

public policy in this country, and I ask that the Conference of Mayors' very cogent resolution be printed here.

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ON THE JUDICIARY

### HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 8, 2004*

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay respect to Joseph L. Nellis, 87, former Chief Counsel of the House Judiciary Committee during the early 1980s, who passed away July 10 from congestive heart failure at his home in Northwest Washington, DC. He also served as Chief Counsel of the House Select Committee on Narcotics Abuse and Control, and Associate Counsel of the Kefauver Committee (the U.S. Senate Committee to Investigate Crime in Interstate Commerce). Joe was also a prominent local businessman, Democratic Party insider, and Washington area resident for more than 60 years. In addition to his public service on Capitol Hill, he argued a number of landmark cases before the Nation's highest courts, developed downtown properties, and founded the G.E.M. (Government Employees Mart) Department Stores.

Born in 1916 in Minsk in what is now Belarus, Joe grew up in Chicago and attended the University of Michigan, the University of Wisconsin, and Northwestern University's School of Law. He moved to the Washington area to work at the Office of Price Administration and Control in 1944.

His service as a Captain in the Army Air Corps during World War II was marked by several decorations, including one for work with the cryptology team that broke the Japanese Navy's secret code and led to the American victory at Midway.

Following a stint at the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration (UNRRA) guiding post-war relief efforts in Greece and Italy in the late 1940's, he returned to Washington to enter private practice. In late 1949, Senator Estes Kefauver (D-Tennessee) called him and asked, "Joe, I'm about to get the Senate to pass a resolution authorizing an investigation of organized crime. It's never been done before. Why don't you come up to the Hill and help me chase some gamblers?" Nellis became associate counsel and the youngest member of the first Senate investigation into the activities of organized crime in interstate commerce. He achieved instant recognition among audiences nationwide when the committee's New York hearings—featuring such legendary mob figures as Virginia Hill and mafia boss Frank Costello—became the first nationally televised congressional hearings. After conducting a 2:00 a.m. "secret" deposition of entertainer Frank Sinatra regarding his connection with then-exiled mob boss Lucky Luciano, Joe determined that calling Sinatra as a public witness would not further the mission of the committee and might only serve to damage Sinatra.

Joe was a prominent advisor to Presidential candidates, including former Illinois Governor Adlai Stevenson, and Senator Kefauver during both his 1952 and 1956 bids for the Democratic Party Presidential nomination. In 1968,

he served as Deputy Director of Citizens for Humphrey-Muskie. For a number of years, Joe was also a friend and advisor to Eleanor Roosevelt and later served as general counsel for the Eleanor Roosevelt Memorial Foundation.

In private law practice, Nellis argued major civil and corporate cases. He challenged the constitutionality of the DC abortion statute in the first abortion rights case accepted for argument before the U.S. Supreme Court (*United States v. Milan Vuitich*, 1971). In a newspaper interview, Joe commented, "The key questions here are: does a woman have an absolute right to control the reproductive processes of her own body, . . . and does her physician have the freedom to prescribe medical treatment as he sees fit, without vague threats of prosecution for a felony?" He then played a role in the successful argument of *Roe v. Wade* by assisting the attorneys to prepare for their appearance before the Court.

Joe was also the author of numerous articles in professional and popular journals and coauthor of *The Private Lives of Public Enemies* (McKay, 1974 and Dell, 1974). Surviving family includes his wife, Muriel, sons David M. Nellis and Adam Pressman, daughters Barbara Nellis and Amy Pressman, and nine grandchildren. Because the House Judiciary Committee is a family of sorts, I would like to recognize Joe's extended family.

In conclusion, Mr. Speaker, we have lost a former Hill staffer who served the House and Senate for many years with distinction on critical issues to this country.

TRIBUTE TO CORPORAL MATTHEW  
BOISVERT OF TYNGSBORO, MAS-  
SACHUSETTS

### HON. MARTIN T. MEEHAN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 8, 2004*

Mr. MEEHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a brave Marine from my District, Corporal Matthew Boisvert of Tyngsboro, Massachusetts, for his patriotic service to our country. Matthew has twice been deployed to Iraq, where he performed courageously as a squad leader in Um-Qasar and the volatile town of Fallujah.

On August 17, tragedy struck when a roadside bomb tore through the humvee Matthew was patrolling in, leaving him critically wounded. But despite his injuries, Matthew's spirits have remained high and his faith strong. The first words out of his mouth to his mother were not those of anger or sadness, but rather concern for the well-being of his fellow Marines back in Iraq.

Matthew knew the risks of war when he enlisted in the Marine Corps the summer after high school. But he was willing to make the sacrifice necessary to defend his country and protect our democratic ideals. At the young age of 18, he left his friends and family behind to endure the harsh realities of a war-torn land. Our Nation, and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, are humbled and grateful for his sacrifice.

Tonight, I plan to visit Matthew at Bethesda Naval Hospital to thank him for his honorable service. I am certain that all of our colleagues will join me in expressing our heartfelt grati-

tude for his courage and wishing him well as he begins to recover from his injuries. I will renew my commitment to him, and to all of our troops stationed overseas, to ensure that they have the equipment and the support they need to perform their duties. These brave Soldiers, Marines, and Airmen are on the front lines defending our national security. We owe it to them to provide the protection they deserve. And when these heroes return home, we must afford them the support, the respect, and the honor they have earned.

VERMONT RESIDENT WINS THE  
ROBERT PENN WARREN AWARD  
FOR POETRY

### HON. BERNARD SANDERS

OF VERMONT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 8, 2004*

Mr. SANDERS. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure today to commend a Vermont resident, Harriet McGraw, known to her friends as Hatsie, for winning the Robert Penn Warren Award for poetry. Her poem, "Neighbors in the North End," was selected as the best of 853 submissions in a competition which saw entrants from 252 poets from 42 states and foreign nations. The competition was sponsored by the New England Writers Conference.

Hatsie McGraw lives in Windsor and works in nearby Springfield, where she is the librarian at the Park Street School. She represents part of what is best about our state: an ongoing creativity that is the hallmark of much in Vermont, a creativity which brings forth not just poetry but handbuilt furniture, innovative small businesses, and popular music. As just one instance of that creativity let me cite her husband Tom, a painter whose works in mixed media were recently exhibited in a show of his work, "Elements of Diversion," at the New England Gallery.

We in Vermont are proud of Hatsie McGraw, and of the countless thousands like her who move ever onward in search of new things to do, new heights to scale, new skills to put to use.

HONORING PARKS CHAPEL AFRICAN  
METHODIST EPISCOPAL  
CHURCH

### HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 8, 2004*

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Parks Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church of Oakland, California for 85 years of ministry and invaluable service to the community.

Parks Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church was organized in September 1919 as a mission in West Oakland by the late Reverend J.M. Brown. The church was named in honor of the late Bishop H.B. Parks of Oakland, and was granted a charter in May of 1920. The Congregation's membership has grown steadily over the years, leading it to relocate to larger worship sites twice before settling at its current location on Thirty-Fourth Street in Oakland under the spirited and inspired leadership of Reverend Donna E. Allen.

Since that time, the Parks Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church has played an active role in initiating and expanding a wide range of charitable and community-building activities. In addition to ministering and counseling countless members of the ministry, the church regularly hosts a variety of community gospel events. Furthermore, Parks Chapel sponsors numerous outreach activities that serve to facilitate endeavors such as the education and development of local youth, and the social reintegration of former prison inmates.

On September 5, 2004, the Parks Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church will be celebrating its eighty-five-year anniversary in Oakland, California. I would like to mark this occasion by commending the church for the exceptional service it has provided to the community not only in its capacity as an institution of faith and worship, but also as a leader in working to provide invaluable social and charitable services to the people of Oakland. By remaining committed to the areas of leadership and service throughout its eighty-five years of ministry, the Parks Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church has contributed enormously not only to the Oakland community, but also to our shared goal of world peace.

#### TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE OF JOSEPH A. JABAILY

#### HON. MARILYN N. MUSGRAVE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 8, 2004*

Mrs. MUSGRAVE. Mr. Speaker, it is with a sadness that I rise today to remember and honor the life of Joe Jabaily, a thoughtful and dedicated community servant who will be greatly missed by his community of Loveland, Colorado. As his family and friends grieve for the passing of Joe Jabaily, I want to take a few moments to remember his service and commitment to the town and citizens of Loveland.

He began his work by opening the first neurology center in Loveland in 1983. However, the walls of Joe's neurology center could not contain his enthusiasm, love for people, and desire to make a difference for them and their community. In the 20 years that Joe lived in Loveland, he accomplished much.

Beginning in 1984 Joe served on the McKee Medical Center Continuing Education Committee, the McKee Medical Center Credentials Committee; he joined the Loveland Chamber of Commerce; and coached basketball for the Loveland Midget Athletic Association. Joe served as a Loveland Museum Commissioner as well as two terms on the Thompson School District Board of Education. He taught as a Clinical Assistant Professor of Neurology at the University of Colorado, and volunteered as a facilitator for People Offering People Support at Loveland High School. Joe served as Commissioner for the Loveland Open Space Commission. In 1997 the Jabailys were named the Volunteer Family of the Year. Joe's service continued as he volunteered for the United Way Campaign. Joe ran for the Colorado State House District 51 in 2002, and was running again for the same seat when he was involved in a tragic accident during a charity triathlon.

Joe Jabaily was known to always be there to listen, laugh, and contribute in a positive way. He enjoyed meeting people and hearing their concerns. He was known to occasionally cancel a patient's debt if they could not pay. Joe had courage, and did not hesitate to speak out for the citizens of the community. His premature death has affected the community of Loveland, Colorado, in a major way. He will be missed tremendously. I will always remember him as a man full of life, living it to the fullest.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to pay tribute to the life of this outstanding gentleman. I ask my fellow colleagues to join me in celebrating the life and legacy of Joe Jabaily. May God bless his family and many friends in this time of mourning.

#### REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF HELEN K. COPLEY

#### HON. DARRELL E. ISSA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 8, 2004*

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, I rise this evening to remember the life of Helen Copley. Mrs. Copley passed away August 25, 2004. Mrs. Copley had an amazing commitment to journalism and a distinguished record of service throughout her community and the Nation.

In 1953, Helen Copley answered an ad for a secretary position at the Union-Tribune Publishing Company. She was hired as a secretary to the chief executive officer, James Copley. Twelve years later, Helen and James married. After her husband's death in 1973, many expected Helen to remain in the background, but she was determined to keep the business in family hands.

Mrs. Copley published The San Diego Union-Tribune, the third-largest newspaper in California, for nearly 30 years. The Copley Press also owns nine daily newspapers and other publications. During Mrs. Copley's tenure as publisher, her newspapers won two Pulitzer Prizes.

Helen Copley was also a model of personal involvement. She was a member of numerous local organizations, including the board of the Scripps Clinic and Research Foundation and was one of eight trustees appointed in 1984 to oversee the Howard Hughes Medical Institute. Locally, Mrs. Copley was instrumental in securing a home for the San Diego Symphony and underwriting the library at the University of San Diego. She also helped launch the San Diego Council on Literacy in 1986.

Mr. Speaker, Helen Copley will be missed by the people of San Diego and her service to the community will not be forgotten. I also want to express my condolences to the Copley family and let them know that my thoughts and prayers are with them.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. JAMES L. OBERSTAR

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 8, 2004*

Mr. OBERSTAR. Mr. Speaker, I participated in two important education meetings in my dis-

trict yesterday, and missed two votes on legislation considered on the suspension calendar. As the new school year begins, I greatly appreciated the opportunity to visit with students, teachers and education administrators at the Nashwauk-Keewatin High School and the Crosby-Ironton High School concerning the implementation of the No Child Left Behind Act.

Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall vote 422 to approve H.R. 4381, and I would have voted "aye" on rollcall vote 423 to approve H.R. 4556.

#### HONORING LIEUTENANT ROBERT DEL SOLDI

#### HON. JOSEPH M. HOFFEL

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 8, 2004*

Mr. HOFFEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Lieutenant Robert P. Del Soldo who is celebrating his retirement from the Horsham Township Police Department after 32 years of faithful and devoted service.

Lt. Del Soldo has served in many different capacities during his tenure on the Horsham Township force, working as Patrolman, Detective, Patrol Sergeant, and Sergeant of Detectives. Since 1995, he has been serving the department at the rank of Lieutenant.

His dedication to the community has never faltered, even during his toughest assignments. Lt. Del Soldo has received commendations for saving an individual from a burning vehicle and for apprehending armed bank robbery suspects. In addition to his commendations, Lt. Del Soldo has undergone professional training in order to better serve his community. He has trained under the Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Pennsylvania Chief of Police, Northwestern University and Penn State University.

In addition to his service to the Horsham Township community as a member of the Police Department, Lt. Del Soldo served his country honorably in the United States Air Force in Vietnam from 1965 to 1968. He and his wife Peggy are the proud parents of a son and daughter, Robert and Theresa Lynn.

Our community has been privileged to have such a devoted servant and it is my pleasure to congratulate Lieutenant Del Soldo on his retirement. I wish him all the best in the future.

#### RECOGNIZING COLONEL JOEL C. BRADSHAW III, UNITED STATES AIR FORCE, FOR HIS SERVICE AND DEDICATION

#### HON. J. RANDY FORBES

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 8, 2004*

Mr. FORBES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Colonel Joel C. Bradshaw III, United States Air Force, for his loyal service to the United States and Virginia's Fourth District.

Colonel Joel C. Bradshaw's dedication and loyalty to the advancement of our district and the Nation as a whole, after 29 years of service in the Air Force, is to be commended.