

A TRIBUTE TO JAMES HARPER

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2005

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor James Harper upon his receipt of the Outstanding Labor Leader award from the Friends of Labor Committee of Laborers' Local 332. Jim Harper has filled the position of Business Manager of Laborers' Local No. 413 since 1977, where he has earned great respect within the Local and in the community at large.

Jim first joined Local 413 in June of 1960, after graduating from Upper Darby High School. Following graduation, Jim put himself through school at West Virginia State College, by using the union dollars he earned from summer employment. A hardworking student, Jim was also very active in the community, where he taught neighborhood children reading and writing skills and developed a college open-house program for students, parents, and school administrators. He also led civil rights demonstrations and participated in the ROTC program.

After college, Jim continued to add to his already impressive record. He attended Penn State University Graduate School, where he balanced his publications on Black History with crucial practical contributions to the community, such as mentoring youth and working to reduce street gang tensions. Jim later served in Vietnam, attaining the rank of captain and receiving several Medals of Honor before returning to teach at Penn State. Throughout his career, Jim has constantly demonstrated his dedication to the union's commitments to unity, education, safety, and community.

Today, Mr. Speaker, I wish to express my gratitude for Jim Harper's years of service to the community, and I extend my warmest congratulations to him upon his receipt of this award. I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues rise to congratulate him on all of his accomplishments.

HONORING ROBERT B. (R.B.) EHLEN

HON. MARK R. KENNEDY

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KENNEDY of Minnesota. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call attention to the accomplishments of a great man and a great Minnesotan, Robert B. Ehlen, on the anniversary of his 100th birthday.

R.B. Ehlen was a true pillar of his community. As a leader in business as well as local politics, R.B. was a real example of the values held dear by Minnesotans—hard work, perseverance, and dedication.

R.B. Ehlen began his work experience when he was five years old—running errands for local merchants, setting pins in a bowling alley, and other odd jobs. When he was sixteen, he was hired on at the Federal Cartridge Corporation (FCC), working as a mail boy and lawn raker. He was an enthusiastic employee—working at least ten-hour days, for 22½ cents an hour.

From this beginning, R.B. moved up quickly at FCC—working in all stages of production, and eventually becoming plant manager. At this time, R.B.'s employees began to recognize his knack for working with people, and they organized a write-in campaign to elect him to the local school board. He won the election, and his lifelong interest in public service was born, culminating in a 12-year term as mayor of Anoka.

R.B. continued to move up the ranks at FCC, drawing praise from coworkers and onlookers for his fair treatment of his workers and his general compassion for all people. At the time of his retirement, R.B., then the Chairman of the Board of Directors, had served 57 years at FCC, which had grown from just a small company to a nationwide industry leader under his watch.

Mr. Speaker, R.B. Ehlen was a true American leader. A successful businessman and public servant who worked tirelessly for so many years, Ehlen will long be remembered in Anoka and throughout Minnesota as a leader and role model for many.

NATIVE AMERICAN TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS ACT OF 2005

SPEECH OF

HON. TOM UDALL

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 16, 2005

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 3351, the Native American Technical Corrections Act of 2005. Section 108 of H.R. 3351 contains language from H.R. 600, a bill that I introduced with my colleagues from New Mexico, Representatives HEATHER WILSON and STEVE PEARCE, to clarify issues of criminal jurisdiction within the exterior boundaries of Pueblo lands.

Recent court decisions in New Mexico have created uncertainty and the potential for a void in criminal jurisdiction on pueblo lands. Because of the risk to public safety and law enforcement arising out of this uncertainty, it is important to clarify the scope of criminal jurisdiction on pueblo lands. I share the concerns of tribal leaders who have urged Congress to step in and resolve this legal quandary. I will work with other members of the delegation to see that we can make this law as soon as possible.

The language in my bill and now in H.R. 3351 addresses confusion over criminal jurisdiction on pueblo lands in New Mexico arising out of the holding in *United States v. Gutierrez*, an unreported decision of a federal district court judge in the District of New Mexico that overturned prior precedent regarding the status of the lands within the exterior boundaries of pueblo grants.

The language in the technical corrections bill will amend the Pueblo Lands Act to make clear that the pueblos have jurisdiction, as an act of the pueblos' inherent power as an Indian tribe, over any offense by a member of the pueblo or of another federally recognized Indian tribe, or by any other Indian-owned entity committed anywhere within the exterior boundaries of any grant to a pueblo from a prior sovereign, as confirmed by Congress or the Court of Private Land Claims. The legislation also makes clear that the United States

has jurisdiction over any offense within these grants described in chapter 53 of title 18, United States Code, committed by or against a member of any federally recognized Indian tribe or any Indian-owned entity, or that involves any Indian property or interest. Finally, the legislation makes clear that the State of New Mexico shall have jurisdiction over any offense within these grants committed by a person who is not a member of a federally recognized Indian tribe, which offense is not subject to the jurisdiction of the United States.

This legislation will not affect the scope of pueblo civil jurisdiction within the exterior boundaries of pueblo grants, and it does not in any way diminish the exterior boundaries of these grants.

I would like to thank Chairman POMBO and Ranking Member RAHALL for bringing forth the Native American Technical Corrections Act of 2005. I encourage my colleagues to support this important piece of legislation.

U.N. INTERVENTION

HON. CLIFF STEARNS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2005

Mr. STEARNS. Mr. Speaker, the Internet is a truly American invention. As such, it is imbued with the American values of openness, freedom and democracy. It enables information and commerce to flow freely across oceans and political boundaries. The freedom of expression it creates has made censorship and information control futile, forcing governments to sell their ideologies and policies in an open market of ideas.

Because of the freedom embodied by the Internet, it is no surprise that the world's dictatorial regimes would love to control and repress it. Therefore, it is no surprise that representatives from Iran, North Korea and China are conspiring to radically change the way the Internet is run. While they claim to be concerned about the level of control America has over the Internet, their real concern is their own lack of control!

That is why many of these nations had proposed to install a new international government bureaucracy to dictate Internet policy for the world. This new bureaucracy would not only have removed industry and civil society groups from decisions about Internet management, but also threatened the stability of the network and the future of Internet innovation.

But those are unimportant issues to nations that want to rein in dissidents and civil society groups that are using the Internet to spread democracy and freedom in their countries. They don't care about the stability of the Internet; they care about the stability of their morally bankrupt regimes.

Fortunately, our United States negotiators have successfully beat back this lunge for control by the United Nations. But let there be no doubt about it—the desires of these foreign nations and international organizations to control the Internet for their own purposes is still strong, and they will try again and again until they succeed. That is why we must pass H. Con. Res. 268, which reconfirms America's commitment to ensuring the stability and openness of the Internet. It is critically important that the world knows that the United

States Congress stands solidly behind its delegation debating this issue, and behind the freedom of the Internet. More than a billion people rely on the Internet, so we must not compromise on the values of democracy and freedom that have made this engine of information so successful throughout the world. I urge all of my colleagues to vote in favor of this important resolution.

THE GREAT AMERICAN SMOKEOUT

HON. TODD RUSSELL PLATTS

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2005

Mr. PLATTS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to acknowledge today, November 17, 2005, as the Great American Smokeout. For nearly three decades, the American Cancer Society has designated the third Thursday of each November as a day for smokers nationwide to unite and kick the deadly habit of smoking.

Today, smoking remains the leading preventable cause of death in the United States. It is a major cause of not only lung cancer, but cancers of the mouth, larynx, pharynx, esophagus, kidney, bladder, pancreas, cervix, and has most recently been associated with acute leukemia and cancers of the stomach. Yet, over 45.4 million Americans are addicted to tobacco.

Mr. Speaker, due to the commendable efforts of organizations such as the American Cancer Society, 46 million Americans have thankfully already quit smoking. The American Cancer Society will be conducting activities today throughout the United States to celebrate the Great American Smokeout. I encourage all smokers to take part in this critically important endeavor.

COMMENDING PROFESSOR KYLE D. SMITH

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2005

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the contributions and research of Dr. Kyle D. Smith, a Professor of Psychology at the University of Guam. Today, Dr. Smith will be honored as the "Professor of the Year" from Guam at an awards ceremony here in Washington, DC, sponsored by the Council for Advancement and Support of Education and The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. Dr. Smith has devoted his academic career to undergraduate teaching, and his contributions in the field of psychology and his innovative teaching techniques, have earned him the selection as Guam "Professor of the Year" for 2005.

In 1981, Professor Smith graduated summa cum laude in psychology at the University of Tulsa. He received both a Master of Science degree in psychology and a Ph.D. in social psychology from the University of Washington, Seattle, in 1984 and 1987, respectively. Professor Smith has served on the faculty at the University of Washington, Seattle, the University of Washington at Bothell, and Marmara University in Istanbul, Turkey. He currently is

a Professor of Psychology in the Division of Social and Behavioral Sciences at the University of Guam.

Professor Smith is a respected academician and is recognized by his colleagues for his outstanding research and teaching ability. Professor Smith has focused his recent research on cultural factors in emotions and moral concepts. He has contributed to national dialogue on important issues currently facing academia, including most especially contributions in the areas of minority education and published research with respect to the learning environment for international students. His research has focused on the incorporation of culture, ethnicity, and diversity in teaching methodology and in the curriculum. In a joint research endeavor with colleagues, Professor Smith has designed a new undergraduate degree program in Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences. Professor Smith is widely recognized for his interactive classes in general psychology, social psychology, and cross-cultural psychology, where he emphasizes innovation, cultural relevance, and leadership. He applies theory to real world situations and promotes critical thinking development.

His commitment to teaching and his research in the field of psychology has contributed to the mission and growth of the University of Guam. Our island community recognizes his accomplishments and his selection as the "Professor of the Year" for 2005. Our Nation needs professors like Dr. Smith who are committed to teaching and who educate the leaders of tomorrow. Great educators should be commended for their contributions to society. The U.S. Professors of the Year Awards sponsored by the Council for Advancement and Support of Education and The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching help sustain the national commitment to undergraduate education. I join with the people of Guam in commending Professor Kyle D. Smith upon receiving this award and in honoring his accomplishments.

IN RECOGNITION OF PAT AND JERRY JAMBAZIAN ON THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF WONDER CLEANERS & DRAPERY IN TEMPLE CITY

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2005

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Pat and Jerry Jambazian on the 50th anniversary of Wonder Cleaners & Drapery in Temple City. The Jambazian family has been providing their excellent services to the community since 1955. Jerry Jambazian's parents, Andrew and Rose Jambazian, first started the family business in San Gabriel in 1947, and in 1955 the Jambazian family moved to Temple City, where they have been giving back to the community ever since.

The Jambazians' Wonder Cleaners & Drapery is the oldest family-owned business in Temple City. Over the many years they have spent in Temple City, the Jambazians have shown themselves to be both excellent entrepreneurs and good neighbors. Throughout the past 50 years, their passion for providing conscientious, caring service to their customers

has not waned, and they remain committed to making everyone feel well taken care of and welcome. It is this level of personal care and dedication that has allowed Wonder Cleaners & Drapery to grow steadily through the years.

Even while running a successful family-owned business, the Jambazians have also managed to remain deeply involved in the community. In addition to his duties and responsibilities as a proprietor, Jerry Jambazian has been involved in numerous different civic organizations, ranging from the Kiwanis Club to the Temple City Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Jambazian supports our local schools by organizing the Student of the Month program and working closely with students, teachers, and the community to encourage a greater appreciation of education. Jerry Jambazian also serves on the boards of many different non-profit organizations, and his leadership efforts in constructing the Outdoor Performance Pavilion have contributed to the completion of that beautiful venue in Temple City. Jerry Jambazian has further contributed to Temple City through his excellent photography skills; his photos are beautiful mementos of special community moments. Without Jerry Jambazian's leadership skills, enthusiasm, and passion for helping others and serving the community, Temple City would not be what it is today.

I am proud to congratulate the Jambazian family on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of their family-owned business, Wonder Cleaners & Drapery. I ask all Members of Congress to join me in honoring the Jambazians for their dedication to making our community a better place to live.

RECOGNITION OF THE TIME TO READ LITERACY PROGRAM

HON. HAROLD E. FORD, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2005

Mr. FORD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the important work and mission of the Time to Read literacy program.

Since 1985, Time Warner, Inc.'s Time to Read program has worked to address the crisis of illiteracy among American children and adults.

Today, Time to Read is the nation's largest corporate-sponsored volunteer literacy program. I am particularly proud that the Mid-South chapter, which includes Memphis, Tennessee, is the largest Time to Read program in the nation, helping more than 6,000 children and adults every year.

Each week, Time to Read's 33,000 participants meet at more than 550 schools, adult-education centers, prisons, libraries, churches, community centers, clinics and homeless shelters across the nation to learn together how to read.

Time to Read students are matched with reading mentors who use real-life learning materials, magazines and other publications as teaching tools to help inform new readers about everyday culture, life and current events. These reading mentors serve as tutors and role models, giving children the confidence to succeed in school and adults the tools necessary to compete in the workplace.

However, these tireless mentors do much more than help kids and adults learn to read.