

asserting leadership to preserve this important legacy for our wildlife and future generations.

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ARCTIC FOLLY

(By Jimmy Carter)

Congress is about to make one of those big decisions that marks an era. Unless wiser heads prevail, it may do it badly—making the wrong decision in the wrong way and about the wrong place. At stake is America's great wildlife sanctuary, the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. To dissuade Congress from this environmental tragedy, Americans must rally, and quickly.

Congress had its Pyrrhic energy victory this summer, with a new energy policy that ignores much-needed conservation measures and gives the oil industry large new tax breaks regardless of where it drills and pumps. Surely Congress has done more than enough to increase the profits of the oil industry.

Yet now, in a separate decision, the White House and Big Oil are pressuring Congress to allow drilling rigs to rip into the ecological heart of America's preeminent wildlife sanctuary. We must not confuse this with Prudhoe Bay, which lies west of the Arctic refuge and is already an industrial landscape resembling Houston more than Yellowstone.

With increasing gasoline prices bringing economic hardship and concern to many Americans, we must not be misled by oil lobbyists who are trying to convince us that our energy security is singularly dependent on sacrificing the Arctic refuge. They promote the false premise that development will touch just a few thousand acres when, in fact, it would introduce roads and pipelines spider-webbing across hundreds of thousands of acres on the fragile coastal plain.

We cannot drill our way to energy security or lower gasoline prices as long as our nation sits on just 3 percent of world oil reserves yet accounts for 25 percent of all oil consumption. An obvious answer is to increase the fuel efficiency of motor vehicles, at least to the level we set more than a quarter-century ago.

Instead, the administration recently proposed a tiny increase in gas mileage for SUVs, miniVans and pickups. Not effective until the 2011 models, this would save about one month's current consumption of fuel over the next 20 years—far less than will be saved in just one state by a new California law. The new ruling offers automobile makers an opportunity to avoid the reductions by modifying the size of various models as they persist in manufacturing gas guzzlers. It is not a coincidence that Moody's has just downgraded the debt of General Motors and Ford to junk status, while makers of efficient vehicles prosper.

I have been to the coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to study the wilderness wildlife. Far from being the frozen "desert" some suggest, this is a rich, Serengeti-like haven of life: nursery for caribou, polar bears, walrus and millions of shorebirds and waterfowl that migrate annually to the Lower 48. To sit, as Rosalynn and I did, watching a herd of musk oxen circle-up to defend their young and then to find yourself literally in the midst of thousands of caribou streaming by is to touch in a fundamental way God's glorious ark of teeming wildlife.

We Americans use a lot of energy, and millions of us want to do so in a more efficient way that also allows us to cherish our disappearing wilderness heritage. In the Arctic refuge we cannot have it both ways. In the next few months Americans could lose this special and amazing place through a back-door legislative maneuver.

Each fall Congress endeavors to combine budgetary directives covering the nation's \$2.5 trillion dollar annual budget in a single "reconciliation" decision. In a tricky ploy to avoid full debate, drilling advocates have buried their despoil-the-Arctic goal in this mammoth measure. So, conservation-minded Americans must ask our elected representatives to vote down any final budget reconciliation bill that would allow the sacrifice of our Arctic sanctuary.

Now is the time to speak up for the ecological integrity of this unsurpassed 18-million-acre wilderness. Many Americans will be in Washington on Sept. 20 for the Arctic Refuge Action Day rally on the Mall and to contact congressional representatives personally.

If we are not wise enough to protect the Arctic refuge, future generations will condemn us for needlessly sacrificing the wilderness of their world to feed our profligate, short-term and shortsighted energy habit. The pathway to a better, more sustainable energy future does not wind through the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

HONORING ATTORNEY PAUL MAZZONI AS HE IS NAMED "MAN OF THE YEAR" BY THE COLUMBUS DAY ASSOCIATION OF LACKAWANNA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 7, 2005

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask you and my esteemed colleagues in the House of Representatives to pay tribute to Attorney Paul Mazzoni, of Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania, who has been named "Man of the Year" by the Columbus Day Association of Lackawanna County.

Mr. Mazzoni has enjoyed a very successful career and has distinguished himself as a dynamic crime fighter during the years he served as special assistant attorney general and as district attorney for Lackawanna County.

The son of Italian immigrants, he was born in Carbondale, Pennsylvania. His father worked in the coal mines and his mother labored in the factories.

A graduate of the University of Scranton, he received his law degree from Georgetown University Law School.

After serving as Census Director for the 10th Congressional District, he was named special assistant attorney general. Later, he worked for the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry and, after that, as a workmen's compensation judge.

Elected to two terms as district attorney, Mr. Mazzoni prosecuted more cases of election law violations than any previous DA in the history of Lackawanna County. He also prosecuted a murder case involving two juvenile victims that attracted the attention of a national magazine.

He also broke up the largest interstate crime ring ever to operate in northeastern Pennsylvania. The case involved organized crime figures from New York and New Jersey and led to solving a murder case and scores of burglaries and robberies throughout the region. The case sparked the book "Marked to Die" by Michael Brown.

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania awarded Mr. Mazzoni a certificate of merit, the first

such award ever presented to a county prosecutor by the state.

Having established a law firm with his brother, Robert, who is now a Lackawanna County Common Pleas Judge, Mr. Mazzoni remains engaged in the practice of law at the firm of Mazzoni and Karam.

A former president of the Lackawanna County Bar Association, Mr. Mazzoni is married to the former Elaine Seckary. The couple has four children and 11 grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Mr. Mazzoni on this happy occasion. The quality of life in northeastern Pennsylvania is better today because of the contributions of men like Paul Mazzoni.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CITY OF BELLEVILLE, MICHIGAN

HON. THADDEUS G. McCOTTER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 7, 2005

Mr. McCOTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in tribute to the City of Belleville, Michigan, which is celebrating the 100th anniversary of its incorporation.

Located on the southwestern fringe of the Detroit metropolitan area, in VanBuren Township, the City of Belleville was originally founded in 1820. The area was a small industry-trade center in the early 1800s when farming and lumbering were the main occupations.

Today, Belleville and Van Buren Township make up a diverse community of approximately 40,000 residents and is home to Wayne County's largest inland lake. The area is enhanced by its homes, schools, churches, shopping centers, and industrial parks.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the people of Belleville as they celebrate their historic past. It is my hope this fine community will enjoy a long and prosperous future.

IN HONOR AND RECOGNITION OF JON AND KAREN SALERNO

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 7, 2005

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in tribute and recognition of Jon and Karen Salerno, united in marriage and united in their unwavering dedication to family, faith and community, as they are recognized by civic leaders, friends and family for their significant contributions to our entire community, including the Italian American community. In honor of their volunteerism, the Salerno's have been chosen to serve as Grand Marshals of the 2005 Cleveland Columbus Day Parade.

Jon and Karen continue to dedicate their personal time and talents to the promotion and preservation of Greater Cleveland's rich Italian heritage by numerous community events and programs, including the annual Cleveland Columbus Day Parade. Karen has focused her professional vocation in working to improve the lives of families and individuals who face life-long challenges of living with physical,

mental and emotional disabilities. Karen has worked with the Summit County Board of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities for more than 25 years and is currently the Senior Director of Medicaid Services. Jon is also an active member with the Summit County Board of Mental Retardation. In the 1970s, Jon led the effort to implement new legislation that gave mentally challenged citizens the right to vote.

Jon's interest in public service began in 1971, when he was elected to serve as Council Member with the Village of Moreland Hills. Since that time, local and national political candidates have sought after Jon's political wisdom and insight. Both Karen and Jon continue to volunteer their time as active members and leaders of many local civic organizations, including many Italian American organizations.

As president of Media, Italia, Inc., Jon has produced and hosted the "Memories from Italy" radio program for more than 25 years. Fifteen years ago, Jon led the effort to organize the first WJCU radio-thon, an event that has raised thousands of dollars for the college radio station every year. Jon's outreach efforts also extend directly to our most vulnerable citizens. He is also the Board Chairman for Alternatives Agency, a community-based correctional facility in Cleveland that has been recognized for its positive impact on individuals making the transition from incarceration to freedom.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of Jon and Karen Salerno, for their exceptional commitment, leadership and service focused on uplifting the citizens and culture within our community. Their individual and united efforts within their profession, and their volunteer work on behalf of the Italian American community and our entire community, continues to enhance our society and gives us all hope for a brighter tomorrow. I wish Jon and Karen Salerno, and their grown children, Anthony, Jessica and Anthony's wife, Gina, an abundance of health, happiness and peace today and always.

RECOGNIZING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF MS. GAYLE HOLLIDAY

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 7, 2005

Mr. CLEAVER. Mr. Speaker, I proudly rise today in recognition of the achievements of Dr. Gayle Holliday, a constituent of the 5th District of Missouri which I am honored to represent. For over thirty years Gayle has dedicated her life to the Greater Kansas City, MO community, promoting and improving socio-economic conditions, political empowerment and civil rights of people of color.

I recently had the opportunity to pay tribute to Gayle for her extraordinary commitment to community service. During the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation's 35th Annual Legislative Conference, I had the privilege of nominating Gayle for the Congressional Black Caucus Spouses' Celebration of Leadership Unsung Hero Award. While this award carries no monetary prize, it is no less a testament to her devotion to bettering our area.

Helping her both personally and professionally is her tremendous educational back-

ground. Gayle holds a BA in Political Sciences, a Masters in Public Administration and a Ph.D. in Management and Applied Technology. Professionally, she is the President and owner of G & H Consulting, LLC, which has been in business for over 10 years, helping clients in the public, private and non-profit sector with strategic planning and business plan development. Additionally, under President Clinton, Gayle was selected as one of a small group of individuals to represent the transportation industry on the President's transition team.

Civically, Gayle serves on twelve boards in the Greater Kansas City area, with diverse interests such as issues of healthcare, education and economic development. Gayle has been happily and eagerly ready to help our community amassing more than 70 hours of community service each month. She is also a member of the church I pastor, St. James Methodist Church, and finds time to serve as chair of the Pastor Parish Staff Relations Committee.

Dr. Holliday's work on behalf of others reaches from behind the scenes to the frontlines. In all of her activities, she demonstrates her dedication and commitment to the greater good of others. Her high energy pace translates directly to the results she is able to obtain for the benefit of all in our area. Regardless of whether she is in the trenches or the boardroom, her poise and thoughtfulness is ever present.

Throughout her life, Gayle Holliday has exercised a tireless belief in the principle of putting "other" before "self." But what separates Gayle from those who simply profess to hold a belief but do nothing to promote it, is that she has put her principles to practice, and the effects of her efforts can be felt throughout the Kansas City metropolitan area. That is why it was indeed an honor for me to be able to recognize her during the CBCF's Annual Legislative Conference. It is also why I am doubly honored to be able to recognize her here along with my colleagues, in the U.S. House of Representatives. While it is but a small acknowledgement for all of the work she has done, it is a heart-felt gesture, taking strength from the myriad lives she has touched in our hometown.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in expressing our appreciation to Dr. Gayle Holliday and her commitment to helping others. She is a living testament to the unspoken principle that defines unsung heroes: to be a great leader you must be a great servant.

TRIBUTE TO 2005 NOBEL PRIZE IN PHYSICS WINNER, DR. JOHN HALL

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 7, 2005

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise to commend Dr. John Hall, winner of the 2005 Nobel Prize in Physics. Dr. Hall is a scientist emeritus in the Quantum Physics division of the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) and a Fellow at the Joint Institute for Laboratory Astrophysics.

Dr. Hall has been recognized for his contributions to the development of a laser based

precision spectroscopy and optical frequency comb technique. His innovative techniques have made it possible to carry out studies in the stability of the constants of nature over time and to develop extremely accurate clocks and improved GPS technology.

This is the third time a NIST researcher has been awarded the Nobel Prize for Physics, and I am proud to be a strong supporter of that important agency. I applaud Dr. Hall for his outstanding achievements in physics and I wish him continued success in the years ahead.

HONORING SENATOR RAPHAEL J. MUSTO AS HE RECEIVES THE LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FROM THE ITALIAN AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF LUZERNE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 7, 2005

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask you and my esteemed colleagues in the House of Representatives to pay tribute to a former colleague and current Pennsylvania State Senator Raphael J. Musto on the occasion of receiving the "Lifetime Achievement Award" from the Italian American Association of Luzerne County, Pennsylvania.

Senator Musto has had a distinguished career in public service dating back to 1971 when he was elected to the Pennsylvania House of Representatives in a special election to fill the unexpired term of office of his father, the late State Representative James Musto. Senator Musto was subsequently re-elected to four consecutive terms.

In 1980, then-State Representative Musto won a special election to become the Congressman representing the 11th Congressional District of Pennsylvania in the United States House of Representatives.

In November, 1982, he was elected to the Senate of Pennsylvania to serve the 14th District. Senator Musto was subsequently re-elected in 1986, 1990, 1994, 1998 and 2002. He served as Senate Democratic Caucus Secretary from 1997 to 2004, a leadership position. Senator Musto also serves as Democratic chairman of the Senate Environmental Resources and Energy Committee and chairman of the Energy and Environment Committee of the Council of State Governments' Eastern Regional Conference, which encompasses 11 States, five Canadian provinces, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

Senator Musto is a charter member of the Pittston Township Lions Club, a member of the Knights of Columbus, the Italian American Association of Luzerne County, the Sons of Italy, the Greater Pittston Chamber of Commerce, King's College Alumni Association and he is a life member of the Pittston Township Volunteer Fire Company.

Senator Musto was honored by both King's College and Wilkes University when the two Wilkes-Barre institutions presented him with honorary doctorates of humanities and humane letters, respectively.

In 2000, he was named Conservation Legislator of the year and he received awards for excellence and distinguished service from the