

BEULAH SPATZ

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 7, 2006

Mr. GERLACH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Beulah Spatz for her 70 years of service to her employer, Campbell's Fitting Company of Boyertown, Pennsylvania. Beulah began with the company, then called Campbell Nipple works, in 1936 with a high school degree and a passion for math and accounting.

Beulah began her career as a receptionist and clerk for the owner, Mr. Louis Campbell. In 1939, Beulah's career dream came true when Mr. Campbell elevated her to the position of controller.

In 1949, Mr. Campbell sold the company to Mr. Frederick Paff, who changed the company's name to Campbell Manufacturing Company and, with this son Thomas D. Paff, expanded and improved business operations and opportunities. Today, under the leadership of Thomas J. Paff, Campbell is a leader in the industry both nationally and internationally.

Beulah has steadfastly stayed with the company through name and ownership changes. In the years she worked at Campbell, she's gone from using a typewriter to main frames to the modern personal computer. Beulah has been the company's foundation and her colleagues remark that she always knew where every penny was coming from and being spent.

Beulah is now looking forward to spending her hard-earned retirement with her daughter Suzie. Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me today in honoring Beulah Spatz for her exemplary record of service and dedication to the company, its management and employees. And I wish to extend to her this institution's best wishes for health and happiness in the coming years.

RECOGNIZING THE BUSINESS AND
CIVIC ACHIEVEMENTS OF
PASQUALE T. DEON, SR.

HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

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Mr. FITZPATRICK of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the achievements of Pasquale (Pat) T. Deon, Sr. a constituent in my district who will be honored tomorrow at the 2006 annual scholarship luncheon at the Justinian Society of Philadelphia for his contributions to the business community in the Philadelphia region and the community of Bucks County, Pennsylvania where he lives.

Since 1935, the Justinian Society has served as the premier legal organization in the Philadelphia area for Americans of Italian ancestry. Comprised of attorneys, judges and law students, the society has directed itself to maintaining the honor of our legal system and the high ethical standards that distinguish its practice in our society. The Justinian Society accomplishes its mission by promoting continuing legal education programs, offering scholarships to Italian American law students and by promoting civic engagement by the legal community.

Pat Deon is a respected member of the Bucks County community. A successful businessman and entrepreneur, Pat has become a leader in his region, serving on numerous local and statewide boards and commissions. Since 1995, Pat Deon has been a volunteer member of the Board of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (SEPTA), and has served as Board Chair since 1999. Since being named chairman of SEPTA, Pat Deon has transformed this \$3 billion public transportation asset from an organization wracked by inefficiency to a model of progress and competence.

With SEPTA well in hand, Pat turned his attention to our highways in 2002 and was appointed to a four-year term as a member of the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission. Besides his public works, Pat Deon is also actively involved in community service. He is Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors of Temple Lower Bucks Hospital, board member of the Bucks County Community College Foundation, and the Bucks County Enterprise Zone.

In addition to these endeavors, both Pat and his wife Carlene are strong local supporters of the Special Olympics, the American Red Cross and Race for a Cure. His work with the Special Olympics alone has allowed a delegation of 116 athletes and coaches to attend the first ever USA National Games in Iowa.

For many, this would be enough, but Pat has also excelled in business. Pat Deon has extensive residential and commercial real estate developments in Bucks and Montgomery Counties, and construction services in the Northeast region. He is also the owner of WBCB-AM radio in Bucks County and a successful restaurateur through his ownership of the Temperance House Restaurant and Inn located in Newtown, Bucks County, Pennsylvania.

I can think of no better person deserving the honor of the Justinian Society as Pat Deon. His success is a clear example that the American Dream is indeed alive and well. In addition to serving as a model of success, Pat Deon is also an example of modesty. He never searches for the spotlight, never craves fanfare or publicity for his good works. I am proud to represent him in Congress, and I am proud to acknowledge him today.

HONORING MRS. ELIZABETH R.
RUSIN

HON. RAHM EMANUEL

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Mr. EMANUEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise this evening to recognize Mrs. Elizabeth R. Rusin of Chicago. Mrs. Rusin will be retiring after four decades as an educator and administrator with the Archdiocese of Chicago.

Mrs. Rusin grew up at Maryville Academy in Chicago where she graduated high school. After attending 1 year at Clark College in Dubuque, Iowa, she left college to raise a family. She later returned to college to earn a bachelor of arts in speech therapy and education at Mundelein College in Chicago.

In 1971, Mrs. Rusin taught at St. Viator School in Chicago, where she served as assistant principal from 1974 to 1979, when she

left to attend Northern Illinois University, where she earned a master's degree in educational administration. From September 1980 to June 1988, Mrs. Rusin served as principal of St. Francis of Assisi School in Chicago, where she met her husband, Ben Rusin, who was actively involved in the parish. In 1989, Mrs. Rusin returned to the classroom to teach junior high school science for 2 years at St. Edward School in Chicago.

In 1991, Mrs. Rusin came to St. Josaphat School in Chicago, where she has served as principal for the past 15 years. When Mrs. Rusin began her tenure, St. Josaphat had 85 students and was on the brink of closing. Today, St. Josaphat is flourishing with over 250 students. Through a groundbreaking program with DePaul University, Mrs. Rusin has brought new learning methods to St. Josaphat. Mrs. Rusin and Dr. Akihiko Takahashi joined forces to train St. Josaphat teachers, as well as DePaul student teachers, in the methods of learning and teaching utilized in Japanese schools.

During Mrs. Rusin's time as principal of St. Josaphat, the school has been widely recognized throughout the Archdiocese and the city of Chicago as one of the premiere educational facilities for pre-school through 8th grade. Mrs. Rusin was recently awarded the Sheffield Star Award, presented each year to two individuals who bring distinction and leadership to their profession and make the Sheffield Neighborhood a multi-faceted and desirable place to live.

Under the leadership of Mrs. Rusin, St. Josaphat continues to achieve its mission to educate and challenge its students to see beyond themselves and go beyond the familiar so that they may lead responsible, fulfilling lives. Mrs. Rusin has been devoted to preparing her students for academic excellence in their continuing educations.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of a deeply grateful community and with enormous appreciation for decades of dedicated service to students, alumni, faculty, staff, and friends, I thank Mrs. Elizabeth Rusin for her extraordinary leadership and selfless commitment to learning and to the city of Chicago. Mrs. Rusin left a mark on each school she was a part of and will not be forgotten. We will remember her countless contributions, and wish her continued success in her retirement.

TRIBUTE TO ROGER S. MEIER

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

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Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of a distinguished American, Roger S. Meier, who died on June 5, 2006, at the age of 80.

Mr. Meier, a fourth-generation Oregonian who lived most of his life in Portland, was a descendant of the founders of the Meier & Frank Company. He graduated from Yale University and married Laura Schwartz of New York City in 1952. He worked at Meier & Frank as a Director and Vice-President until the store was sold to the May Company in 1965.

Mr. Meier was the President and Chief Executive Officer of AMCO, Inc., a privately

owned investment company for more than 30 years. The Governor of Oregon appointed him to the Public Employees' Retirement Board in 1970, and he also served through appointment on the Oregon Investment Council from 1973 to 1986 as Chairman. The Oregonian observed that unpaid public service has rarely, if ever, generated such a profound financial benefit for Oregonians.

Mr. Meier served with distinction as Chairman of the Board of Trustees for the Portland Art Museum, and as Director of Pacific Western Bank, PacWest Bancorp, NI Industries, Fred Meyer, Inc., Key Bank of Oregon, Red Lion Inns, Key Trust Company of the Northwest, and The Acorn Family of Funds. Mr. Meier also gave generously of his time and talents through his service on the boards of the Catlin Gabel School, University of Oregon Health Sciences Center, Good Samaritan Hospital, the Oregon Historical Society and the Legacy Health Systems Retirement Trust.

Mr. Meier is survived by his wife, Laura; his daughters, Alix Goodman and Jill Garvey; his sons-in-law, Tom Goodman and Tony Garvey; and four grandchildren, Laura and Caroline Garvey, and Andrew and Reid Goodman. He is also survived by his nieces Muffie Meier, Mary Meier Ryan and Lynn Novelli, and his grand-nephew J. Allen Meier Ryan.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in extending our sympathy to the entire Meier family. Roger Meier was a national treasure, who loved his community and his country and served them exceedingly well. He will always be missed and never forgotten.

TRIBUTE TO MR. ORLANDO MARIN

HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO

OF NEW YORK

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Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, as New York City prepares to host the 48th Annual Puerto Rican Day Parade, a celebration of Puerto Rican culture and heritage, I would like to rise to pay tribute to Mr. Orlando Marin. A great Puerto Rican musician, Orlando continues to excite audiences with his masterful play that has earned him the title: the Last Mambo King.

Mambo was exploding in the early 50s when a young Orlando, captivated by its rhythms, developed a keen interest in Latin percussions. At the age of 16, while preparing for a career as a cartoon illustrator at New York's prestigious High School of Industrial Arts, he formed a small band. The band quickly evolved into a ten-piece orchestra and was the first of the Bronx-born Latin Dance ensembles to achieve solid commercial success, appearing in such renowned venues as New York's famed Palladium Ballroom. The youthful ensemble, appropriately nicknamed La Orquesta de la Juventud (the Orchestra of Youth), included 14 year old Eddie Palmieri on piano and 15 year old Joe Quijano on vocals, both of whom were destined to become Latin Music greats in their own right.

Orlando soon began to emerge as a Mambo star, recording "Mi Mambo" with the Plus label and "Arriba Cha Cha Cha", and "Let's Go Latin" with Fiesta Records. However, in 1958 his quick ascent to stardom was interrupted as he was drafted by the U.S. Army to patrol Ko-

rea's DMZ as part of the U.N. occupation forces. Although stationed in Korea, Orlando was determined to keep his music alive. He entered the All Army Talent Competition, winning first prize in the Pacific Command. A musical tour of Korea and Japan followed, with a trip to Washington DC for the finals, capped by a performance on The Ed Sullivan Show. "While still in uniform and stationed in California, Orlando once sat in for Tito Puente on timbales at the Hollywood Palladium. Years later he appeared with Tito at the Palladium, this time each leading his own orchestra, and dueling on timbales.

Following his military service, Orlando returned to New York and was featured at various New York dance venues, including the Limbo Lounge and the Bronx's renowned Hunts Point Palace.

Orlando's maturation as an artist became evident with the release of the albums: "Se Te Quemo La Casa" "Que Chevere" and "Esta en Algo" which included his smash hit "Aprende a Querer", hailed by his peers to be his best. However, Orlando demonstrated his true musical genius when he began to move outside of the familiar Mambo box, releasing "Out of My Mind", the first Boogaloo album ever recorded, and "Saxaphobia", which contained arrangements for five saxophones but none of the traditionally Latin trumpets.

Orlando's music is appreciated not only by the denizens of New York's traditional Latin dance venues, but also by non-Latin fans throughout the five boroughs and beyond. In 1999, the Governor of New York presented Orlando with the Bobby Capo Lifetime Achievement Award in recognition of his dedication to Latin music and his fans for nearly a half century.

Perhaps what is most impressive about this remarkable musician is his willingness to devote time and energy in order to help those who are less fortunate than he. Orlando has served as an employment counselor for community based organizations, including the National Puerto Rican Forum, thereby helping countless young men and women find the road to success. In addition, he spends a great deal of his time performing for those who cannot come to see him, such as hospital patients, inmates of correctional facilities, and nursing home residents throughout the New York area.

Mr. Speaker, for his masterful play, innovative genius, and devotion to his fellow man, I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring Mr. Orlando Marin, the Last Mambo King.

HONORING KEVIN M. McCANN

HON. RAHM EMANUEL

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Mr. EMANUEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Kevin M. McCann of Chicago for his many years of service and dedication to education. After 32 years in elementary education, Kevin is retiring from his position as principal of Jamieson Elementary School in the 5th District's Lincoln Park neighborhood.

A lifelong Chicagoan, Kevin attended St. Patrick High School on the City's west side. He graduated in 1969 and went on to earn a degree in Liberal Arts and Sciences from DePaul University in 1973.

While earning his Masters in School Administration at DePaul, Kevin began teaching General Education at Bell Elementary School in 1974. In 1977 Kevin moved to LaSalle Language Academy, where he taught Upper Grade Mathematics. During his tenure at LaSalle, Kevin earned many distinguished awards including Teacher of the Year in 1979, the Kate Maremont Dedicated Teacher Award in 1989, and the Milken Family Foundation Illinois Distinguished Educator Award in 1990.

In 1991, Kevin moved into school administration when he was named the principal at Jamieson Elementary School. As principal of Jamieson, Kevin immediately challenged his teachers and students to help make Jamieson one of the premier schools in the Chicago Public School system. Under his leadership, Jamieson earned awards in the Academic Bowl, Athletics, Oratory, Robotics, the History Fair, the Science Fair, and the Math Competition. In 1999, Kevin qualified as a finalist for the Outstanding Leadership Award given by the Chicago Principals Association and the Chicago Public Schools.

In addition to teaching, one of Kevin's other passions has been his love for his alma mater, DePaul University, the place his father called home professionally for many years. Our educational community will continue to be served by Kevin as he begins his new job next fall at DePaul, coordinating the student teaching program.

The same year Kevin began his position as principal of Jamieson Elementary School, he married his wife, Carol. Together they are the proud parents of three daughters, Maggie, Rachel, and Bridget. Kevin's family has always been a priority in his life, and Kevin plans to spend much time with them as he begins the next phase of his life.

Mr. Speaker, I join with all of those Kevin has influenced throughout his career as an educator in recognizing Kevin M. McCann for his years of devotion to education and service to our community while at Jamieson School, and wish him continued happiness in the future.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

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Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, due to reasons beyond my control, I was unable to cast votes on rollcall votes 211 through 222 on the evening of May 25th of this year. I would like the record to reflect how I would have voted on the following rollcall votes.

On rollcall vote No. 211, I would have voted "yes"; On rollcall vote No. 212, I would have voted "no"; On rollcall vote No. 213, I would have voted "yes"; On rollcall vote No. 214, I would have voted "yes"; On rollcall vote No. 215, I would have voted "yes"; On rollcall vote No. 216, I would have voted "yes"; On rollcall vote No. 217, I would have voted "yes"; On rollcall vote No. 218, I would have voted "yes"; On rollcall vote No. 219, I would have voted "yes"; On rollcall vote No. 220, I would have voted "yes"; On rollcall vote No. 221, I would have voted "yes"; On rollcall vote No. 222, I would have voted "no."