

RECOGNIZING BOB McGRATH FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL

HON. TOM DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 14, 2005

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Bob McGrath for his commitment to educating and entertaining children and for his contributions to the International Children's Festival.

Mr. McGrath is most often referred to as "Bob on Sesame Street" where he has performed for 34 years, but he is also an accomplished musician and successful author. He began his professional career singing and recording with the Robert Shaw Chorale and Fred Waring's Pennsylvanians. He later spent five years as the featured tenor soloist on Mitch Miller's series, "Sing Along With Mitch", and traveled to Japan to expand his resume ultimately resulting in a career that has afforded him the opportunity to appear with over 100 symphony orchestras. His successful children's albums have sold over half a million copies, and some have received recognition from the Parents' Choice Award and the American Library Association. He has also utilized his talent by writing children's books. For example, *Oops! Excuse Me Please!* And *Other Mannerly Tales* has educated countless children about the importance of manners. Mr. McGrath's other books have effectively taught children life skills, and most have received tremendous acclaim.

Among his many professional accomplishments, Mr. McGrath has dedicated his time to serve as Chairperson of National UNICEF day, host of the United National celebration for the "Rights of the Child", and host for World Children's Day at the UN General Assembly. Most notably, he has generously acted as host and consultant for seventeen consecutive years for the International Children's Festival held in Vienna, Virginia. Each year the International Children's Festival is produced by the Arts Council of Fairfax County in cooperation with the Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts and the National Park Service. Since 1971, the Festival has allowed children from all over the world to come together and share cultural traditions through the international language of the arts. Much of the success of the Festival can be attributed to Mr. McGrath's efforts and expertise.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, I would like to thank Mr. McGrath for his continued support of the International Children's Festival. I call upon my colleagues to join me in recognizing his accomplishments, and wish him the best of luck in all future endeavors.

CONGRATULATING CROATIAN SONS LODGE NUMBER 170 ON 98TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSEKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 14, 2005

Mr. VISCLOSEKY. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct honor to congratulate the Croatian Sons

Lodge Number 170 of the Croatian Fraternal Union on the festive occasion of its 98th Anniversary and Golden Member banquet on Sunday, October 16, 2005.

This year, the Croatian Fraternal Union will hold this gala event at the Croatian Center in Merrillville, Indiana. Traditionally, the anniversary celebration entails a formal recognition of the Union's Golden Members, those who have achieved 50 years of membership. This year's honorees that have attained 50 years of membership include: James Andrew Blaney, Mary Ann Ciochino, Ann Fadell (deceased), Patricia Janjecic, Mary Ann Kasperan, Leonard J. Klirich, Margaret M. Lacko, Gloria J. Miller, Marie Morgan, Theresa Peretin, Johanna M. Petruch, Janis Marie Ramirez, Steve John Ratajec, Matthew Sedey, Petar Seibal, Thomas Sencaj, Vilma Stipancic, Kathy R. Sut, Margaret Jean Tomich, Roy P. Vale, Steven J. Vician, Magdaline M. Wagner, Carole J. Waters, Paul William Yurkas, John Zamko, Bernard Zemen, and Helen Zemen.

These loyal and dedicated individuals share this prestigious honor with approximately 455 additional Lodge members who have previously attained this important designation.

This memorable day will begin with a morning mass at Saint Joseph the Worker Catholic Church in Gary, Indiana, with the Reverend Father Stephen Loncar officiating. The Banat Tamburitz Orchestra will perform at this gala event. A formal dinner banquet at 3:30 in the afternoon will end the day's festivities.

Mr. Speaker, I urge you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in commanding Lodge president Betty Morgavan, and all the other members of the Croatian Fraternal Union Lodge Number 170, for their loyalty and radiant display of passion for their ethnicity. The Croatian community has played a key role in enriching the quality of life and culture of Northwest Indiana. It is my hope that this year will bring renewed hope and prosperity for all members of the Croatian community and their families.

HONORING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF DR. ELIZABETH SPANGLER

HON. SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 14, 2005

Mrs. CAPITO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the accomplishments of a friend and fellow West Virginian, Dr. Elizabeth Spangler.

On August 27, 2005, Dr. Spangler became the first woman to take office as President of the West Virginia State Medical Association. Prior to her installation, Dr. Spangler held other leadership roles within the State Medical Association including Vice President and Vice Speaker for the Association's House of Delegates.

Dr. Spangler first began her career in health care as a graduate from Mercy Hospital School of Nursing in Springfield, Massachusetts. After practicing as a registered nurse for 23 years, she earned her medical degree from the Marshall University School of Medicine, and then completed her residency in internal medicine at the West Virginia University School of Medicine, Charleston Division.

In 1989, after 8 years as a primary care provider and medical director at Health Right

Clinic of Charleston, Dr. Spangler was named medical director of medical affairs at Charleston Area Medical Center. She has held other medical management positions including medical director of the School Health Services Home Health Agency; Vice President of Clinical Affairs for outpatient services at CAMC, and interim Chief Medical Officer at Carelink Health Plus. Finally, in 1999, she was named Vice President for Medical Affairs and Chief Medical Officer for CAMC.

Dr. Spangler's list of accomplishments has grown over the years to include fellowship in the College of Medical Quality and membership in the American College of Physicians, the American College of Physician Executives, and the American Medical Association.

Dr. Spangler continues to be a distinguished leader in the medical community and a rolemodel for women in West Virginia and across the nation. She is a devoted contributor to her community and her state. Dr. Spangler is to be highly commended for her accomplishments and West Virginia is fortunate to have her as a leader in the health care community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 14, 2005

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, on September 13, 2005, I was unavoidably detained and missed rollcall votes numbered 465, 466, and 467. Rollcall vote 465 was on the motion to suspend the rules and agree to SCONRES 26, a bill honoring and memorializing the passengers and crew of United Airlines Flight 93. Rollcall vote 466 was on the motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 3649, the Sportfishing and Recreational Boating Safety Amendments Act. Rollcall vote 467 was on the motion to suspend the rules and pass S. 276, the Wind Cave National Park Boundary Revision Act.

Had I been present I would have voted "yea" on rollcall votes 465, 466, and 467.

ACKNOWLEDGING EUGENE P. SINCLAIR, M.D.

HON. F. JAMES SENENBRENNER, JR.

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 14, 2005

Mr. SENENBRENNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge one of my constituents, Eugene P. Sinclair, M.D., as he completes his term as President of the American Society of Anesthesiologists, a 100 year old national professional organization currently representing over 39,000 anesthesiologists.

Founded in 1905, ASA is the predominant professional organization representing medically trained anesthesiologists. Since its founding, ASA has been the leader in the development of patient safety standards and guidelines for the delivery of safe patient care before, during and after surgery. The ASA's efforts on behalf of the specialty have been acknowledged by both the medical and lay press alike. Both The Institute of Medicine (IOM), in

its 1999 report on medical errors, and the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO), in its report on improving the medical liability system and preventing patient injury, recognized the successes of organized anesthesiology in improving patient outcomes. In June, the Wall Street Journal, in a front page article, reported on the unique role ASA and anesthesiologists have played in addressing patient safety in the delivery of anesthesia and in reducing their liability costs, holding up anesthesiologists as a model for other specialties to follow.

Dr. Sinclair received his medical degree from Marquette University School of Medicine in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. After medical school, he served in the U.S. Army's distinguished 101st Airborne Division in Ft. Campbell, Kentucky for 3 years. Following his military service, Dr. Sinclair completed his anesthesiology residency at the Milwaukee County General Hospital and the VA Hospital in Wood, Wisconsin.

Dr. Sinclair is currently Chief, Anesthesia Service at the Orthopedic Hospital of Wisconsin. He has been active in the Wisconsin Society of Anesthesiologists, the Milwaukee Society of Anesthesiologists and the State Medical Society of Wisconsin and Milwaukee County Medical Society.

For ASA, Dr. Sinclair has served as president-elect, first vice president, speaker of the ASA House of Delegates, delegate, and director. He has also served on numerous Society committees and task forces including the committees on quality management and ambulatory surgical care and the task forces on office-based anesthesia and practice management.

During his year as ASA President, Dr. Sinclair devoted countless hours to the pursuit of knowledge, consensus and education regarding the rare but highly publicized problem of awareness under general anesthesia. He also fostered partnerships with many other leading national medical organizations who share the common goal of improved safety and quality of care for the surgical patient.

These are extremely challenging yet rewarding times for anesthesiologists as they shepherd the most vulnerable of patients—from the tiniest babies to the frailest of the elderly—through the most intricate and, in many cases, life-saving, surgical procedures.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in recognizing Eugene Sinclair, M.D., for his notable career achievements, his exemplary leadership, and his dedication to patient safety.

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
FRANKENMUTH, MICHIGAN
BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 14, 2005

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I am happy to rise before you today, and to ask my colleagues in the 109th Congress to please join me in celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Frankenmuth, Michigan Beautification Committee. On Wednesday, September 14, civic and community leaders will join Frankenmuth residents to commemorate this momentous occasion.

The Frankenmuth Beautification Committee was created in 1955 by Village Superintendent Herbert L. Keinath, his wife Edna, Village President Otto Trinklein, former Village President Carl Satow, and Councilman M.F. "Hick" Leslie. These individuals envisioned a group working as one to promote, cultivate, and enhance the city's natural beauty. The original Committee consisted of 11 dedicated pioneers who laid a foundation and structure for the organization: Ed Daenzer, Ellen Felgner, Lena Stromer, Edna Keinath, Liz Zeilinger, Police Chief Henry Zinck, Reverend August Kehrberg, Oscar Rau, Carl Rupprecht, Howard Mueller, and Wally Bronner. Since its inception, nearly 100 Frankenmuth residents have served as part of the Committee.

As the organization has grown over the years, so have its projects. Originally, the Committee's tasks included planting petunias and placing Christmas decorations on Main Street. Today they, with the cooperation of area businesses and organizations such as the Zehnder family, Greater Frankenmuth Area Community Foundation, Wallace & Irene Bronner and Family Foundation, Frankenmuth Women's Club, and many others, are responsible for thousands of floral arrangements, banners and flags, flower baskets that have become one of the city's signature products, and an awe-inspiring display of holidays lights and displays that have become one of the state's largest tourist attractions. In addition, the Committee, under the leadership of Mayor James Wickson, commemorates Arbor Day each year with the donation and planting of more than 100 trees, every year since 1963.

Mr. Speaker, I would also like to acknowledge perhaps Frankenmuth's greatest natural resource, its people. It is the generosity of business owners who donate money and resources, the spirit of community exhibited by its caring residents, and the pride in ownership they all possess, that make Frankenmuth such a warm and welcoming environment, and a wonderful place in which to live. I am grateful to have men and women such as these in my district. Once again, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating the Frankenmuth Beautification Committee on its 50th Anniversary.

TRIBUTE TO LANCE CORPORAL
JOSHUA BUTLER

HON. MARILYN N. MUSGRAVE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 14, 2005

Mrs. MUSGRAVE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the bravery and heroism of Lance Corporal Joshua Butler of the United States Marine Corps. Lance Corporal Butler's valiant and selfless actions during his tour of duty in Iraq make him a true American Hero.

On the morning of April 11, 2005, only three days after his twenty-first birthday, Lance Corporal Butler helped thwart an insurgent attack against the Marines of India Company stationed at Camp Gannon, near the Syrian border. While standing guard in a lookout tower, an explosive-laden dump truck charged the camp's gate. Lance Corporal Butler opened fire on the truck, causing it to swerve and miss the gate before exploding.

Even though the explosion threw Lance Corporal Butler to the ground and covered him

with debris, he quickly returned to his feet in time to intercept an armored fire truck manned by two suicide bombers bearing down on the camp. Again, Lance Corporal Butler opened fire on the bombers, sending over 100 rounds into the fire truck. The truck detonated without being able to breach Camp Gannon's gate. So powerful was this second explosion, that it sent debris over 400 yards away and hurled Marines from their bunks.

Despite a third suicide bomber attack and over 30 armed insurgents, who at one point covered behind a group of school children, the Marines at Camp Gannon were able to escape serious injury in large part because of the courageous actions of Lance Corporal Butler. "Butler—that day, that Marine—that's the critical error the insurgents made. They thought they could keep the Marine's heads down. But he gets back up," remarked camp commandant Captain Frank Diorio.

The actions of Lance Corporal Butler and his fellow Marines on April 11th make me proud of our men and women in uniform and grateful for their service. I ask my colleagues to join me in commanding Lance Corporal Joshua Butler for his heroism and thanking him for his patriotic dedication to this great nation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. K. MICHAEL CONAWAY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 14, 2005

Mr. CONAWAY. Mr. Speaker, due to a death in the family, I missed rollcall votes on September 6th, 7th, and 8th. Had I been in Washington, I would have voted:

"Yea," on rollcall No. 454, H. Res. 360, commemorating the 60th anniversary of V-J Day and the end of World War II in the Pacific.

"Yea," on rollcall No. 455, S.J. Res. 19, calling upon the President to issue a proclamation recognizing the 30th anniversary of the Helsinki Final Act.

"Yea," on rollcall No. 456, H.R. 365, to allow United States Courts to conduct business during emergency conditions, and for other purposes.

"Yea," on rollcall No. 457, H.R. 3169, to provide the Secretary of Education with waiver authority for students who are eligible for Pell Grants who are adversely affected by a natural disaster.

"Yea," on rollcall No. 460, H.R. 3673, further Emergency Supplemental Appropriations, Hurricane Katrina, 2005.

"Yea," on rollcall No. 461, H.R. 3669, to temporarily increase the borrowing authority of the Federal Emergency Management Agency for carrying out the national flood insurance program.

"Yea," on rollcall No. 462, H.R. 3668, student Grant Hurricane and Disaster Relief Act.

"Yea," on rollcall No. 463, H. Res. 428, expressing the sincere gratitude of the House of Representatives to the foreign individuals, organizations, and governments that have offered material assistance and other forms of support to those who have been affected by Hurricane Katrina.

"Yea," on rollcall No. 464, H. Res. 427, relating to the terrorist attacks against the United States on September 11, 2001.