

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNITION OF BILL YOUNG

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 13, 2005

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of Bill Young as State President of the Ancient Order of Hibernians. Bill has served the AOH as its President for the past four years with great distinction. His service to the community and in particular, the Irish American community, has been a constant theme throughout his life going back to his early days in Bayonne with Tommy Foley and his father's shoe shine box.

Growing up as a young Irish Catholic, Bill was instilled with a sense of Christian charity early on at St. Vincent de Paul Grammar School. Those values have guided Bill throughout his career in public service at the Port Authority of NY & NJ, the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development and the United States Coast Guard Reserve.

In addition to his significant professional achievements, Bill has been actively involved in numerous community organizations where he has displayed his commitment to the purposes and goals of the AOH—to promote Irish culture and encourage civic participation. Bill has walked in the Annual Bloody Sunday march in Derry the past four years and pressures elected officials to recognize the contributions of Irish Americans ensuring that they fight for peace and justice in the North of Ireland.

Under Bill Young's leadership as State President the AOH has seen a 40 percent growth in Divisions, a strong increase in membership, and more accessibility of the State Board through roaming meetings and degree programs. The State Board has been instrumental in fundraising efforts to allow NJ Special Olympians to travel to Ireland for the Special Olympics and for the efforts to build a famine memorial in Keansburg.

Mr. Speaker, once again I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Bill for his tireless service to the AOH and the Irish American community. I hope that he continues to remain actively involved in promoting the values of friendship, unity and Christian charity.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE ORDER SONS OF ITALY IN AMERICA ON THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to acknowledge the achievements of the Order Sons of Italy in America, OSIA, as they celebrate their 100th Anniversary. As the oldest

and largest organization for Americans of Italian descent, OSIA has a rich history of making outstanding contributions to the community. The organization now has 700 local chapters across the Nation.

Since June 22, 1905 when an Italian immigrant, Dr. Vincenzo Sellaro and his five compatriots established OSIA, the organization has worked to preserve and disseminate the rich Italian heritage of 23 million Americans of Italiandescent. Men and women share equal status within OSIA. The Grand Lodge of New York founded in 1911, was OSIA's first Grand Lodge. There are now 20 Grand Lodges. Today there are 96 local chapters in New York State, with 50,000 family memberships. OSIA has also been dedicated to helping immigrants acclimate to their new country. In its early years, OSIA established free schools to teach immigrants English.

Imbued with a strong sense of patriotism, during World War I and World War II, OSIA members competed against one another to buy the greatest amount of war bonds and war stamps to raise money for the American Red Cross. To date, OSIA members have given more than \$83 million to educational programs, disaster advancement and medical research. Additionally, the organization has created The Sons of Italy Foundation, which has given over \$38 million for scholarships, medical research, cultural preservation and disaster relief. Today, OSIA researches Italian-American culture and history, promotes the study of Italian in the United States, provides scholarships to Italian Americans and organizes grassroots campaigns in support of legislation, as well.

Not only have the members of the OSIA dedicated themselves to charitable funding, but they have also actively promoted social justice through their anti-defamation arm, the Commission for Social Justice. The Commission has actively fought for equal treatment of people regardless of their race, religion or culture.

Dr. Vincenzo Sellaro gave an inaugural address the day the OSIA was founded. He stated, "Today I have a dream and a hope that some day even if it takes 100 years before we are ever fully accepted, our children, even if they carry a single drop of Italian blood, will be able and proud to carry on our traditions, our culture and our language. It is up to us, and what we do today." Vincenzo Sellaro would be proud to see what the Order Sons of Italy in America has accomplished for Americans of Italian descent over the past 100 years.

Mr. Speaker, the Order Sons of Italy in America has been an asset to the New York City community and our Nation as a whole for a hundred years. It has been my pleasure to work with this outstanding organization for many years, and I wish them another century of success. Mr. Speaker, I request that my colleagues join me in honoring the Order Sons of Italy in America on their 100th anniversary.

ON THE RETIREMENT OF COLONEL DEBORAH ANDWOOD FROM THE U.S. ARMY RESERVE

HON. WILLIAM D. DELAHUNT

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DELAHUNT. Mr. Speaker, from the Revolutionary War to the mountains of Afghanistan and the sands of Iraq, Massachusetts' sons and daughters have answered the call for military service.

This weekend, after three decades of active duty service, Colonel Deborah Andwood will retire from the U.S. Army Reserve. In her 30 years of service she's gone from being a cold warrior to homeland defender. Colonel Andwood's commitment, dedication and professionalism has earned the respect and admiration of our entire community.

For several years, Colonel Andwood has served our Commonwealth as the Emergency Preparedness Liaison Officer for the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency. In this capacity, Colonel Andwood has assisted in coordinating responses for such events as the Democratic National Convention, LNG tanker arrivals and the 2004 World Series.

It is with some special pride, as a fellow native of the city of Quincy, that I commend to my colleagues the following narrative prepared recently by her fellow officers as they get ready to say farewell and thank you.

AWARD NARRATIVE—COLONEL DEBORAH J. ANDWOOD

COL Deborah Andwood distinguished herself by exceptionally meritorious service while serving in successive assignments of great trust and responsibility. COL Andwood received a direct commission as Second Lieutenant in the Women's Army Corps shortly after receiving her Bachelor of Science degree in Education from Westfield State College.

Following completion of Active Duty assignments as a Signal officer, COL Andwood joined the U.S. Army Reserve. COL Andwood served as the unit Training Officer in the 1037th U.S. Army Reserve School. COL Andwood completed the Transportation Officer Advanced Course and was assigned to the 1172nd Transportation Terminal Unit. She successfully completed assignments of increasing responsibility as Warehouse Officer, Chief of Cargo Documentation, Vessel Operations Chief, and Assistant Operations Chief. Later, COL Andwood was assigned to the 1173rd Transportation Terminal Unit as Vessel Section Chief and Battalion Executive Officer.

After successfully completing her tour as Battalion Executive Officer, COL Andwood was selected as Battalion Commander of the 1205th Transportation Railway Battalion. Through her efforts in recruiting, retention and training, she improved her battalion's rating to an overall C-3 status for the first time. A significant accomplishment leading to this was the effectiveness of her unit's on-the-job railroad training program that greatly enhanced the unit's MOSQ level. COL Andwood's leadership resulted in IDT attendance remaining above 85% and outstanding

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performance by her unit at multi-increment Annual Training. In addition to the Railway Battalion, COL Andwood was responsible for effectively managing two subordinate units, one of which was mobilized and demobilized to support Operation Joint Endeavor. Upon successful completion of her tour as Battalion Commander, she was assigned as Logistics Officer in the 1021st CA Group (RTU). From 1997 to 1998, COL Andwood served in an Individual Mobilization Augmentee position as Air Movement Control Officer, 37th Transportation Command in Germany.

From 1998 to 2002, COL Andwood served as Combined Arms Staff Service School (CAS3) Staff Group Leader, 13th Battalion, and 6th Brigade. In her role as Staff Group Leader, COL Andwood had a significant impact on the preparation of U.S. Army Reserve and National Guard Captains for promotion to field grade officers and staff assignments of increased responsibility.

Upon successful completion of her tour as CAS3 Staff Group Leader, COL Andwood was assigned as an Emergency Preparedness Liaison Officer for the State of Vermont in 2002. In January 2003, COL Andwood was selected for the Emergency Preparedness Liaison Officer in her home state of Massachusetts. COL Andwood has been responsible for the preparation and participation in numerous emergency preparedness exercises for the Commonwealth, the New England region, other Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) regions, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. She has contributed to the effective working relationships between State Joint DoD services team and the federal, state(s), and civilian authorities tasked with responding to the all hazards requirements of the federal response plan. During her tour, COL Andwood significantly contributed to the education and preparedness of the Joint Service region and State Emergency Preparedness Liaison Officer teams in New England, New York, and New Jersey by the planning, coordination, and execution of a 3-day conference in Boston. Federal, state, and local agencies were brought together to provide education and interaction in preparation for the Democratic National Convention. In July 2004, COL Andwood was called to active duty as a team member at the Joint Operations Center in Milford, Massachusetts during the Democratic National Convention as part of the DoD response in the event of an emergency or disaster. COL Andwood's dedication and selflessness at all levels within the disaster preparedness community has substantially advanced the state of readiness of the State Emergency Preparedness Liaison Team, the coordination with the Massachusetts National Guard, and the preparedness and training of the Defense Coordinating Teams that COL Andwood has supported. Her outstanding achievements and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of military service and reflect great credit upon herself and the United States Army.

RECOGNITION OF JACK SULLIVAN

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OF NEW JERSEY

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Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of Jack Sullivan as State Vice President of the Ancient Order of Hibernians. Jack has served the AOH as its Vice President for the past four years with great distinction. Jack's commitment to community and his love for Irish herit-

age go back to his youth in Brooklyn where he attended St. Brendan's school.

Growing up in the culturally diverse borough of Brooklyn, Jack became involved in politics at an early age to ensure that the voice of the Irish Catholic community was heard. He joined the Ancient Order of Hibernians, Division 35 in Brooklyn in 1984. He went on to serve in a number of capacities in the AOH there as well as with the Knights of Columbus and Irish Northern Aid. After moving to New Jersey, Jack transferred to Division 2, now the Volunteer Pat Torphy Division 2—Monmouth County, where he has served as President since 1996.

Under Jack's leadership the Division and State Board were able to raise money for the Great Hunger Monument in Keansburg. He was also instrumental in obtaining financial assistance and manual labor for a Christian Brothers run school in Harlem, the sisters of Charity in Asbury Park and the Medical Missionaries of Mary. The Division has also been able to donate significant amounts of time and money to the Bloody Sunday Committee, the Pat Finucane Fund, the Joe Doherty Irish Language School and the Joe Harper Fife and Drum band in county Down. Jack truly embodies the Hibernian ideal of Christian charity.

Jack has also made significant strides in the pursuit of peace and justice in the North of Ireland. He has led the annual trip to Ireland for the commemoration of Bloody Sunday and has highlighted the plight that many Catholics continue to face to this day.

Mr. Speaker, once again I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Jack for his tireless service to the AOH and the Irish American community. I hope that he continues to remain actively involved in the AOH and in promoting the values of friendship, unity and Christian charity.

IN RECOGNITION OF ED HORN, THE CHRISTOPHER SANTORA SCHOLARSHIP FUND MAN OF THE YEAR

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 13, 2005

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to acknowledge the achievements of Ed Horn, who on June 17, 2005 will receive the Christopher Santora Scholarship Fund's Man of the Year Award. I had the pleasure of working with Mr. Horn last year on the 9/11 Queens Firefighters' Memorial; I will never forget sharing that beautiful and touching memorial service with Mr. Horn and many others who lost loved ones on September 11, 2001.

Mr. Horn grew up in Brooklyn, New York. Watching his mother take college courses at the age of 40 gave Mr. Horn a strong appreciation for education, which led him to pursue several college degrees and many courses of study in art and art history. Following his college career, Mr. Horn served our country by enlisting in the United States Marine Corps. Since then, Mr. Horn has raised six children and remains close to his extended family.

Mr. Horn's love of his family, friends and community might account for his dedication to ensuring that the idea of a Queens Firefighters' Memorial would become a reality. His

involvement with the memorial began when Chief Alexander Santora and his wife, Maureen, came to St. Michael's Cemetery to make their pre-need arrangements. The Santoras and Mr. Horn immediately became friends. On September 11, when the Santoras lost their son, firefighter Chris Santora, the three dedicated themselves to creating a memorial not only for Chris, but for all Queens firefighters that were lost on that tragic day. As a friend of the Santoras and as a memorial counselor at St. Michael's Cemetery in Queens, Mr. Horn began planning the firefighters' memorial. The Santoras and Mr. Horn along with many other community members spent two years creating, planning and finding funds for the memorial. On September 10, 2004, 76 firefighters who died on September 11 were remembered at a beautiful and poignant memorial service in St. Michael's Cemetery.

In addition to the memorial service, the Santoras honored their son through the Christopher A. Santora Educational Scholarship Fund. The Santoras grant scholarships to those students who attend schools at which Chris Santora was a student or a teacher. Mr. and Ms. Santora have already awarded over \$38,000 in academic scholarships.

Ed Horn's hard work and warm heart helped create a ceremony and place of remembrance for the brave firefighters who died on September 11, 2001. Mr. Speaker, I ask that my distinguished colleagues join me in paying tribute to The Christopher Santora Scholarship Fund and its honoree, Mr. Ed Horn.

TRIBUTE TO EDWARD A. STUTMAN

HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 13, 2005

Mr. WAXMAN. Mr. Speaker, on May 18, 2005, my close friend, Edward A. Stutman, was recognized by the Justice Department for "A Career of Exceptional Public Service." I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Ned on receiving this honor and thanking him for his distinguished contributions to our nation.

Ned began his government service at the former Department of Health, Education and Welfare, but he has spent most of his career at the Department of Justice. At DOJ he served as Senior Trial Attorney with the Special Litigation Section, Civil Rights Division, and later as Senior Trial Attorney with the Office of Special Investigations, (OSI), Criminal Division. At OSI, Ned led the investigations and cases brought against World War II-era Nazis, including the re-prosecution of the notorious John Demjanjuk, known as Ivan the Terrible.

In addition to an extraordinary career, Ned has devoted a tremendous amount of his personal time and resources to the well-being of the Washington Jewish community and as an active member of Adas Israel Congregation. He is the proud father of Shira Stutman Shaw and her husband Russell Shaw, Zach Stutman, and Gabe Stutman; the grandfather of Caleb and Maya Stutman Shaw; and the devoted husband of Suzanne Stutman.

Janet and I congratulate Ned on his retirement and we thank him, Suzanne, and their wonderful family for many years of friendship.