

PAYING TRIBUTE TO GAYLE
BERRY

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 20, 2004

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity and pay tribute to Gayle Berry and thank her for her tireless efforts serving the people of Colorado as a four-term member of the Colorado House of Representatives. Gayle will always be remembered as a dedicated public servant and leader of the community, and as she celebrates her retirement, let it be known that she leaves behind a terrific legacy of commitment to the people of Colorado and Colorado General Assembly.

A lifelong resident of Mesa County, Gayle graduated from Fruita Monument High School and received her college degree from Mesa State College. Before entering the political arena, she worked as a legal secretary, and owned and operated a successful small business for fourteen years. Elected to the Colorado House in 1996, Gayle currently chairs the House Transportation and Energy Committee, sits on the House Appropriations Committee and the House Local Government Committee, and served four years on the Joint Budget Committee. Her excellent record in the State House has earned Gayle numerous Legislator of the Year awards.

Gayle's extensive involvement in civic organizations comes from her belief that in order to better your community you have to be an active participant. Her commitment to Mesa County includes membership in Club 20, Mesa State College Alumni Association, the juvenile pilot program W.R.A.P., and the Speakers Bureau for Kids Voting Mesa County. She has also served as chair and as a member of the Grand Junction Area Chamber of Commerce, and as a board member of Community Hospital.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize State Representative Gayle Berry's dedication and commitment to public service. It is not only her incredible devotion, but also her passion for contributing towards the betterment of the Mesa County community and the State of Colorado that I wish to bring before this body of Congress and this Nation. It is my distinct pleasure to honor Gayle here today, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

CONGRESSIONAL TRIBUTE TO
COLONEL JAMES E. MAKOWSKE

HON. BART STUPAK

OF MICHIGAN

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Mr. STUPAK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the many years of dedication and achievements of my good friend, Col. James E. Makowske, who after 25 years of active duty, retired April 16th, 2004 as Commander of the U.S. Air National Guard's Alpena Combat Readiness Training Center. Jim's leadership and decades of service to further the best interests of America and the Air National Guard have more than earned him this great honor.

Born in Detroit in 1956, Jim was raised in Capac and graduated from Capac High School in 1975. That year, he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force and served for four years as an F-15 Aircraft Maintenance technician at Langley Air Force Base in the 1st Tactical Fighter Wing.

He separated from the Air Force in 1979 to attend Michigan State University where he earned his bachelors degree in engineering in 1982. The tug of service brought him back to enlist in the Michigan Air National Guard that year at Selfridge ANG Base. He received his commission in 1983 and his navigator wings in 1984. He served as a weapons system officer in the F-4, in the 191st Fighter Interceptor Group until 1988—the same year he completed his Master's Degree in Business Administration (MBA).

Jim transferred to the 110th Fighter Wing as the Chief of Engineering and Design in 1988. He then served as the Base Civil Engineer from 1989 to 1999 and concurrently served in the 110th Civil Engineer Squadron Commander starting in 1991. In 1999, he was assigned as the commander of the Alpena CRTC and was promoted to Colonel in March 2001.

Jim has also found time to serve the Alpena community. He has been a member of the Alpena Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors since 1999 and served as its president in 2003. He also has served on the Boards of the Boys and Girls Clubs, Target Alpena and is a member of the Alpena Rotary Club.

Jim is married to Carol Makowske (McIver) and has two children, Coral and Nathaniel. Nathaniel has continued the family tradition of military service when he enlisted last year in the Air National Guard in Battle Creek.

Mr. Speaker, Col. Jim Makowske's military career and service to our country can be characterized by putting the needs of others before his own. Our Nation, the State of Michigan and the Alpena Community have long benefited from his selflessness, and I ask you and my House colleagues to acknowledge his lifetime of service.

HONORING THE DEARBORN
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

HON. JOHN D. DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 20, 2004

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Dearborn Chamber of Commerce on the occasion of its 60th anniversary.

As the central source of information for and about Dearborn, Michigan businesses, the Chamber of Commerce has served the community well throughout its transformation from a heavily industrial city to its current mix of commercial, retail, and institutional enterprises.

The Chamber has successfully worked to provide leadership by developing a unified voice for member businesses through promotion, assistance, and the development of partnerships. The Chamber is also supportive of the Dearborn Public Schools with its annual Alberta Muirhead Teacher of the Year Award

to recognize outstanding Dearborn public school teachers.

The Chamber works hard to promote both the Dearborn community and its businesses. In the past, the chamber has hosted an old world market, a business expo, and an auction. The Chamber was also responsible for a summer food festival to help promote the Ford Senior Players Championship golf tournament. Another recent project is the Chamber's first "grub crawl," which will serve to promote the city's growing restaurant scene.

I would like to ask my colleagues to rise and join me in commending the Dearborn Chamber of Commerce for 60 years of service to the community and area businesses. I hope that they will continue to help the City of Dearborn as it evolves over the next 60 years.

TRIBUTE TO THE FRIENDS OF THE
DES PLAINES PUBLIC LIBRARY

HON. MARK STEVEN KIRK

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KIRK. Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor that I congratulate The Friends of the Des Plaines Public Library on their 50th anniversary. They have enriched the town of Des Plaines, Illinois for the last 50 years as an integral support system for the Des Plaines Public Library.

In April of 1954, a planning committee of the American Association of the University Women founded The Friends of the Des Plaines Public Library. They have been active in expanding the Des Plaines Library since The Friends' inception, most recently helping with a move to a larger building in 2000.

The Friends' original purpose was to stimulate public interest in the library, as well as collect data on the history of the town. Today they also provide extra financial support for the library for items not normally available through conventional budgetary provisions. The Friends raises funds using semi-annual book sales, and uses them to support programs and purchase items for the library, such as a microfiche reader, display cases, original artwork, a sound system, and other items.

In 1957 The Friends were involved in the Library's 50th anniversary, and compiled a large file on the history of Des Plaines from 1833 on, including photographs, family histories, and industrial development. This compilation has since become a part of the Des Plaines Historical Society. Since moving into the new library in 2000 The Friends has donated, supported, funded and purchased items for more than \$53,000. In honor of their 50th Anniversary and all The Friends that have come before them, they will be presenting the Library with a bronze statue of Abraham Lincoln. This statue was sculpted in 1933 for the Chicago World's Fair by Guido Rebecchini, and will go in the library's atrium on permanent display.

Thank you, The Friends of the Des Plaines Public Library, for all your hard work for the library and your community. Your constant dedication and commitment is worthy of the highest commendation. Best wishes on your 50th Anniversary.