TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE JOHN J. SINDE, PRESIDENT, VILLAGE OF WESTCHESTER

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 7, 2005

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to The Honorable John J. Sinde who passed away on November 22, 2005. Mayor Sinde was born on November 13, 1925 and continued a lifetime of work until his retirement in May of 2005. John J. Sinde attended Our Lady of Sorrows Grammar School and St. Phillips High School in Chicago. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy for 3½ years and served in the Pacific Theatre. He was honorably discharged in August 1945.

On September 11, 1954, he was married to Ms. Marilyn Honeyman and they adopted three children, John Anthony when he was seven weeks old, Kimberly Marie when she was six months old and James Michael when he was seven days old.

Mr. Sinde went to work for material service in 1949 and remained until 1983. He began his political career in 1973, by getting elected to the Westchester Park District Board where he served for seven years. In 1981, he was elected Village President or Mayor of Westchester, where he served until his retirement in 2005. John J. Sinde served as President of the Village of Westchester for over twenty-four years. He was the true embodiment of civic involvement and public service. Not only did he serve as Village President but he was also President of the Westchester Park District, Westchester Baseball League, President of the Mary Jane Kennedy PTA, President of Westchester Band Parents, Chairman of the North Central Council of Mayors for ten years, manager of the Pee Wees for 21 years, umpire for Westchester Girls Softball, eight years active as a crossing guard until his last illness.

Proudest accomplishments: Village Swimming Pool, New Post Office, New Village Hall Westbrook Corporate Center, new 2,000,000 gallon water tower Children's Memorial Hospital, 1st lighted baseball diamond. A man who truly loved and was committed to his family and to his community.

The Honorable John J. Sinde, President, Village of Westchester. A true servant of the people, may he rest in peace.

TRIBUTE TO DR. WILLIAM C. RICHARDSON

HON. FRED UPTON

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 7, 2005

Mr. UPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Dr. William C. Richardson, who for the past ten years has shown great leadership and vision as the President and CEO of the W.K. Kellogg Foundation. Throughout his lustrous career, Bill has tirelessly worked for the betterment of his community and has significantly impacted countless individuals both professionally and personally. Although he will be retiring at the end of this year, the dedication and mission to promote and improve philanthropy that Bill has set forth will no-doubt continue long into the future.

Dr. Richardson has been exceedingly active within the public, private, and non-profit sectors of society. He has served as president of the Johns Hopkins University, executive vice president and provost of Pennsylvania State University, and dean of the graduate school and vice provost for research of the University of Washington.

In addition to his great work with the W.K. Kellogg Foundation and our institutions of higher education, Bill is a trustee of the Council of Michigan Foundations, a former chair and board member of the Council on Foundations, and a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and the American Public Health Association.

Dr. Richardson has received numerous honors throughout his distinguished career, and I am pleased to call him a friend. I have known Bill for a long time and have often looked towards his leadership for guidance. The great work that Bill and the Foundation have accomplished over the past 10 years has stretched throughout our country and world. The impact that Bill has had on countless communities throughout his career is truly awe inspiring. The folks of southwest Michigan are fortunate to call Bill a neighbor. On behalf of the Sixth District, I wish Bill and his family all the best in retirement—we are all better off because of his service.

HONORING THE LIFE, LEGACY, AND EXAMPLE OF ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER YITZHAK RABIN ON THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF HIS DEATH

SPEECH OF

HON. SUSAN A. DAVIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 6, 2005

Mrs. DAVIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I stand in support of House Resolution 535, which honors the life of former Israeli Prime Minister Yitzak Rabin on the tenth anniversary of his assassination. I would like to join the world community in celebrating his life and legacy. Yitzak Rabin will forever be known as a man of peace who provided many, Arabs and Jews alike, with the promise of change in a region engulfed in violence. His life gives us hope for the progress of the peace process in the Middle East. The anniversary of his death reaffirms the special relationship between the United States and Israel and serves as a reminder that negotiations can be successful and peace between Arabs and Jews can be attained. I hope current leaders in the region honor Rabin and use this opportunity to breathe new life into the peace process.

TRIBUTE TO WIBC–AM INDIANAPOLIS

HON. MIKE PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 7, 2005

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, each year at the National Association of Broadcasters Annual Marconi Awards dinner, the evening ends with the awarding of the Legendary Station of the Year. The fraternity of radio stations that can call themselves ''legendary'' is an exclusive club. And this year, WIBC–AM Indianapolis joins that group.

For 67 years WIBC has been the 50,000-watt News and Talk of Indiana. The WIBC News Team is the largest in the state, offering 24-hour Local News. It has won a record number of AP and Sigma Delta Chi awards and has received the Murrow Award for three consecutive years. Further, WIBC has been named a Marconi recipient for Station of the Year for the second straight year.

The National Weather Service called WIBC's weather coverage ''life-saving.''

WIBC is the flagship station of the Indiana Pacers and home of the Indianapolis 500 for 51 years.

In the community, WIBC is known for its charitable acts, having raised almost $1 million for the Salvation Army and collected thousands of teddy bears for police to give to traumatized kids.

WIBC's Race for Riley with John Andretti has raised over $500,000 for the Children's Hospital and the station runs thousands of PSAs each year for many more deserving organizations.

WIBC is home to news and personalities that reflect the lifestyle of mid-America. It is the most popular news/talk station in Indiana.

Mr. Speaker, when you talk radio legends, one voice is clear. WIBC.

HONORING MARK SACKETT ON HIS CAMPAIGN TO BE ELECTED TO THE CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 4

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 7, 2005

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mark Sackett, a resident of Chautauqua County for his quest to become the elected representative to the fourth legislative district in the Chautauqua County Legislature. Although Mr. Sackett was not able to realize his dream he has been able to make an impact on other's lives in a different way.

The campaign trail is a difficult path to take. Any person with a dream may enter but only a few are able to reach the end. Mr. Sackett traveled that path with his head held high and a smile on his face the entire way. I have no doubt that his kind demeanor left a lasting impression on the voters of district 4.

Mr. Sackett is a former legislator where he served the people of district 4 for many years. Mark is also a very creative man who never stops thinking of ways to assist a friend. Many people of Sheridan, New York may remember the large gavel that he constructed.

Chautauqua County is blessed to have such strong candidates with a desire to make this county the wonderful place that we all know it can be. Mr. Sackett is one of those people and that is why, Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor him today.