

HONORING ANNE SALAZAR

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 26, 2007

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Anne Salazar from the Napa Valley, who is retiring from Ste. Michelle Wine Estates after 20 years working at Conn Creek Winery and Villa Mt. Eden premium wineries, and has helped establish these both as two most desirable destinations in the Napa Valley.

Ms. Salazar immigrated to the United States from England in 1960 and arrived in the Napa Valley in 1979. Growing up in Europe, wine was always present in her life, and after arriving in the Napa Valley she translated her interest into a long career in Napa wines. She began her work as Assistant Hospitality Manager at Domaine Chandon in 1980, but her excellent work and passion for wine earned her a quick promotion to Hospitality Manager in 1982. In 1987 she was hired by Conn Creek and Villa Mt. Eden Wineries as Hospitality and Guest Services Manager, and she has remained there since that time.

In her position with Ste. Michelle Wine Estates, Ms. Salazar has been crucial to developing the brand for the very special wines they produce in the Napa Valley. Ms. Salazar's love of wine and expert touch have educated many visitors about the more than 45 "90+ scores" which these wines have received in major wine publications. Her excellent work has earned the esteem of her co-workers, and has provided excellent guidance throughout the continued development of these two wineries.

Beyond her work in the wineries, Ms. Salazar has made significant contributions to our community in the Napa Valley and beyond. She is an active member of the Silverado Wine Trail Association, and for many years she has helped with the fund-raising for the City of Stockton's Pixie Woods children's park. In her free time she is an avid hiker and reader, and looks forward to spending lots of time with her children and grandchildren.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, it is appropriate at this time that we rise to honor Ms. Anne Salazar and congratulate her on her retirement from Ste. Michelle Wine Estates, where she has been an important part of their success for many years. Anne is a friend and during her tenure in the Napa Valley she has earned the admiration of many, and her presence will be missed.

A TRIBUTE TO ANGELO ROTELLA

HON. JAMES R. LANGEVIN

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 26, 2007

Mr. LANGEVIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an outstanding friend and fellow Rhode Islander, Mr. Angelo S. Rotella, Esq.

Our Nation faces a considerable public health challenge in providing for the long term care needs of frail, elderly, and disabled Americans. Meeting this challenge, and espe-

cially caring for those who have sacrificed so much in defense of our great nation, requires both leadership and expertise. Without a doubt, Angelo Rotella has both.

The owner and administrator of the Friendly Home and Berkshire Place skilled nursing facilities in Rhode Island, Angelo also serves as Chair of the American Health Care Association, AHCA, which represents nearly 11,000 nursing homes, assisted living residences, and facilities for the care of people with mental retardation and developmental disabilities.

In October, Angelo will conclude his term as Chair of the AHCA. A healthcare professional with more than twenty years of long term care experience, Angelo has been an elected leader of AHCA for more than a decade and has also served in many leadership roles with the Rhode Island Health Care Association. In addition to these responsibilities, he maintains professional membership in the National Fire Protection Association and the National Health Lawyers Association.

Angelo's first-hand knowledge of facilities and experience at the state level make him a formidable advocate for quality long term care—one who appreciates the challenges ahead while working now to ensure that all Americans will continue to have access to the best care.

Madam Speaker, I salute my good friend Angelo Rotella for his years of service with the American Health Care Association, and for his example to those who care for our Nation's most vulnerable citizens. He has truly made a difference in countless lives, and I know my colleagues will join me in expressing our appreciation for his efforts. Congratulations, Angelo, and thanks for all you have done.

LIMITING USE OF FUNDS TO ESTABLISH ANY MILITARY INSTALLATION OR BASE IN IRAQ

SPEECH OF

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 25, 2007

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of this legislation which sets into law two very important and straightforward policies:

(1) Congress shall provide no funding to support a permanent military presence in Iraq; and

(2) Congress will not support any policy to exercise U.S. control of Iraq's oil reserves.

These policies are important because they deliver a clear message to the Iraqi people that the U.S. presence is not open-ended, and that the resources of Iraq belong to the Iraqi people.

Today, fully 80 percent of Iraqis believe the U.S. intends to remain indefinitely in their country. This fuels insurgent attacks against our troops and discourages Iraqi security forces from taking control of their communities.

Terrorists use the claim that the U.S. "occupation" is a ploy to steal the region's oil, and with it its economic future.

This bill helps to eliminate the deep suspicions which exist and they take an important step forward to change the direction of the Iraq war.

I urge my colleagues to support the bill.

HONORING DAVID WOODLEY PACKARD

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California. Madam Speaker, this evening at the Library of Congress, David Woodley Packard, president of the Packard Humanities Institute (PHI), will officially transfer the 415,000-square-foot Packard Campus in Culpepper, VA, to the Library of Congress to house what is the world's largest and most comprehensive collection of moving images and sound recordings.

As a member of the Joint Committee on the Library, I want to commend the board members of the Packard Humanities Institute and, in particular, its president, David Woodley Packard, for making this new facility possible. It is truly a gift to the Nation whose creative heritage in sound and image will for the first time be consolidated in one state-of-the-art facility. I also want to note the generosity of the Packard Humanities Institute to my home state of California: the UCLA Film Archive and the restoration of the Stanford Theatre in Palo Alto and the San Jose Fox Theater for the San Jose Opera.

Constructed by the Packard Humanities Institute, the three-building facility represents the largest-ever private gift to the U.S. legislative branch of government and one of the largest ever to the Federal Government. The Packard Campus will consolidate audiovisual collections and will enhance the Library's efforts to preserve and make accessible its collections of moving images and sound recordings. I also want to commend my colleagues in the Congress who have provided an additional \$82.1 million to support operations, maintenance, equipment and related costs for this magnificent facility.

In closing I want to commend the Librarian of Congress, Dr. James H. Billington, for his commitment to the preservation of our Nation's audio-visual heritage. Under his leadership, Congress approved P.L. 105-144 in 1997 to authorize the unique public-private partnership that has resulted in the facility now being transferred to the Federal Government for the Library of Congress.

TRIBUTE TO MR. RAYMOND HENRY WOOD

HON. KIRSTEN E. GILLIBRAND

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 26, 2007

Mrs. GILLIBRAND. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to one of the newest centenarians my congressional district, Mr. Raymond Henry Wood of Glens Falls, New York.

Ray was born and raised in Wells, New York, on July 26, 1907. He was married to Irene (Robbins) for over 50 years, before she passed away several years ago. They had two daughters, Beverly Palmer, who passed away in June of this year; and Bonnie Dow, who resides with her husband Ralph in Gansevoort, NY. Ray has several grandchildren, great grandchildren and great-great grandchildren.

Ray worked many years delivering milk in the local area for Borden's Dairy. He loved to

attend auctions and estate sales where he would purchase antiques. He refinished many of the treasures he discovered in his workshop, for his home or to resell. Ray was a high scoring bowler into his late 90's, bowling a 207 at the age of 95, and won the senior's league award. He is still an avid coin collector and has the latest set of the "State" quarters. Ray also loved to play pool, and often invited his friends and neighbors to play on his table in his basement.

Ray resides on Raymond Avenue in Glens Falls, New York, where his neighbors were blessed with his invariable kindness and generosity for over 50 years. He always included his neighbors' sidewalks when clearing snow with his snowblower. He was quick to assist any and all whenever he saw someone who needed aid in any fashion. It was after his 95th birthday that he told a friend that he regretfully could no longer push his snowblower or mow his lawn. Ray is a true gentleman with a great sense of humor, and a beguiling sparkle in his eyes.

Ray will be honored at an open house on Saturday July 28, 2007, at the Gansevoort Fire House, to celebrate his 100th birthday. Ray's daughter Bonnie and her husband Ralph Dow will host the party.

Madam Speaker, I would like to urge all of my colleagues to join me in wishing Ray Wood a most happy 100th birthday and to thank him for his innumerable acts of kindness to neighbors and strangers alike over his long life. Thank you.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. YVETTE D. CLARKE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 26, 2007

Ms. CLARKE. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 716, I was unavoidably absent. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

On rollcall No. 717, I would have voted "yea."

On rollcall No. 718, I would have voted "yea."

On rollcall No. 719, I would have voted "yea."

On rollcall No. 720, I would have voted "no."

On rollcall No. 721, I would have voted "no."

On rollcall No. 722, I would have voted "no."

On rollcall No. 723, I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall No. 724, I would have voted "no."

On rollcall No. 725, I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall No. 726, I would have voted "no."

On rollcall No. 727, I would have voted "no."

On rollcall No. 728, I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall No. 729, I would have voted "no."

On rollcall No. 730, I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall No. 731, I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall No. 732, I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall No. 733, I would have voted "aye."

TRIBUTE TO DR. MARLENE SPRINGER

HON. VITO FOSELLA

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 26, 2007

Mr. FOSSELLA. Madam Speaker, I want to extend my congratulations to Dr. Marlene Springer, second president of the College of Staten Island, the City University of New York, on the occasion of her retirement.

Dr. Springer has served CSI as its president from 1994 through August of this year. In these 13 years of leadership, Dr. Springer advanced campus technology, established public-private partnerships, initiated an international distance education program, developed an international high school on campus, increased the College's enrollment to record levels, and strengthened academic standards.

In addition to a variety of other honors and accolades, she was selected as one of only four U.S. delegates to the Annual International Forum of Female Presidents in Higher Education in Beijing, and is also one of seven U.S. college presidents who founded The Oxford Conclave on Global Ethics.

She has made CSI a recognized leader locally, nationally, and internationally; Staten Islanders are proud of her and of "their college."

I would like to publicly thank Dr. Springer for her outstanding leadership, and I wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

IN HONOR OF HERB KELLEHER'S RETIREMENT AS EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN OF SOUTHWEST AIRLINES

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 26, 2007

Mr. SESSIONS. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to an aviation legend who recently announced his plan to retire next May. Herb Kelleher is a founder of Southwest Airlines and currently serves as its Executive Chairman, a position that he has held since the spring of 1978. From the fall of 1981 to the summer of 2001, Kelleher also served as President and Chief Executive Officer of Southwest Airlines.

Southwest started its operations in 1971 with just three airplanes. Today, it operates a fleet of 489 airplanes with orders for many more 737s. Home-based at Dallas Love Field, I am proud to represent many Southwest Airlines employees that live in the 32nd Congressional District of Texas. Southwest Airlines has been profitable for 34 consecutive years, a feat that is impressive for any business, but for an airline to be profitable for 34 consecutive years, given all of the challenges and tough competition in the aviation industry, is truly impressive. Southwest Airlines prides itself on never having furloughed an employee during its history.

Kelleher's vision for Southwest Airlines was not to produce a company that would just re-

turn profits to its shareholders—but for a company that has the respect and admiration of those who purchase the tickets and go to work everyday for the company. For the 10th year in a row, Fortune magazine honored Southwest Airlines in its annual survey of corporate reputations. Furthermore, among all industries in 2006, Fortune has also ranked Southwest Airlines as number three among America's Top Ten most admired corporations.

I have had the pleasure of knowing and working with Herb for many years, and I wish him all the very best for a well-earned retirement next year. However, knowing Herb, he will continue to work very hard for Southwest Airlines until the day that he leaves the office for the last time. He may be leaving the airline that he helped to create, but his legacy will never leave the spirit that is Southwest Airlines.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KEITH ELLISON

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 26, 2007

Mr. ELLISON. Madam Speaker, on July 24, 2007, I inadvertently voted "aye" on rollcall No. 692, an amendment to the Transportation and Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Bill, H.R. 3074. I intended to vote "no" on the amendment, which would impose an unacceptable cut to Amtrak. I am pleased that my colleagues did not support this amendment, and I congratulate the gentleman from Massachusetts, Transportation and Housing and Urban Development Chairman JOHN OLVER who provided such important support for transportation and Amtrak.

IN COMMEMORATION OF THE MARQUIS DE LAFAYETTE'S 250TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION IN FAYETTEVILLE, NC

HON. MIKE McINTYRE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 26, 2007

Mr. MCINTYRE. Madam Speaker, on behalf of the citizens of Fayetteville, NC, I rise today to pay tribute to their upcoming celebration on September 6–8 in honor of Marquis de Lafayette. Fayetteville, the first City in the United States named for Lafayette, will rightly celebrate Lafayette's 250th birthday with great celebration and splendor. In honor of this special time, I am entering into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD this special tribute which details the relationship between Fayetteville and Lafayette. Happy Birthday to Lafayette and congratulations to the City of Fayetteville, NC!

Marquis de Lafayette, born on September 6, 1757, is considered a national hero in both France and the United States for his participation in the American and French Revolutions, and is one of only six Honorary Citizens of the United States, and whose portrait, along with that of our first President George Washington, hangs in this very chamber.

Lafayette served heroically and with distinction during the American Revolution both as a general and as a diplomat, offering his services as an unpaid volunteer.