

HONORING RICHARD W. VILTER, M.D. AS A GREAT LIVING CINCINNATIAN

HON. ROB PORTMAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 25, 2005

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Richard W. Vilter, M.D., a leader in our medical community, who will be formally honored as a Great Living Cincinnatian on February 24, 2005 by the Greater Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce. Recipients of this prestigious annual award are chosen on the basis of professional achievement, leadership, vision, and community service. Past honorees include Neil Armstrong, Dr. Albert Sabin, and Charles Scripps.

A native Cincinnatian, Dr. Vilter has said that not only did he want to follow in the footsteps of his father, Dr. William F. Vilter, he never considered doing anything else. After graduating from Hughes High School in 1929, he earned his undergraduate and medical degrees from Harvard. Dr. Vilter promised to join his father in practice when he returned to Cincinnati, but, tragically, his father died of leukemia before he could do so. Dr. Vilter has said this is what led him to pursue his distinguished career in blood diseases.

After graduating from medical school in 1937, Dr. Vilter earned an internship at Cincinnati General Hospital specializing in internal medicine. In 1940, he was named senior resident, and later became chief medical resident. He went on to hold many leadership positions at Cincinnati General, including founding director of the Division of Hematology and Assistant Director of the Department of Internal Medicine. In 1956, he became the Gordon and Helen Hughes Taylor Professor of Medicine and director of the Department of Internal Medicine at the University of Cincinnati, positions he held until 1978. He still serves as the Gordon and Helen Hughes Taylor Professor Emeritus of Medicine, continuing his teaching and consulting work. Dr. Vilter has also spread his practice of medicine internationally, acting as a consultant for the United Nations' World Health Organization, traveling for the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, and serving as chair of the National Advisory Committee's Malnutrition Research Center in Thailand.

Dr. Vilter has held leadership positions with many organizations, including the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine's Medical Heritage Library Board; the American College of Physicians/American Society of Internal Medicine; American Society of Clinical Nutrition, where he was the first president; the American Clinical and Climatological Association; and the Cincinnati Society of Internal Medicine. He received the American College of Physicians Ohio Chapter's Laureate Award in 2002; the American Medical Association's Joseph Goldberger Award for outstanding contributions in the field of nutrition; the National March of Dimes Foundation's Dan Tehan Humanitarian Award; the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine's Daniel Drake Award for major and lasting contributions to the College; and the University of Cincinnati Excellence Award.

In August, 2003, Dr. Vilter lost his beloved wife of 70 years, Sue. He lost his son, Richard Jr., in 1990.

All of us in Cincinnati congratulate Dr. Vilter on being named a Great Living Cincinnatian.

TRIBUTE TO ELLEN BRAVO, OUTGOING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF 9TO5 NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WORKING WOMEN

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a colleague and contemporary: Ellen Bravo, outgoing Executive Director of 9to5 National Association of Working Women.

Ellen is a longtime resident of the city of Milwaukee who has made innumerable contributions to the advancement of women's rights. For over 20 years she has overseen the growth and evolution of 9to5. Under her leadership, this organization has brought women's voices into debates over state and national policies on issues ranging from welfare reform to sexual harassment in the workplace.

Ellen's efforts have resulted in concrete advances for all women. She fought for a higher minimum wage for all workers, while challenging State lawmakers to ensure women received equal pay for equal work. She led the fight to win family and medical leave benefits for Wisconsin workers. She was a critical voice in the national move to replace welfare with a work-based system. Even now, she is working with coalitions in several states to expand workers' access to sick leave benefits.

An accomplished speaker and trainer, a noted public commentator, Ellen has contributed to our understanding of the needs of working women and their families. Not only has her advocacy expanded the research agenda, her commitment to organizing has ensured that women are empowered to fight for the policies they need.

Ellen's vision is that all women should have more power. I can say with certainty that her work has helped support and sustain lawmakers who share that vision. I have firsthand knowledge of her support as a lawmaker. She is one of my advisors and, more importantly, my friend.

I am pleased to take this opportunity to congratulate Ellen on these achievements, and to wish her well in the next phase of her life.

RECOGNIZING MELISSA SIEG

HON. MELISSA A. HART

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. HART. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize Melissa Sieg, on being elected the 2005 President of the Pennsylvania Association of Realtors.

On January 25, 2005 Melissa will be inaugurated as the 82nd president, only the sixth woman in the 85 year history of the Association to be named to the position. Melissa is an associate broker who, along with her husband Bill, owns and operates the Prudential First Choice Realty located in State College, Pennsylvania. Besides her participation in the

Pennsylvania Association of Realtors, Melissa has also been actively involved in the Centre County Association of Realtors where she has served on the Board of Directors, as vice president and also as president. In 1996 she was named the Centre County Association of Realtors' "Realtor of the Year."

Besides being professionally active, Melissa finds time to give back to her community as a YMCA swimming official and as the Bellefonte High School varsity swim coach. She has also served on the community boards for the Bellefonte YMCA, the Centre County United Way and served as Vice President for the Marion-Walker Youth Baseball League and as President of the Bellefonte YMCA Swim Team Parent's Association.

I ask my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in honoring Melissa Sieg. It is an honor to represent the Fourth Congressional District of Pennsylvania and a pleasure to salute citizens such as Melissa who make the communities that they live in truly special.

HONORING PATRICIA SCATOLONI DEDICATION TO EDUCATION AND HELPING THOSE LESS FORTUNATE

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 25, 2005

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Patricia D. Scatoloni who served her local community as a school teacher for 50 years and served the people of Macedonia as a member of the Peace Corps since December. She died of natural causes on January 1, 2005.

Patricia Scatoloni began her Peace Corps training in September 2004, and took her official oath as a volunteer in December. She focused on English education in the village of Leskoec where she worked on both elementary and adult education. Since 1961 the Peace Corps has sent more than 178,000 volunteers to live and work around the world.

The 74-year-old mother of three will be remembered as an enthusiastic and creative teacher who cared deeply about her students. She taught in the Los Angeles public schools for 18 years and finished her career in the Pasadena public schools as a full-time substitute teacher.

I ask all Members of Congress to join me today in honoring the memory of Patricia Scatoloni for her immense dedication to public service.

REMEMBERING THE DEATH OF SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL

HON. MAC THORNBERRY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 25, 2005

Mr. THORNBERRY. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to submit for the RECORD a statement by the Churchill Centre commemorating the 40th anniversary of the death of Sir Winston Churchill. The Churchill Centre has members around the globe and a mission to "foster

leadership, statesmanship, vision and courage among democratic and freedom-loving peoples worldwide, through the thoughts, words, works and deeds of Winston Spencer Churchill." One of its recent activities, for example, was to help sponsor the widely acclaimed "Churchill and the Great Republic" exhibit that began at the Library of Congress last year and is now moving around the country.

I have been a member of the Churchill Centre and its predecessors for nearly 20 years. I believe that each of us today, as well as the generations to come, can learn from and be inspired by the life of Sir Winston Churchill. I commend the statement and the work of this organization to all my colleagues.

REMEMBERING A GREAT MAN 40 YEARS ON

January 24 marked the 40th anniversary of the passing of the great British statesman and war leader, and honorary U.S. citizen, Sir Winston S. Churchill. Believed by many to be the greatest individual of the past Century, and widely recognized as the single greatest obstacle to Nazi tyranny, Sir Winston died on this date in 1965 at the age of 90.

In a career that spanned from the Victorian age to the Space age, Winston Spencer Churchill held almost every major government position in the British government; served in Parliament under every monarch from Queen Victoria to Queen Elizabeth II; won the Nobel Prize for literature in recognition of a body of work that encompassed forty books and innumerable articles and speeches; and, was an accomplished artist, producing over 500 paintings in his lifetime. His official biographer, Sir Martin Gilbert, when asked to produce a one sentence description of Churchill, wrote: "He was a great humanitarian who was himself distressed that the accidents of history gave him his greatest power at a time when everything had to be focused on defending the country from destruction, rather than achieving his goals of a fairer society."

As the 20th Century drew to a close, The Churchill Centre, Washington, D.C., a broadly-based international organization of over 3,500 members that exists to foster leadership and boldness through the words, works, and deeds of Sir Winston Churchill, published in its journal, *Finest Hour*, statements issued by world leaders and the media supporting the designation of Winston Churchill as the "Person of the Century". Here are two of those statements:

"Churchill was the century's best example of how individuals can shape history rather than being shaped by it. The force of his will and his words gave courage to his country and saved the West. Yet it was also Churchill who, after World War II, discerned the dangers to come from communist tyranny. Just as he defined the moral issues of the 1930s and 1940s, he defined the great moral challenge up to our own time. Totalitarianism was the greatest evil of the 20th century, and Churchill its most able adversary."—Governor George W. Bush in *Time*, 22 November 1999.

"We can make sense of the future if we understand the lessons of the past. Winston Churchill, my first prime minister, said that 'the further backward you look, the further forward you can see.' And it was this importance of history which was much in my mind when I opened the new Scottish Parliament in July this year."—Her Majesty the Queen, Christmas Message, 25 December 1999.

Why should the world remember a man who lived so long ago at a time seemingly so remote from the present? Quite simply, because the words, the deeds, and the works of Winston Churchill take on an aura of immortality that transcend years and generations

and can provide guidance to the world today and into the future.

Churchill was a defender of the family as it is traditionally understood. He believed that government should foster independence of spirit. He believed this requires that people own property, with little hindrance and light taxation, and remain responsible for their own well-being. Churchill believed Western Civilization is a force for good. He believed that the traditions of the English-Speaking Peoples, rightly understood, reflected truths of unchanging vitality and application to all persons and all times. He thought socialism and bureaucracy incompatible with human liberty and even with the survival of nations. He believed that certain codes of morality find sanction in a permanent law, not made by mankind. A violation of this law is, he believed, always wrong. Virtue, not creativity, was his touchstone. These principles will continue to require champions in this century.

Churchill's motto, expressed as the "moral" of his acclaimed six-volume history of The Second World War, clearly expresses these ideals.

In War: Resolution.

In Defeat: Defiance.

In Victory: Magnanimity.

In Peace: Good Will.

Now, forty years after his passing, Winston Churchill is still quoted, read, revered, and referred to as much, if not more, than when he was alive. Let us, therefore, take a moment to reflect on a man who gave so much to the world during his lifetime, and who will be remembered and honored as long as a free world continues to exist and continues to honor its heroes.

CONGRATULATING DOBBS FERRY HIGH SCHOOL

HON. NITA M. LOWEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 25, 2005

Mrs. LOWEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dobbs Ferry High School for winning the 2004 New York State Class C Football Championship.

Through hard work, commitment and by always keeping their eye on the ball, this team completed a perfect 13-0 season en route to the title.

This championship continues the rich tradition that Dobbs Ferry High School has established on and off the football field. By winning this title, Dobbs Ferry has now won the state title two of the last three years. Dobbs Ferry is only the fifth school ever to win a state title in multiple football classes.

By applying the principles of fair play, good sportsmanship and constructive competition to sports and all other walks of life, the school has become a shining example for others to follow.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Dobbs Ferry High School on their accomplishment and I wish them the best of luck in defending their title next season.

CONGRATULATING FRANK J. LIKAR

HON. MELISSA A. HART

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 25, 2005

Ms. HART. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Frank J. Likar of Pittsburgh on his retirement after 34 years of service to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Pittsburgh District. A luncheon will be held in his honor on Friday, January 21, 2005, in Pittsburgh.

Frank has been the Deputy District Engineer for Programs and Project Management in the Pittsburgh District since June 2003. Prior to this, Frank held several supervisory and management positions throughout the Pittsburgh District in engineering, construction, operations and project management. Frank began his federal career in the District in 1971 after serving in the U.S. Marine Corps and in 1976 he was one of four selected for the District Executive Development Program.

A graduate from the University of Pittsburgh in 1971, Frank is a registered Professional Engineer in Pennsylvania, and a member of the Chi Epsilon national civil engineering honors fraternity.

I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in honoring Mr. Frank J. Likar. It is an honor to represent the Fourth Congressional District of Pennsylvania and a pleasure to salute the service of citizens like Frank Likar who personify civic pride and make the communities that they live in truly special.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE CABRILLO CIVIC CLUBS OF CALI- FORNIA

HON. DENNIS A. CARDOZA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 25, 2005

Mr. CARDOZA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the Cabrillo Civic Clubs of California upon the celebration of their 70th Annual Convention. The Cabrillo Club is dedicated to the civic progress of Californians of Portuguese descent, to teach and foster Americanization, and to encourage better education and perpetuate the achievements of their forefathers. The Club is dedicated to these ideals in memory of John Rorigues Cabrillo, the discoverer of California.

The Cabrillo Civic Clubs, Inc. was organized in 1934 by Californians of Portuguese descent who were proud that a Portuguese mariner had discovered the beautiful state of California. Today, there are fourteen clubs throughout the Golden State with nearly 3000 members. The Club is known for its many charitable activities including blood drives, fundraising for polio and cancer research, assisting candidates for U.S. citizenship, and providing college scholarships for students of Portuguese descent. In addition, the Cabrillo Clubs strive to foster an interest within their communities in Portuguese customs and culture through local events such as "Festas Portuguesas."

I am especially honored to recognize this remarkable organization, as I am of Portuguese