

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### TRIBUTE TO CAROLYN ALFORD

**HON. FRED UPTON**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 23, 2005*

Mr. UPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Carolyn Alford, an outstanding citizen and educator in Southwest Michigan. A dedicated and committed individual, Carolyn first arrived in Southwest Michigan in 1969 as a recent high school graduate from Montgomery, Alabama. She came to visit her sister for a couple of weeks and, 36 years later, she has yet to leave! Carolyn is retiring from a long, industrious term of almost 16 years with the Kalamazoo Public Schools Board of Education.

Throughout Carolyn's tenure with the Board she wore many "hats," including President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, among others. In her leadership roles, Carolyn continually went above and beyond the call of duty and could always be found outside of the office talking to parents and students regarding their concerns, attending open houses, or representing the board at graduation ceremonies, retirement dinners, awards presentations and, especially, sporting events.

However, Carolyn's community work didn't stop with the Kalamazoo Public Schools. As someone who always felt a "calling to be in public service," she is very active in her church, has served in numerous leadership positions with the NAACP, and tirelessly participates in the Northside Association for Community Development, YWCA Domestic Assault Program, the Douglas Community Association, Kalamazoo Northside Non-Profit Housing Corporation and many other organizations throughout Kalamazoo and Southwest Michigan. All this while working full time as an administrator at Kalamazoo Valley Community College.

We in Southwest Michigan are forever indebted to Carolyn Alford for the good she has done in our community. Her lifelong contributions to students and families throughout the Kalamazoo area have had great impact and will never be forgotten. I wish Carolyn and her family all the best in retirement, and I sincerely hope she enjoys the extra time with her grandchildren.

### TRIBUTE TO JOAN AND WILLIAM F. INMAN

**HON. DUNCAN HUNTER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 23, 2005*

Mr. HUNTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to Joan and William F. Inman of El Cajon, California. On June 25, 2005, Joan and William will celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

Bill and Joan met in 1952, married on June 25, 1955, and their first daughter JoAnn was

born the following year. As Bill went on to graduate from Pennsylvania State University in 1958, the couple decided to pursue the promise of employment and a chance for a new life together in San Diego, California. Over the next few years, Bill and Joan were blessed with a son, William F. Jr. and two more daughters, JoRae and Jodi.

While raising his family and beginning a career as a materials engineer at Rohr Industries, Bill continued his education at San Diego State College. During this time, Joan continued her service as a full time mother and worked as an emergency room and maternity ward nurse at Grossmont Hospital. Both Bill and Joan retired with more than 75 years of service to their community and nation.

Bill and Joan now fill their time with friends and family, enjoying golf and being a vital part of the lives of their four grandsons, Jeb, Jayme, Jonathan and Willie. Throughout their lives, Joan and Bill have faced life's challenges with a positive attitude and determined spirits, and have raised their children to do likewise. I wish Joan and Bill many more years of happiness together and in anticipation of their fiftieth anniversary, I ask that my colleagues join me in paying tribute to this milestone.

### CONGRATULATING MARGERY A. UFBERG ON THE OCCASION OF BEING THE RECIPIENT OF THE UNITED HEBREW INSTITUTE'S ANNUAL SHOFAR AWARD

**HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 23, 2005*

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask you and my esteemed colleagues in the House of Representatives to pay tribute to Margery A. Ufberg, of Kingston, Pennsylvania, on the occasion of her being named recipient of the United Hebrew Institute's Annual Shofar Award.

Just as the Shofar has been used for millennia to sound the arrival of Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year, the Shofar Award symbolizes the calling together of the community to recognize and praise the good works and accomplishments of an individual.

It is particularly fitting that Margery Ufberg is the recipient of the Shofar Award this year. She is well known throughout the community as a tireless advocate for the United Hebrew Institute and for the Wyoming Valley community in general.

Mrs. Ufberg's contributions toward refurbishing the UHI library and its kitchen and classrooms have been invaluable.

A teacher by profession, Mrs. Ufberg also serves on the board of directors and the Executive Board of the United Hebrew Institute. She also serves on the board of directors and the board of trustees at the Jewish Community Center.

She is a past board member at Ecumenical Enterprises, the Jewish Federation of Greater Wilkes-Barre, the Friends of Hospice St. John and Peoples National Bank.

Mrs. Ufberg remains active with Hadassah, Wyoming Seminary Preparatory School, United Jewish Campaign, Osterhout Library, Junior League of Wilkes-Barre and B'nai B'rith Women Green Circle Ethnic Diversity Program.

She has also given freely of her time to support the Camp Committee, Teen Committee, Soccer Committee, Basketball Committee and the Purim Carnival Committee for the benefit of children and teens at the Jewish Community Center

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Margery A. Ufberg on this notable occasion. Mrs. Ufberg's contributions have succeeded in raising the quality of life in the Greater Wyoming Valley and her dedication is an inspiration to all of us.

### RECOGNIZING PAUL BERLANT OF WINDSOR, CALIFORNIA

**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 23, 2005*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Paul Berlant who is retiring after seven years as Town Manager of Windsor, California.

During his tenure, the Town of Windsor experienced a renaissance. The Town's old downtown area was redesigned as a vibrant and thriving mixed use neighborhood. The Town Green was central to this redevelopment and became the focal point for a farmers market, Movies on the Green, holiday tree lighting, summer concerts, 4th of July celebration and other seasonal festivals.

This was consistent with Mr. Berlant's vision for orderly development throughout the town. The single-family homes in the Vintage Green subdivision use recycled water for irrigation. Keiser Park was expanded by leveraging federal, state and local grants.

Mr. Berlant also oversaw the development of the Shiloh Commercial Center, the town's new corporation yard, various housing projects and the opening of the Arcata Lane/Highway 101 interchange.

He will be remembered as a skilled negotiator who treated everyone fairly and with respect and as someone who was able to interpret the Town Council's vision that, as the local newspaper said, "turned a vast vacant lot into a thriving urban center."

Mr. Speaker, Paul Berlant has spent 33 years working for cities throughout California. He and his wife, Carol Ann, plan to spend time with their new grandchild and traveling. It is appropriate that we honor him today for his public service and to wish him well on his retirement.

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