

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN HONOR OF MICHAEL
O'KENNEDY

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 24, 2004

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and celebration of Michael O'Kennedy—distinguished barrister and public servant of Ireland, and former prominent member of the Dail Eireann, representing North Tipperary—as we welcome him to Cleveland, Ohio, on St. Patrick's Day.

For the past 25 years, Tim Collins and Thomas Scanlon have organized the St. Patrick's Day Party, a joyous event that brings people together for an enchanted evening of renewing old friendships and discovering new ones. Moreover, this event serves as a living bridge that extends across the blue Atlantic—from the north coast of Cleveland to the shores of the Emerald Isle.

Mr. O'Kennedy has dedicated his life to public service, social leadership and activism. Though retired from the political stage, Mr. O'Kennedy continues to volunteer his time to the people and causes of Ireland. Similarly, Mr. Collins and Mr. Scanlon, distinguished attorneys, continue to preserve and promote the history and culture of their beloved Irish homeland.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of the Honorable Michael O'Kennedy, for joining us in Cleveland as we celebrate St. Patrick's Day. Please also join me in recognition of Tim Collins and Thomas Scanlon for organizing this wondrous St. Patrick's Day Party each year for the past 25 years. "Ni dheanfaidh smaoineamh an treabhadh duit—You'll never plough a field by turning it over in your mind"—Old Irish Proverb.

HONORING THE WILLIAMSVILLE
NORTH SPARTANS HOCKEY TEAM

HON. THOMAS M. REYNOLDS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. REYNOLDS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise to congratulate the Williamsville North High School Spartans of Amherst, New York. On March 21, 2004, the Spartans brought home the school's second Division I State Hockey Championship.

Williamsville North, playing in their record fourth-straight Division I championship game, defeated Seton Catholic 5–2. The Spartans displayed dedication, teamwork, and sportsmanship throughout the entire season, and the Championship is a testament to the hours of hard work they put in during practice and the effort and desire to win they brought to the rink each game. The State Title was achieved by a team of 27 devoted young men. They

are: Vincent Amigone Jr, Eric Bennett, Tim Burow, Jason Burzik, Jason Dodson, Ryan Geary, Steven Jacobs, Kenny Joseph, Robert Klein, Ryan Kovel, Ryan Lydon, Ryan Moskal, Matt Nigro, Tyler Walser, Kurt Ziemann, John Cavagnaro, Ryan Clifford, Kevin Dunn, Dan Hartman, Alex Morrison, Alex Ponitowski, Matt Ruckdaschel, Nathan Ruckdaschel, Shane Sims, Kevin Fitzpatrick, Chris Keller, and Ben Sawicki.

I would like to offer this Congress' congratulations to the team, including the Head Coach, Bob Rosen; his Assistant Coaches, Dan Mancuso, Tim Digiulio, David Smith, and John Burns; the Williamsville North Athletic Director Steve Ferenczy; and the Principal, Dr. William Krone.

The entire Western New York community is proud of all that they have accomplished.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that this Congress join me in honoring and recognizing the Williamsville North Spartans Hockey team for bringing home the school's second Division I State Championship.

HONORING COACH CEAL BARRY

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Coach Ceal Barry of the University of Colorado Women's Basketball Team. On February 24, 2004, in a decisive 75–56 victory over Kansas, Coach Ceal Barry distinguished herself and her team as one of the highest placed coaches in Division I history—winning her 500th game.

This is Coach Barry's 21st season with the University of Colorado. The mainstream popularity of women's basketball has certainly grown over the past couple of decades. But those of us who are fans of women's basketball have long known that when folks talk about the game, they are more often than not talking about Ceal Barry's Lady Buffs.

A generation of female athletes has grown up admiring the CU women's basketball team. The success of the Lady Buffs has served as an inspiration and a source of pride for athletes throughout Colorado. With Coach Barry at the helm, the Buffs have secured four league titles and five conference tournament wins. Her Lady Buffs have made 10 appearances in the NCAA tournament, five trips to the Sweet 16 and three journeys to the Elite Eight.

Coach Barry demands that her players develop strength of character both on and off the court. She certainly walks her talk in this regard. Her players consistently meet high academic standards that can be held up against any program in college sports. It is a testament to this expectation that in all of the years that Barry has coached at CU, all but one player who stayed until her senior year has graduated. She builds her players up by set-

ting high expectations and tolerating nothing less. She has said that she holds the belief that "people build confidence through results," meaning you not only get strong to prepare for success, but that it is only through success that you ultimately believe in your strength.

I have had the opportunity to know Coach Barry through the years and certainly consider Ceal to be a friend. Not long ago, I was partnered with Ceal against another twosome in a round of golf. I can honestly say that I have first hand knowledge of the motivating power that this fierce competitor inspires. Suffice it to say, I quickly fell in line with the obvious if not stated expectation that I bring my best possible game. And this was a "friendly" round of golf.

So I congratulate you, Ceal, on your 500th win, but I cannot say that I am surprised. Your talent, vision and leadership are undeniable. You and your Lady Buffs are a source of pride for women's basketball, for CU and for all of Colorado. Colorado salutes you. Well done, coach. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Coach Ceal Barry on this laudable achievement. I wish you continued success in the future.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING
LEONE MANTZ ON HER 100TH
BIRTHDAY

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, whereas, Leone Mantz was born in Hocking Hills, Ohio on March 24, 1904; and

Whereas, Leone Mantz is celebrating her 100th birthday today; and

Whereas, Leone Mantz, a devoted wife to Howard Mantz, was a nurse for 58 years, and is a longtime active participant in the social and civic life of the community; and

Whereas, Leone Mantz has exemplified a love for her family and friends and must be commended for her lifelong dedication to helping others in Barnesville, Ohio.

Therefore, I join with the residents of the entire 18th Congressional District of Ohio in wishing Leone Mantz a very happy 100th birthday.

IN HONOR OF MARY H. MURPHY

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in tribute and recognition of Mary Murphy of Brooklyn, Ohio, as she is honored as the City of Brooklyn's "Democrat of the Year."

With family central to her life, Mrs. Murphy and her late husband, Thomas Murphy, Sr.,

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raised eight children. Mrs. Murphy is the proud grandmother of eight, and she is also the proud greatgrandmother of eight.

Beyond caring for her family, Mrs. Murphy has been an involved member of the City of Brooklyn Democratic Party for nearly 50 years. In 1955, Mrs. Murphy volunteered her time to work on election day, and by the late fifties, she was elected to serve as precinct committee person—a position she holds to this day. With a quick and agile mind and an equally energized spirit, Mrs. Murphy continues to volunteer her time and talents in service to her community. Moreover, Mrs. Murphy continues to energize the Democratic Party of Brooklyn with her dedication, integrity, loyalty, and hopeful outlook.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in tribute and recognition of Mary H. Murphy, as she is being honored by the City of Brooklyn as the "Democrat of the Year." Mrs. Murphy continues to be an inspiration to everyone in her life—especially to her family and friends. Her friendship, convictions, boundless energy, joy, and good works are invaluable gifts, and her spirit of volunteerism continues to uplift the City of Brooklyn, and our entire community. We wish her continued health and happiness today, and all days to come.

HONORING WILLIAMSVILLE EAST FLAMES HOCKEY TEAM

HON. THOMAS M. REYNOLDS

OF NEW YORK

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Mr. REYNOLDS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise to congratulate the Williamsville East High School Flames of Amherst New York. On March 21, 2004, the Flames brought home the school's first ever Division II State Hockey Championship. It was also the first state championship in any sport for the school.

Williamsville East triumphed 3–2 in an exciting overtime Division II title game. The Flames displayed dedication, teamwork, and sportsmanship throughout the entire season, and the Championship is a testament to the hours of hard work they put in during practice and the effort and desire to win they brought to the rink each game. The State Title was achieved by a team of 21 devoted young men. They are: Graham Townsend, Mike Ross, Kyle Lucey, Matt Gelia, Joe Ash, Paul Clair, Mike Calzi, Alex Durinka, Mike Kaminska, Justin Rusek, Sean Sheeran, Matt McGlone, Jason Tartick, Lyle Rocker, Phil Bermel, Jarrod Etengoff, Andrew Ross, Jamie Tuchiarelli, Richard Calzi, Anthony Clair, and Jonathan Toole.

I would like to offer this Congress' congratulations to the team, including the Head Coach, Mike Torrillo; his Assistant Coaches, Derek Gilham, Dan Hartman, and Manager Joe Guadagnino; Williamsville East Athletic Director Scott Taylor; and Principal Neal Miller.

The entire Western New York community is proud of all that they have accomplished.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that this Congress join me in honoring and recognizing the Williamsville East Flames Hockey team for bringing home the school's first ever Division II State Championship.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL PEACE CORPS DAY

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 24, 2004

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, during March, we celebrate National Peace Corps Day, honoring the 168,000 Americans who have served as volunteers since the creation of the Peace Corps in 1961. These amazing men and women have served our Nation in 136 countries. Peace Corps volunteers have made enormous contributions in the areas of agriculture, business development, education, health, and the environment, and in so doing have improved the lives of individuals and communities around the world. The Peace Corps has become an enduring symbol of our Nation's commitment to encourage progress and create opportunity in the developing world.

My own background as an educator and director at Outward Bound for 20 years taught me about the importance of national and community service. But I also have strong connections to the Peace Corps—through my great State of Colorado and through my family. Colorado has one of the highest levels of recruitment of Peace Corps volunteers nationwide, and returned Peace Corps Volunteers in the 2nd Congressional District alone number over 500. Of course, the most important Peace Corps connection for me is my mother, who served as a volunteer in Nepal decades ago.

Because of these connections I have a special interest in advancing the ability of the Peace Corps to play an important role in these new times. I believe we must work to continue to promote world peace and friendship through the people-to-people approach of the Peace Corps. That's why I worked with my colleague Representative SAM FARR last year to introduce legislation known as the Peace Corps Charter for the 21st Century Act that would strengthen and expand the Peace Corps. The bill passed the House as part of H.R. 1950, a bill authorizing programs at the Department of State. I am hopeful that the Senate will pass the bill before the end of the 108th Congress.

The Peace Corps is one of the most admired and successful initiatives ever put in place. I'm proud that the following young people from the 2nd Congressional District are presently serving in countries all over the world: Vanessa Adams, Ben Armitage, Molly E. Boyntoff, Ryan G. Burgess, Millicent S. Butterworth, Yun Chang, Shaun P. Cosgrove, Brian P. Cox, Shaun P. Cronin, Gene F. Defosse, Nicholas J. Detsch, Aryn M. Fleegler, Brooke S. Franke, David Gelvin, Marion C. Hackman, Jessica E. Hanson, Bret G. Harry, Dustin A. Hinrichs, Anna D. Jankowski, Betty J. Kelly, Joseph R. Kelly, Rebecca J. Knerl, Wendy L. Maxwell, Kerith (Kay) M. Miller, Stephanie A. Ogden, Sarah K. Oltmans, Johanna S. Patrick, Benjamin J. Ploeger, Matthew N. Rice, Paul J. Robyn, Trent W. Ruder, Kate A. Rudkin, Kathleen M. Shannon, Melinda E. Simonson, David W. Sparkman, Robert B. Sweetman, Amanda R. Tennant, Michelle L. Tinkler, Ryan P. Van Duzer, Gabrielle Varani, Michael J. Walzak, Anthony R. White, Barry M. Wick.

A pebble tossed into a still pond creates ripples that begin small and grow larger. Peace

Corps volunteers have had this same effect on the people they have touched. The Peace Corps experience exemplifies how individuals can make a tremendous difference in the lives and perceptions of people in developing countries as well as people right here at home.

National Peace Corps Day honors the volunteers, past and present, and reaffirms our country's commitment to helping people help themselves throughout the world. Today I honor all of the men and women who have selflessly and generously served our country in the Peace Corps.

A PROCLAMATION IN MEMORY OF STAFF SERGEANT LESTER O. KINNEY II

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, I hereby offer my heartfelt condolences to the family, friends, and community of Staff Sgt. Lester O. Kinney II upon the death of this outstanding soldier.

Staff Sgt. Kinney was a member of the 82nd Airborne Division's 2nd Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry, Fort Bragg, North Carolina. He served his great Nation in the country of Iraq as a leader in his unit. A loving husband to his wife Marisa, and loving son to his parents Jack and Barb Lloyd, Sgt. Kinney served courageously for 8 years in the United States Army.

Sgt. Kinney will be remembered for his unsurpassed sacrifice of self while protecting others. His example of strength and fortitude will be remembered by all those who knew him.

While words cannot express our grief during the loss of such a courageous soldier, I offer this token of profound sympathy to the family, friends, and colleagues of Staff Sgt. Lester O. Kinney II.

IN HONOR AND RECOGNITION OF TIMOTHY HORGAN

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 24, 2004

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker I rise today in honor and recognition of Timothy F. Horgan, Health Commissioner of Cuyahoga County, upon the occasion of his retirement following nearly 35 years of service and dedication to Ohio residents in the areas of public health, recreation and safety.

Throughout his tenure, Mr. Horgan focused on protecting and enhancing the health of Ohio residents of all ages. With the support of Ohio's recreation industry, he wrote the legislation for Ohio's first recreational licensing program that monitored swimming pools, campgrounds and marinas.

While serving as the Director of Environmental Health at the Cuyahoga County Board of Health, Mr. Horgan was instrumental in the development and passage of legislation that significantly updated food protection laws. He also took the lead in investigating an outbreak of infant pulmonary hemorrhaging cases, and