

HONORING BUTLER HIGH SCHOOL

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 19, 2006

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Butler High School in Butler, New Jersey, a vibrant community I am proud to represent. The students and alumni/ae of Butler High School are celebrating the graduation of the 100th senior class on Wednesday, June 21, 2006.

Butler High School graduated its first class in 1907, making the senior class of 2006 the 100th class to graduate from the school. Until 1903, graduates of the Butler Grammar School attended Paterson High School. In the early years, Butler High School was a "regional" high school in the extreme sense of the word. Originally the school encompassed a territory of more than 200 square miles, providing secondary education to students from Bloomingdale, Jefferson, Kinnelon, Pequannock, Ringwood, Riverdale Wanaque and West Milford. Over the years the sending districts, with the exception of Bloomingdale, withdrew from Butler High School as municipalities built their own high schools or regional districts were created.

There are not many high schools in the State of New Jersey that have celebrated a 100th anniversary graduation. Butler High School is planning to celebrate this milestone in the graduation ceremony scheduled for Wednesday, June 21. The day will begin with walking tours of the high school followed by the centennial graduation and a reception for graduates, their families, alumni and faculty. The commencement speaker will be Wendy Larry, Butler High School graduate and the Head Women's Basketball Coach at Old Dominion University.

Mr. Speaker, I urge you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating Butler High School, the faculty, staff, alumni and Senior Class on the occasion of the 100th graduation ceremony of one of New Jersey's finest high schools.

IN HONOR OF THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST. JOHN WEST SHORE HOSPITAL

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 19, 2006

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of the employees, volunteers, and medical staff of St. John West Shore Hospital, as members and leaders celebrate 25 years of physical healing, community involvement, and compassionate care throughout Cleveland's west side.

Throughout the past quarter century, St. John West Shore has served as a facility that provides regionally and nationally recognized medical care to the community of Westlake. Along with tending to physical ailments, St. John West Shore promotes and nurtures emotional well being, recognizing the interdependence of body and mind.

St. John West Shore opened its doors in 1981 as a community hospital. It has continu-

ously expanded from its original facility, recently adding a Sleep Disorder Clinic and a Pain Management unit. Since 2004, the hospital has renovated and supplemented its Emergency Department and upgraded both the Emergency Department and Nursery. Services have been extended beyond the original hospital to the West Shore Primary Care Center, assisting patients in Avon. St. John West Shore not only cares for its patients, but also its staff, being recognized by the Employers Resource Council as one of the "Top 99 Best Places to Work" in northeast Ohio.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of every past and current staff member and volunteer of St. John West Shore Hospital. Through a gentle spirit and state-of-the-art facilities, St. John West Shore Hospital continues to provide a haven of physical and emotional renewal for hundreds of families and individuals, on the west side of Cleveland and far beyond.

A TRIBUTE TO SUNIL ANAND

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 19, 2006

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Sunil Anand, a distinguished member of the business community. It behooves us to pay tribute to this outstanding leader and I hope my colleagues will join me in recognizing his impressive accomplishments.

A native of India, Sunil Anand is a successful Certified Public Accountant and entrepreneur performing specialty services to the non-profit sector. He has consulted for numerous Headstart and day care centers, senior citizen programs, mental health programs, homeless prevention programs, AIDS and drug-addiction prevention programs, teenage pregnancy prevention programs, and low-income housing programs.

Mr. Anand is a much sought-after consultant because he is very familiar with Federal, State and city rules and regulations for funding agency financial reporting procedures. He has conducted certified audits including A-133, reviewed and prepared financial statements including cash flow analysis and other related statements for various non-profit government funded organizations.

A full-service accounting professional, Mr. Anand has established internal control systems including budgetary controls, structure policies and procedures with respect to the cycle of the entity's activities (external financial reporting), financial statement captions (cash and cash equivalents, receivables, payables and accrued liabilities), accompanying systems (cash receipts, disbursements, payroll and general ledger) and inventory controls. Additionally, Mr. Anand has provided financial and administrative management to the real estate industry; his service to the industry included purchase and sales of apartment buildings (residential and commercial), multiple dwellings, condominiums, and single-family residences.

In 1968, Mr. Anand graduated with a bachelor of arts degree in accounting from Delhi University in India. In 1971, he received Pro-

fessional Accounting and Auditing Training (equivalent P.A.) from the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India. In 1973, he completed an IBM System 360—Programming, System Design and Analysis Internship Program at New York University and in the same year he completed an M.B.A.—C.P.A. Program at Long Island University in New York. In 1984, Mr. Anand became a New York State licensed real estate broker and notary public.

Mr. Anand is a member of several professional organizations including: Association of MBA Executives; National Association of Accountants; National Society of Public Accountants; National Society of Tax Professionals; and the American Institute of Professional Bookkeepers.

Mr. Speaker, I believe that it is incumbent on this body to recognize the accomplishments of Sunil Anand as he offers his talents and philanthropic services for the betterment of our local community.

Mr. Speaker, Sunil Anand's selfless service has continuously demonstrated a level of altruistic dedication that makes him most worthy of our recognition today.

IN RECOGNITION OF JACK WAGNER

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 19, 2006

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Jack Wagner, the clerk of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of California. This week, Jack will retire from a truly distinguished career of public service that spanned over thirty years. As his friends, family and colleagues gather to celebrate his career, I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring the dedicated service of one of the federal court system's long-time public servants.

Jack began his career of service to the courts in 1972 in Toledo, Ohio, with the Lucas County Common Pleas Court. From there he was named Clerk of the U.S. District Court in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and later the Clerk of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Los Angeles. In the summer of 1990 the judges of the Eastern District of California selected Jack to join their team as Clerk of the Court.

For 16 years Jack has successfully administered the 6 District Court offices that stretch from Bakersfield to Redding which make up California's Eastern District. During his tenure, he has overseen the construction of two new beautiful courthouses in Sacramento and Fresno. He was deeply involved in the planning, design and construction of each building, both of which now stand tall as proud symbols in the Central Valley's skyline. Jack's work on the Robert T. Matsui U.S. Courthouse won a Design Award from the General Services Administration and Bob surely is proud to have his name on such a beautiful building.

In 1998, Jack was a recipient of the Director's Awards for Outstanding Leadership from Leonidas Ralph Mecham, Director of the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts. The award paid tribute to his efforts in developing the Capital Construction Training Program that he co-created with Bruce Rifkin. This program

grew out of his work as a member of the Capital Construction Committee and has helped train court personnel from across the country on how to successfully plan and build new courthouses. This innovative program encourages effective partnerships in court construction projects with a goal of reducing cost overruns.

Jack has also worked closely with the U.S. Court's Administrative Office and taken a leadership role in the court's community. In the early 1990's he was a member of the Standing Committee on Gender, Race, Religious and Ethnic Fairness. Through this committee he contributed greatly to the Early Dispute Resolution Plan adopted throughout the circuit in 1999.

As he prepares to leave his position with the U.S. District Court, Jack leaves behind a legacy of strong leadership. I and my staff have had the honor and privilege of working with Jack in the Sacramento Courthouse and know the judges of the Eastern District appreciate his hard work and dedication.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to one of Sacramento's most distinguished citizens, Jack Wagner. As his wife Milani, his children and friends gather to welcome him into retirement I ask all my colleagues to join me in wishing Jack, continued success in his future endeavors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 19, 2006

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, due to a death in my family, I missed a series of suspension votes, the vote on the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations bill and votes on the Transportation, Treasury, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations bill.

Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall No. 251, "aye" on rollcall No. 252, "aye" on rollcall 253, "aye" on rollcall No. 254, "no" on rollcall No. 255, "aye" on rollcall No. 256, "aye" on rollcall No. 257, "no" on rollcall No. 258, "aye" on rollcall No. 259, "aye" on rollcall No. 260, "aye" on rollcall No. 261, "no" on rollcall No. 262.

DECLARING THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL PREVAIL IN THE GLOBAL WAR ON TERROR

SPEECH OF

HON. JOHN L. MICA

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 16, 2006

Mr. MICA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the men and women bravely defending our country against terrorism and tyranny.

Regarding U.S. and allied actions against Saddam Hussein's Iraq, I believe it was appropriate for Congress on October 16, 2002 to authorize American military action and would vote again to provide President Bush this authority.

The question of whether Saddam Hussein had weapons of mass destruction, WMD, is a moot point and a distraction from a host of

evidence that the United States was justified in its actions against the former Iraqi regime. The facts are that Saddam Hussein had the capability to produce WMDs and had weapons in defiance of United Nations agreements to deliver nuclear, biological or chemical warheads.

In fact, neither I nor the President knew for certain whether Saddam had WMDs at the time of our actions against Iraq. Many of us suspected he did possess that capability. Let me quote a few.

"Saddam Hussein possesses chemical, biological weapons, and if events are allowed to run their course, will someday possess nuclear weapons." Sen. EVAN BAYH (D-Ind.), statement, Oct. 3, 2002.

"I believe that Saddam Hussein rules by terror and has squirreled away stores of biological and chemical weapon[s]." Sen. DIANNE FEINSTEIN (D-Calif.), floor speech, Oct. 10, 2002.

"The people of the United States and the rest of the world are at risk as long as Saddam Hussein has weapons of mass destruction. Last night, the President . . . made the most effective case to date that the risk of inaction is too great to bear." Sen. JAY ROCKEFELLER (D-W. Va.), statement, March 18, 2003.

"For the last 12 years he's [Saddam's] ignored UN resolutions and embargoes while rebuilding his illegal chemical and biological weapons. . . . He is dangerous. I believe he needs to be disarmed." Sen. BARBARA MIKULSKI (D-Md.), floor speech, March 18, 2003.

"In 1991, the world collectively made a judgment that this man should not have weapons of mass destruction. And we are here today in the year 2002 with an un-inspected 4-year interval during which time we know through intelligence he not only has kept them, but he continues to grow them. . . . The threat of Saddam Hussein with weapons of mass destruction is real, but as I said, it is not new." Sen. JOHN KERRY (D-Mass.), floor speech, Oct. 9, 2002.

"On Monday night, President Bush, I think spoke for all of us. I know of no one who really disagrees at all. He described Saddam Hussein as a homicidal dictator who is addicted to weapons of mass destruction. It is that addiction that demands a strong response. We all agree on that. There is no question that Iraq possesses biological and chemical weapons and that he seeks to acquire additional weapons of mass destruction, including nuclear weapons." Sen. CHRIS DODD (D-Conn.), floor speech, Oct. 9, 2002.

"I believe if Saddam Hussein continues to refuse to meet his obligation to destroy his weapons of mass destruction and his prohibited missile delivery systems, that the United Nations should authorize member states to use military force to destroy those weapons and systems." Sen. CARL LEVIN (D-Mich.), floor speech, Oct. 9, 2002.

"He [Saddam Hussein] stockpiles biological and chemical weapons." Sen. Jon Corzine (D-N.J.), floor speech, Oct. 9, 2003.

Furthermore, the Saddam Hussein regime was marked by brutality, fear and terror. Over 270 suspected mass grave sites have been found by Iraqis and U.S. and allied forces. On September 23, 2004, Iraqi interim Prime Minister Ayad Allawi said, "Like almost every Iraqi, I have many friends who were murdered, tortured or raped by the regime of Saddam

Hussein. Well over 1 million Iraqis were murdered or are missing. We estimate at least 300,000 are in mass graves which stand as monuments to the inhumanity of Saddam's regime."

The brutality of the former Iraqi regime knew no bounds. Victims of Saddam's torture chambers were subjected to vicious acts such as the gouging-out of eyes, severe beatings, electric shock, dismemberment and the cutting out of tongues. Documented chemical attacks by the regime from 1983 to 1988 resulted in some 30,000 Iraqi and Iranian deaths. Human Rights Watch estimates that Saddam's 1987 to 1988 campaign of terror against the Kurds killed at least 50,000. Saddam's ruthlessness even extended to his own family in which he had approximately 40 of his own relatives murdered.

Today there are many Monday morning Iraq quarterbacks. The U.S. did win the war against Iraq and captured Saddam Hussein. However, America and its allies have had difficulty in controlling insurgent attacks.

No one anticipated Islamic extremists would make a stand bringing in al-Qaeda, Baathists and others. No one anticipated civil conflict between the Shi'a, Sunni and Kurd populations. However President Bush, Secretary Rumsfeld and U.S. military leaders have done their very best in a difficult situation and deserve our support and continued backing.

Yes, we all want our troops home and an end to terrorism. Rhetoric and unwarranted criticism will not make that happen.

MARKING THE START OF FTA NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND THE UNITED STATES

HON. VITO FOSSELLA

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 19, 2006

Mr. FOSSELLA. Mr. Speaker, the United States and the Republic of Korea (ROK) recently embarked on a new and exciting chapter in the history of Korean-American relations. June 5, 2006 marked the start of formal negotiations on a free trade agreement (FTA) between our two countries. I would like to recognize this important event, which I believe will lead to significant economic opportunities for Koreans and Americans alike.

From a commercial perspective, the Republic of Korea-United States FTA (the "KORUS FTA") is the most important bilateral trade agreement the United States has negotiated in over a decade. After a remarkable recovery from the devastating effects of the Korean conflict, ROK has risen to become the 10th largest economy in the world with a GDP approaching \$1 trillion and per capita income of over \$20,000. ROK consumers have the means to purchase our goods, and ROK investors have the wherewithal to invest in our country.

The Republic of Korea is now our seventh largest trading partner, and represents our sixth largest market for agricultural exports. Two-way trade exceeds \$70 billion annually. And Korea is a growing market for U.S. service providers. The United States actually boasts a services trade surplus with ROK of \$4.3 billion.