According to the U.S. Attorney for the Virgin Islands, "we don't know who these people are who are smuggled into the territory from China."

Because of the lack of a Border Patrol Unit in the territory, other federal agencies such as Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) have to spend a significant amount of man-hours apprehending, processing, detaining and watching aliens in custody. ICE has to use between 6 and 8 agents in every landing of 12 to 15 aliens. At a rate of on average 3 to 4 landings per month more than 80 hours are spent processing these aliens. Time which could be used to investigate conspiracies, smuggling organizations and dismantling rings.

Mr. Speaker, having a Border Patrol Unit assigned in the territory would also enable us to deal with the other serious problem we face which is drug smuggling. ICE has identified several trafficking organizations that use the U.S. Virgin Islands to conduct drug smuggling operations, with marijuana, cocaine and heroin being shipped to the territory on a weekly basis.

We also know Mr. Speaker, of the very real connection and relationship between drugs and terrorism: One third of listed terrorist organizations are involved in drug trafficking; according to published reports Al Qaeda and Osama bin Laden financed the development of a highly addictive liquid heroin as part of their multi-pronged terrorists campaign to destabilize western society; and according to a UN report, "Funds used from the production and trading of opium and heroin are used to buy arms and other war materials and to finance the training of terrorists and support the operations of extremist."

Mr. Speaker, it is a proven fact that it's more beneficial to stop undocumented aliens and contraband before it enters the United States, rather than attempt to catch everything after it has already entered. Having a Border Patrol in the Virgin Islands will increase exponentially the ability of our country to intercept the next potentially dangerous terrorist before he or she reaches our shores or the drugs that could be used the finance another 9/11 type operation. I urge my colleagues to support this important bill.

INTRODUCTION OF THE REVISED INTERNATIONAL CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT OF 2004

HON. CLIFF STEARNS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 22, 2004

Mr. STEARNS. Mr. Speaker, today, along with JAN SCHAKOWSKY, I am introducing a revised International Consumer Protection Act of 2004.

This revision reflects changes agreed in negotiations among a number of Federal agencies including the Federal Trade Commission and the Department of Justice to settle questions of inter-agency cooperation.

The changes from the Committee Reported bill are as follows:

LIST OF CHANGES FROM H.R. 3143 AS INTRODUCED

S. 1234, §1: Includes statements of findings and purpose.

S. 1234, §4(b) (adding FTC Act, 6(j)(3)): Requires FTC to consider the U.S. public interest as a whole, not only consumers' interest, in determining whether to provide investigative assistance to a foreign agency.

S. 1234, §4(b) (adding FTC Act, §6(j)(4)): Clarifies State Department oversight of the development of international agreements.

S. 1234, §4(b) (adding FTC Act, §6(j)(6)); also 4(d): Excludes investigative assistance to a foreign law enforcement agency in matters targeting a bank, savings and loan institution, federal credit union, or common carriers.

S. 1234, §4(b) (adding FTC Act, §6(j)(7)); also §6(a) (amending FTC Act, §21(b)(6)): Ensures no support given to countries on Secretary of State's "terrorism list."

S. 1234, §5: Clarifies and simplifies provision on FTC's cooperation with DOJ regarding foreign litigation.

S. 1234, §6(a) (amending FTC Act, §21(b)(6)): Provides the appropriate Federal banking agency or NCUA with a right of prior approval before FTC provides a foreign agency with materials obtained under compulsory process for a matter targeting a bank, savings and loan institution, or Federal credit union.

S. 1234, §6(b) (amending FTC Act, §21(f)): Makes the section more parallel to SEC provision and eliminates a reference in existing FTC Act to "exemption" from FOIA; does not alter the scope of the FTC's current ability to protect domestic information from disclosure.

S. 1234, §7(a) (adding FTC Act, §21A(b)): Tracks more closely the language of RFPA and ECPA for orders under those laws delaying notice or prohibiting disclosure, for a limited time, of an FTC request for information, because of anticipated adverse results. Clarifies that a court has discretion whether to issue such an order. Makes use of terms consistent throughout the section.

S. 1234, §7(a) (adding FTC Act, §21A(c)): Clarifies provision authorizing the FTC to seek a court order prohibiting disclosure of an FTC request for information in an appropriate case and for a limited time: applies only when neither RFPA nor ECPA requires notice. Does not apply to investigative targets or disclosures to Federal agencies.

S. 1234, §7(a) (adding FTC Act, §21A(d)): Clarifies that protection from legal liability for not disclosing an FTC request applies only if neither RFPA nor ECPA requires notice of the request, and does not apply to an obligation to notify a Federal agency of the request.

S. 1234, §7(a) (adding FTC Act, §21A(g)): Restructures the list of adverse results, but retains the same items.

S. 1234, §8 (adding FTC Act, §§21B(a) and (c)): Clarifies protection from liability for voluntary provision of information to the FTC. Precludes protection for a failure to meet any notice obligation to a Federal agency.

S. 1234, §8 (adding FTC Act, §21 B(b)): Narrows protection from liability for voluntary disclosures by financial institutions to the FTC of possible law violations, in accordance with existing law, 31 U.S.C. 5318(g)(3); clarifies that the protection reaches disclosures related to implicated assets and suspicious chargeback information.

S. 1234, §8 (adding FTC Act, §21B(d)): Clarifies that a domain name registrar or registry is eligible for the protection only in its capacity as such, not in any other business it may conduct.

S. 1234, §9 (adding FTC Act, §25A): States expressly that foreign participants in staff

exchanges become employees of the FTC subject to the same ethics standards as other employees. Corrects the citations to appointing authorities.

S. 1234, §11: Provides an overall savings clause for existing authority.

S. 1234, §13(9): Requires report to Congress on FTC litigation brought in foreign courts.

A TRIBUTE TO RONALD E. JONES

HON. RICK BOUCHER

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 22, 2004

Mr. BOUCHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a fine Virginian, Ronald E. Jones, who has served our state and community as a teacher, a committed volunteer, a good Democrat and a fine family man.

Ronald E. Jones was born in Richlands, Virginia and has devoted his life to educating the children of Russell and Buchanan Counties. Mr. Jones was a music teacher and taught not only music but lessons about life. In addition to his duties as a teacher, Mr. Jones devoted countless hours to his students and community as Band Director for Lebanon High School, Cleveland Middle School and Council High School. Many fine musicians in our part of Virginia studied with Mr. Jones and his work has touched the lives of each of his students.

Mr. Jones is also an active member of his community. He has been a Mason, a member of the Lions and Kiwanis Clubs, and a member of the Virginia Jaycees where he still serves as an "Exhausted Rooster" with that organization. Mr. Jones has also utilized his musical skills to honor our nation's heroes and as a bugler has played Taps at military funerals across Southwest Virginia. He is honored that the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia recognized his service by naming him a member of the Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels.

In addition to his community and musical endeavors, Mr. Jones has also served his community in both the governmental and political arena. He served the Town of Lebanon as a Councilman and as Vice Mayor. A proud Democrat, he served on the Russell County Democratic Party nominating committee for many years and is a life long member of the Democratic Party.

Mr. Jones is a valued and cherished member of his community. I am glad that this body can recognize his service today and thank him, his wife of almost 40 years Bonnie Sue, and his son Bradley E. Jones, for the service that he has provided to my area of Virginia.

TRIBUTE TO EDGAR UHLEIN

HON. PHILIP M. CRANE

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 22, 2004

Mr. CRANE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to my friend Edgar Uihlein of Northbrook, Illinois.

I first got to know Ed Uihlein when I was running for Congress for the first time in 1969. Ed encouraged me just as he has helped other conservative candidates and organizations, including the Leadership Institute.