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HONORING BILL FRANCE JR.

**HON. JOHN L. MICA**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 5, 2007*

Mr. MICA. Madam Speaker. I rise today to pay tribute to William Clifton "Bill" France, who passed away Monday, June 4, 2007, at his home in Daytona Beach, Florida. It was my honor to have known and worked with Bill France over the past years. Known by friends as "Bill Jr.," he was a legend in American motorsports.

The son of NASCAR's founder, he was born in Washington, DC on April 4th, 1933. His family moved to Daytona Beach in 1934 where his father, William France, Sr., began establishing the world's most famous racing circuit and a national sports phenomenon.

Bill Jr. graduated from Seabreeze High School in Daytona Beach in 1951 where he played on the basketball team. He attended the University of Florida and served in the United States Navy from 1953 to 1955.

After his service in the Navy, Bill Jr. found the love of his life, Ms. Betty Jane Zachary, who became the mother of his two children, Brian France and Lesa Kennedy. Both of his children and his wife were instrumental in the success of what is now "the most watched American sport," NASCAR.

Bill Jr. did not begin his journey as CEO. He started working his way up the ranks holding positions as a flagman, concierge, race scorer and other jobs. In 1959, he even drove a bulldozer and a grater during the construction of the Daytona International Speedway before becoming Co-Chairman and Chief Executive Officer.

With the passing of Bill France, American motorsports has lost a great leader, our country and State have lost an outstanding citizen and I have lost a wonderful friend. He will be remembered as a patriotic American, a pillar of our community, a respected businessman, a compassionate husband and a loving father. To his wife Betty Jane, his son Brian, his daughter Lesa France Kennedy, his brother James, his three grandchildren and the all of the France family, we offer our deepest sympathy.

Madam Speaker, it is my privilege to recognize Bill France's contributions and ask all Members of the U.S. House of Representatives of the 110th Congress to join me in remembering a great American.

RECOGNIZING MR. WALLY BAILEY FOR HIS NATIONAL LEADERSHIP IN BUILDING SAFETY AND FIRE PROTECTION

**HON. JOHN BOOZMAN**

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 6, 2007*

Mr. BOOZMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Wally Bailey, a resident of Fort Smith, Arkansas, and his group's recent visit to Capitol Hill during this year's annual recognition of Building Safety Week. On May 9, Mr. Bailey led a delegation of members of the International Code Council to meet with Congress to discuss nationally focused concerns in building safety and fire prevention. This year ICC's delegation focused specifically on a proposal to create a Community Building Code Administration Grant Program, and Mr. Bailey spoke to me persuasively of how this program would expand and support the quality and effectiveness of building code and fire code administration in underserved areas of our country.

Mr. Bailey serves as President of the Board of Directors of the International Code Council, a volunteer role to which he was elected in national leadership of a membership association of over 42,000 building safety and fire prevention professionals. It is this group that develops the building and fire codes that are in use all across our country for the construction and maintenance of our residential and commercial buildings, including the homes and the businesses, schools, and places of worship we visit regularly. These codes, created and maintained through a voluntary consensus development process, are in use by over 22,000 U.S. jurisdictions, including those who govern the quality, safety and energy efficiency of building construction at the local, State and Federal levels.

For the past three decades, Mr. Bailey has been a tireless advocate for building safety through superior building codes and effective building code administration. As the Director of Development and Construction for the City of Fort Smith, he supervises activities of a multi-disciplined department that governs codes administration, inspections, plan review, property maintenance, historic preservation and land development. As a matter of note, 2 years ago he celebrated a quarter century of service to the City. Since 1999, in addition to his work with the City of Fort Smith, Mr. Bailey has served in leadership positions with the ICC, culminating in his present role as President of the Board. Besides his being a distinguished citizen of my District, in my opinion, ICC's membership elected a leader who is an outstanding public safety professional and a truly dedicated public servant.

I would also like to take this opportunity to recognize the rest of the ICC delegation who visited Capitol Hill during Building Safety Week 2007, and thank them for their efforts to promote and defend a safe and sound built-environment. Those individuals include: Board

Vice President Steven Shapiro, Board Secretary/Treasurer Adolph Zubia, Immediate Past President of the Board Henry Green; Board members Gregori Anderson, Edwin Berkel, James Brothers, John Darnall, William Dupler, Gerald George, Greg Johnson, Barbara Koffron, John LaTorra, Ronald Lynn, Doug Murdock, Ronald Piester, and James Ryan; ICC Government Relations Advisory Committee members Rebecca Baker, James Martin, Betts Nixon, Emory Rodgers, and George Wiggins; ICC Chapter Leaders Paul Aston, Roger Axel, Kurt Kasson, Sheila Lee, and Tina Rakes. Members of ICC's professional staff included its CEO Rick Weiland as well as Dominic Sims, David deCourcy, Sara Yerkes, James Tidwell, Mark Dinneen, Richard Kuchnicki, Laura Scott, Peter Feldman, and International Accreditation Services President Charles Ramani.

IN HONOR OF THE WELCOME HOME A HERO PROGRAM

**HON. PETE SESSIONS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 6, 2007*

Mr. SESSIONS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Welcome Home a Hero program at Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport. Every day, more than a hundred troops come through DFW on their way home from Iraq and Afghanistan for Rest and Recuperation. Since Welcome Home a Hero's inception in 2004, coordinated volunteers have gathered at the airport each day to greet our brave men and women serving our country and to make sure they receive the warm homecoming they have earned.

Welcome Home a Hero is a result of the dedication of the North Texas Commission, the employees at DFW International Airport, the USO, the Boy Scouts of America, local businesses and thousands of volunteers. This program is one of the largest and most effective community initiatives in north Texas, and its positive impact on the morale of our troops has not gone unnoticed.

As the 500,000th soldier arrives at DFW International Airport this month and the program approaches its 3-year anniversary, I want to thank all involved in this valuable effort. The dedicated and selfless participants of this valuable program are what make our country great.

The North Texas Commission, DFW Airport employees, the USO and all of the volunteers should be proud of their leadership and accomplishments. I am extremely grateful for their dedication to our troops and our country, and I applaud the people of north Texas for taking the initiative to create this program.

A TRIBUTE TO MICHAEL METTS

**HON. BRIAN P. BILBRAY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 6, 2007*

Mr. BILBRAY. Madam Speaker, I would like to bring to your attention today the many outstanding achievements of Mr. Michael Metts, the outgoing president of the Carlsbad Hi-

Noon Rotary Club. Michael's leadership during 2006 and 2007 has contributed significantly to the Hi-Noon Rotary Club and the community of Carlsbad. During his tenure, membership exceeded one hundred people and the Hi-Noon Rotary Club awarded \$28,000 for high school scholarships. In addition, under his leadership the Carlsbad Hi-Noon and Carlsbad Evening Rotary clubs partnered to sponsor the annual Oktoberfest fundraiser, a community event which provided over \$26,000 to the Carlsbad Women's Resource Center, The Boys and Girls Club of Carlsbad and Community Youth Services.

During his presidency, a number of other projects were completed. These projects included providing volunteers to help maintain public and private property, provide food and clothing for the needy and the homeless and assist in the distribution of food, clothing and toys to needy Carlsbad families in conjunction with the Carlsbad Christmas Bureau. A Children's Christmas party and dinner for very needy elementary school students was also provided. In an effort to improve literacy, badly needed bilingual dictionaries were provided and distributed in English and Spanish speaking elementary schools. In addition a book a week was contributed to a school library and mentors were also provided for the "City Stuff" program. This program promoted an understanding of the working of city government for young Carlsbad school children.

Michael's leadership also contributed to the hosting of exchange students from 11 foreign countries, the sponsorship of a Model UN Project, the building of a house for a needy family and dental care and financial aid for impoverished children in Mexico. Support was also provided to our deployed service personnel overseas.

I hope my colleagues will join me in recognizing the many fine achievements of Michael Metts. Without question, his leadership and the fine work of the Carlsbad Hi-Noon Rotary Club are worthy of recognition by the House today.

HONORING THE ARTISTIC ACCOMPLISHMENT OF VINCENT GIACALONE OF EMERSON, NEW JERSEY

**HON. SCOTT GARRETT**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 6, 2007*

Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend twelve-year-old Vincent Giacalone of Emerson, NJ, whose artistic submission to the UPS Store Design Dale's New Ride contest took the top prize.

The contest was sponsored by UPS to raise awareness and funds for the U.S. Marine Corps Reserves' Toys for Tots program, which distributes toys to needy children across the nation each year. Since its beginning in 1947, when Major Bill Hendricks led a group of Marine Reservists in Los Angeles to collect and distribute 5,000 toys to needy children to brighten up their Christmas, Toys for Tots has grown to be a program almost synonymous with the holidays. Over its 59-Christmas-history, Toys for Tots has distributed 370 million toys to more than 173 million needy children.

Vincent's prize-winning artwork will emblazon NASCAR's Dale Jarrett's #44 Camry at an October 28th race in Atlanta. This date marks the kick-off of the fundraising campaign for the Toys for Tots Foundation in 2007. Since its inception 16 years ago, the Foundation has supplemented the Marine Corps' local toy collections with more than 70.2 million toys valued at more than \$387 million and has provided valuable promotion and support materials.

I commend young Vincent Giacalone for being a part of a program that helps so many children his own age share in the spirit and joy of the holidays each year.

HONORING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF UPS

**HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 6, 2007*

Mr. COSTELLO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the 100th anniversary of UPS.

In 1907, Jim Casey founded the American Messenger Company, in Seattle Washington, with \$100 borrowed from a friend. Within its first 12 years in business, the company would change its name to Merchants Parcel Delivery and then to United Parcel Service. That name lasted until 2003 when the company adopted the acronym, UPS, familiar to customers worldwide, as its official corporate name.

The world has changed drastically in the 100 years since Jim Casey started his delivery business in Seattle. UPS has not only adapted to those changes but it has been an industry leader through the innovative ways it conducts its business. In 1907, most deliveries of the American Messenger Company were on foot. Longer distances required the use of bicycles for transportation. Deliveries included, as the initial company name implied, messages as well as parcel deliveries from merchants and meals from local restaurants.

The reputation of the American Messenger Company grew because of the guiding principle of the founder, "best service and lowest rates." As their reputation and business expanded, the company also increased its territory, first to include the entire west coast, then to the New York City market in the 1930's. Through aggressive battles with regulating agencies, UPS finally expanded its territory nationally to be the first package delivery company to have access to every address in the 48 contiguous states in 1975.

As the company's territory expanded, it had to also adapt to the evolution of its core business. As the landscape of transportation and communication improved dramatically in the early part of the 20th Century, the need for messenger service declined. With gas and rubber rationing imposed during World War II, many stores cut back on their customer deliveries. Customer demand for rapid service necessitated the need for air transportation. The need for real-time information on delivery status required new technologies and information systems. With each of these developments, UPS not only adapted, but led the industry.

Today, UPS is a global corporation that not only delivers packages but provides manage-

ment and information services to meet the growing demands of their customers. UPS continues to be innovative. As an example, they have the largest fleet of alternative-fuel vehicles in the industry, traveling a combined 126 million miles since the year 2000. Through all of its growth and innovation, UPS remains true to its founder, Jim Casey's slogan, "best service and lowest rates."

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the management and employees of UPS as they celebrate their 100th anniversary.

IN RECOGNITION OF JERUSALEM DAY

**HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 6, 2007*

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker. I rise today to join the Jewish people in Jerusalem and throughout the world in celebration of Yom Yerushalayim, Jerusalem Day.

On June 7, 1967, the 28th of Iyar 5727, the Israel Defense Forces in the heat of the Six-Day War unified the city of Jerusalem under Jewish control. At approximately 10 a.m. on that day, the earth shattering proclamation "The Temple Mount is ours. It is in our hands" reverberated in the hearts of Jews across the globe. The dream of once again being able to visit the Kotel, the Western Wall, and other previously inaccessible holy sites of Jerusalem, had become a reality. In the subsequent years to follow, Jewish people from every nation on earth would make pilgrimages to the holy city of Jerusalem to visit its revered sites and offer their heartfelt prayers.

Every stone in Jerusalem is saturated with Jewish history, every street contains a story and saga from biblical times, as well as modern times. Even though Jerusalem is a city laden with rich archeological artifacts, and remnants of ancient times, it has become a thriving city that has preserved its historic nature and adapted to modern life. Beautiful shopping malls, fresh food markets and restaurants are commonplace in Jerusalem, which emphasizes the enormous cultural advancements that the modern State of Israel has made in its short existence.

Perhaps one of the most moving aspects of modern day Jerusalem is its abundance of Yeshivas, Kollels and the prominence of Jewish religious life. It is truly inspiring to see Jews, young and old immersed in the deep study of Jewish texts. Many Hasidic sects and other Orthodox institutions based in my district have satellite branches in Jerusalem and quite a few of my young constituents study Judaism in Jerusalem and return to the United States invigorated from their experiences.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to recognize this very jubilant day and reaffirm my unflinching support for the city of Jerusalem and the State of Israel.