

MARQUIS DE LAFAYETTE'S 250TH BIRTHDAY

HON. BOB ETHERIDGE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 5, 2007

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor the 250th birthday of Marquis de Lafayette. Fayetteville, NC, was named for Lafayette in 1783. It was the first town in America to be named for him and the only one visited by him on his tour of the United States in 1825.

Marie Joseph Paul Yves Roch Gilbert du Motier, Marquis de La Fayette, was born in Auvergne, France, on September 6, 1757. Although an aristocrat, Gilbert Lafayette became enamored of the American fight for independence. In 1777, at the age of 19, flaunting convention and royal edicts, he used his own funds to purchase and outfit a ship and sailed to America. He joined the American forces and became a lifelong friend of General George Washington. His enthusiasm for the cause of liberty and his courage in battle won him the admiration and friendship of soldiers, officers, and statesmen.

The youngest major general in the American army, Lafayette made a significant contribution to the defeat of the British forces under General Lord Charles Cornwallis at the Battle of Yorktown, VA, in 1781. Lafayette also accomplished much as a diplomat, persuading the Governors of independent colonies to provide food and supplies to a poorly clothed and starving Continental Army. He lobbied vigorously with the French court for more troops and ships for the American cause. The commitments he secured from France ultimately forced England to sue for peace.

Lafayette returned to France and continued his campaign for liberty. His involvement in the French Revolution caused his persecution by radicals on both sides. Imprisoned for 5 years in Prussia and Austria, his fame brought worldwide pressure for his release. As Lafayette's popularity grew, his views on liberty, religious tolerance, and the abolition of slavery became widespread.

Lafayette's popularity in America culminated with President Monroe issuing an invitation in 1824 for the general to visit the young country and witness the development of this experiment in democracy. His status as one of the last surviving members of the revolutionary leadership gave communities a reason to host elaborate receptions, dances, and ceremonies in his honor.

Madam Speaker, in 1825, the citizens of Fayetteville, NC, were honored by a 2-day visit from the famous French proponent of liberty, Marquis de Lafayette. In a speech of welcome, Judge John D. Toomer proclaimed, "Never, never can we forget the youthful stranger who, in the darkest hour of adversity, so generously flew to our succour, and so gallantly fought the battle of freedom." Marquis de Lafayette was a man who fought for our great Nation and left his mark on North Carolina, America, and the world.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO SUSANNE MCKEON

HON. PATRICK J. MURPHY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PATRICK J. MURPHY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to pay tribute to Susanne McKeon, the Lower Southampton Township manager and the president of the Playwicki Farm Foundation. I share the grief felt by the entire community in the wake of Sue's passing, but it is important that in these trying moments we remember the tremendous legacy she leaves behind. Madam Speaker, Sue's work earned her the utmost admiration and respect from those she served, the goal of any public servant.

Sue became part of the Lower Southampton Board of Supervisors in 1984 and worked tirelessly to better the community. Serving as chairman and vice president, her leadership led the way for lasting successes for the township. She was a supervisor when in 1994 the Township finalized the purchase of the property from the estate of Elizabeth Snodgrass that preserved the last large area of open space in Lower Southampton. In September 1996, the Board of Supervisors established the Playwicki Farm Foundation and at its first meeting, Sue was elected president. She served in that capacity ever since. Her work was selfless as she strived to improve her township. She was extremely dedicated to her various roles in the community which has benefited greatly thanks to her efforts.

Her strong leadership started long before the Board of Supervisors. In the 1970s, she started the story hour at the Southampton Township library and served as a member of the library board. She was also a founding member of the "Friends of Lower Southampton Library" and the 2007 chairperson of the Bucks County Planning Commission. Sue's commitment to hard work and public service earned her the high esteem of those around her.

Sue was an advocate for her community, inspiring others to become leaders and devote time to their community in the way that she did. Sue is owed a debt of gratitude for her many years of service.

Madam Speaker, Susanne McKeon's legacy as a community leader is one her husband, children and grandchildren can be proud to carry on. Sue will be remembered for her devotion, selflessness and commitment to the residents of Lower Southampton Township in Bucks County, PA.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 5, 2007

Mr. POE. Madam Speaker, due to other congressional business, I unfortunately missed recorded votes on the House floor on Tuesday, September 4, 2007.

Had I been able to vote that day, I would have voted "no" on rollcall vote No. 847 and "yes" on rollcall vote No. 848 and "yes" on rollcall vote No. 849.

HONORING ELIZABETH NORWORTH

HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 5, 2007

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Madam Speaker, it is a privilege for me to rise today and honor Mrs. Elizabeth Norworth. Mrs. Norworth, better known as "Betty," has been a dedicated federal employee with the Memphis Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation for the last 60 years. Her tenure with the FBI is the second longest in the 100-year history of the Bureau.

When Mrs. Norworth first joined the FBI in 1947, Harry S. Truman was our President, the CIA had just been created and the cold war was well under way. Like our Nation, Mrs. Norworth rose to the challenge of the times and met each day as a public servant through the embodiment of her beloved agency: fidelity, bravery and integrity. Thirteen years later, Mrs. Norworth would accept her current position as secretary to Special Agent in Charge where she received numerous accolades for her exceptional job performance. Throughout her years of service Mrs. Norworth has not only become a highly respected employee at the Bureau but she has become the embodiment of what a public servant should be.

Madam Speaker, I urge all of my colleagues to join me today in thanking "Betty" Norworth for her 60 years of service, sacrifice, and continued commitment to the United States.

TRIBUTE TO THE 50TH JUBILEE OF SISTER JOANNE CHIAVERINI

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 5, 2007

Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Sister Joanne Chiaverini as she celebrates her 50th Jubilee as a Sister Servant of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. A celebration will be held on Sunday, September 9, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Flint, Michigan.

Sister Joanne Chiaverini began her work with the Sisters Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary as an educator and worked in that capacity for 15 years, earning her Masters of Education in Theology from Marygrove College during this time. Her work involved preparing children for the sacraments. Often she would teach the parents as well as the children. With a desire to work with the poor and disadvantaged, Sister Joanne developed her talent for inner city ministry working during the 1960s at St. Agnes Parish in the heart of Detroit and she worked with Father Bill Cunningham when he founded Focus Hope after the 1967 riots.

Sister Joanne became a certified social worker in 1973. Working in the Flint area she has counseled parents and children caught in the nightmare of substance abuse, worked as a volunteer probation officer, worked coordinating the religious education of parents, catechists, and students. She was a pioneering member of the Flint Interfaith Alliance and brought the Project ARAB to parishes throughout the Diocese of Lansing.

After spending 30 days on an Ignatian retreat, Sister Joanne was inspired to co-found the St. Francis Prayer Center with Father Phil Schmitter. The Center is dedicated to providing a place of quiet and contemplation. The Center has moved 3 times to better serve the poor and at risk population. Her work on behalf of the disadvantaged has earned Sister Joanne numerous awards including: Woman of the Year by the Beta Sigma Phi Sorority, the Groundwork "Christian Discipleship" Award from the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, the Center for Environmental Justice Award from the Flint Chapter of the NAACP. Along with Father Schmitter, she has also received the Citizens Participation Award for 20 years of ministry in public housing, and the Dr. Albert Wheeler "Seeker of Justice" Award from the Diocese of Lansing.

Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Sister Joanne Chiaverini as she celebrates her Golden Jubilee as a Sister Servant of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and wish her the best in the coming years.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF VIVIAN CANTRELL

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 5, 2007

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember Vivian Cantrell, and to celebrate her tireless devotion to her community, her faith, and to justice. Vivian passed away after a battle with cancer, but her spirit will live on in the people and organizations fortunate enough to have known her.

Vivian never passed up an opportunity to challenge the status quo. She was an outspoken civil rights advocate, and frequently could be found advocating for equal treatment for all school children or lending her voice to community organizations. Vivian was an engaged citizen; not only was she active in political campaigns, but she demanded accountability from those candidates to ensure that the community got the attention it deserved.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in remembering Vivian Cantrell, for a life spent in service to the community. May Vivian's humor, strength, and zeal for justice live on in all those who knew her.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 5, 2007

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, on September 5, 2007, I was unavoidably detained from the House Chamber.

Had I been present I would have voted: "nay" on rollcall 849, On Motion to Instruct Conference, College Cost Reduction Act of 2007; "yea" on rollcall 848, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended, Microloan Amendments and Modernization

Act; "yea" on rollcall 847, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended, Minority Serving Institution Digital and Wireless Technology Opportunity Act.

IN RECOGNITION OF NINEL SEGAL

HON. MICHAEL R. McNULTY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 5, 2007

Mr. McNULTY. Madam Speaker, I am most pleased to recognize the outstanding contributions of a beloved constituent of mine, Ninel Segal, and to insert in the RECORD the testimonial presented to Ninel by Rabbi Paul B. Silton of Temple Israel in Albany, New York:

On this Shabbat Korach, Rosh Kodesh Tammuz, the 30th of Sivan 5767, corresponding to the 16th of June 2007, we, the friends of Ninel Segal, are privileged to join together at Temple Israel of Albany, New York to honor her as she prepares to celebrate her 28th wedding anniversary with her beloved Charles.

To you, Leah bat Alter v'Braina, we say: Thank you for the inspiring example you have created for all of us; the example of love and devotion to the Jewish people and to the leaders and citizens of our great country. As a teacher you devoted yourself to the education of your students at the Sholem Aleichem Folkschule in Mount Vernon, New York. You served as director of the Speakers Bureau and as a program associate for the National Committee for Labor Israel. You served as a volunteer for Congressman MICHAEL R. McNULTY for 16 years and received Congressional Recognition for your indefatigable efforts to help so many people in the community. While working for Congressman McNULTY, you had the opportunity to meet presidents of many countries.

A Zionist for years, you have supported Israel with devotion and loyalty. Your concern for the perpetuation of your Jewish heritage has been constant and consistent.

In the years to come, may God continue to bless you and your beloved Charles with vigor of body and mind so that you can work in His vineyard, performing deeds of loving kindness for all who are privileged to meet you. May God crown your life with honor and achievement. May He fill your heart with love of neighbor and concern for the welfare of all people. May He grant you a satisfying religious life in this sanctuary of the House of Israel.

On behalf of the entire Temple Israel family, Mazel Tov.

MESSAGE OF CONGRATULATIONS FOR FRED FISKE ON THE OCCASION OF HIS 60TH ANNIVERSARY ON THE WASHINGTON AIRWAVES—30 YEARS ON WAMU 88.5

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 5, 2007

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Madam Speaker, as the Representative of the 8th District of Maryland, I am delighted to have as one of my constituents Fred Fiske, the senior commentator for WAMU 88.5. On September 27, 2007, Fred

Fiske will celebrate 60 years on Washington radio—30 of those years at public radio station WAMU. It is my great pleasure to congratulate Fred on the occasion of his anniversary and on his long and very distinguished career on the Washington airwaves.

A New York City native, Fred Fiske got his start in radio as a child actor in the 1930s. While in high school, he performed in radio plays for The Magic of Speech on NBC, and in such dramas as "The Farmer Takes a Wife" with William Holden and "Green Goddess" with Ronald Coleman. During the summer season, he worked the "Borscht Belt" in the Catskills with up-and-coming actors Danny Kaye and Betty Garrett.

After graduating from Brooklyn College with a bachelor's degree in speech and drama, Fred put his radio career on hold and enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps. During World War II, he served as an aerial gunner and a radio operator in the 8th Air Force. Fiske flew 30 missions over France and Germany as part of a B-24 crew, and brought home a Distinguished Flying Cross and 4 Air Medals. His squadron leader was Colonel Jimmy Stewart.

After the war, Fred was discharged on September 20, 1945, and returned to New York, where he taught high school and earned a master's degree in speech and education at Columbia University. After teaching high school speech and drama for a year, he resumed his radio career as a free-lance actor on soap operas, plays, and nighttime shows. In 1947, he moved to Washington, DC and on September 27, 1947, he landed a job with WOL radio, then part of the Mutual Broadcasting System. The station later became WWDC.

Fred provided live coverage of the presidential inaugurations of Harry Truman and Dwight Eisenhower, and he also covered political conventions, state funerals, elections and other historic events. During the 1950s, he hosted a midday radio music program featuring the pop music of the day—he became Washington's highest rated radio music host. And, in the 1960s, he hosted a morning show on WWDC and wrote a weekly music column for Washington's Daily News called "Fiske's Discs."

In 1970, Fred became host of Empathy, a call-in talk show on WWDC, which later became The Fred Fiske Show. For 7 years, it was the only talk radio program in Washington. When WWDC changed formats in 1977, Fiske brought his program to the public radio audience at WAMU, where he kept lively and interesting conversation going for the next 10 years. In 1987, he retired from the rigors of hosting 5 nights a week and moved the show to Saturday mornings, where it became Fred Fiske Saturday. Since 1995, Fiske has served as WAMU's senior commentator, and he can still be heard every week on Metro Connection.

On a personal note, I want to thank Fred Fiske for his thoughtful and trenchant political analysis and commentary. His refreshing insights always challenge our community and our country to constantly improve and be the best we can be.

On behalf of the residents of my District, I extend my congratulations to Fred and send him my best wishes as he continues his outstanding career in radio.