

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF SHERWOOD OAKS

HON. JASON ALTMIRE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 24, 2007

Mr. ALTMIRE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 25th anniversary of Sherwood Oaks, a nonprofit continuing care retirement community located in Cranberry Township, Pennsylvania.

This Silver Anniversary is not only noteworthy in itself, but the story behind Sherwood Oaks is quite extraordinary. Sherwood Oaks was created by a handful of unpaid "ordinary" Pittsburgh-area seniors who, in seeking a community in which they themselves wanted to live, turned a farmers' field into what has since evolved into a vibrant senior living community of some 400 residents.

These determined and ambitious dreamers—Sally Dewees, Martha Leonard, Jane T. Locke and Margaret McCoy—did their homework by researching communities in the area and around the country, and, in order to make their vision a reality, enthusiastically spread their ideas within the community.

On September 1, 1982, the founders and the construction board—Norman and Sally Dewees; Frank and Betty Hess; Jean and Craig Stockdale; Dorothy Van der Vort; and Richard McCoy—realized the fruits of their labor when Sherwood Oaks officially opened its doors to its original 53 residents.

I want to thank Paul Winkler, the president and CEO of Presbyterian SeniorCare for bringing this story to my attention. Paul serves as the board chair of PANPHA, an association of some 360 nonprofit senior service providers throughout Pennsylvania, and I have asked him to convey my best wishes to the Sherwood Oaks community when he represents PANPHA at a celebratory event scheduled for Friday, September 28.

EXPANDING AMERICAN HOMEOWNERSHIP ACT OF 2007

SPEECH OF

HON. JOHN D. DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 18, 2007

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 1852) to modernize and update the National Housing Act and enable the Federal Housing Administration to use risk-based pricing to more effectively reach underserved borrowers, and for other purposes:

Mr. DINGELL. Madam Chairman, I rise today to speak in favor of H.R. 1852, the Expanding American Homeownership Act of 2007. Section 29 of this bill is designed to clarify congressional intent regarding certain properties that entered the HUD property dis-

position process prior to the enactment of the Deficit Reduction Act but where the initial proposed disposition was delayed. An example of one such project is Parkview Apartments in Ypsilanti, Michigan. While I believe that this particular project is already subject to the grandfathering provision of the DRA, Section 29 clarifies that such properties should be considered "pre-DRA" properties, and that HUD should proceed with its prior disposition contracts as to those properties. This clarification was requested by HUD and, in drafting this provision, we were assisted by HUD staff and were assured that this language was the clarification the agency needed to proceed with the 2004 contract as to Parkview Apartments.

HONORING MR. CARL ULLRICH

HON. JOE SESTAK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 24, 2007

Mr. SESTAK. Madam Speaker, I rise before you to honor Mr. Carl Ullrich for his induction into the Army Sports Hall of Fame, his service to our nation in the U.S. Navy during World War II and the U.S. Marine Corps during the Korean Conflict, his lifetime of service to our Nation's student athletes, and as the patriarch of a remarkable and respected family.

Following his combat tour in Korea, Mr. Ullrich embarked on a life devoted to leading, teaching and coaching with an energy and effectiveness that would profoundly and positively influence the lives of tens of thousands of young men and women and their families. For more than a half century, Mr. Ullrich was an exemplar of integrity, accountability and decency at the Friends Academy in New York, Irvington High School and Newark Academy in New Jersey, Cornell University, Columbia University, Boston University, Sanford Naval Academy, the United States Naval Academy, Western Michigan University, the United States Military Academy, The Patriot League and St. Andrews Presbyterian College. He has been an ideal steward of the spirit of intercollegiate athletics as envisioned by President Theodore Roosevelt when he established the Intercollegiate Athletic Association of the United States in 1906. Just as President Roosevelt wrote to his children, "I don't want you to sacrifice standing well in your studies to any over-athleticism; and I need not tell you that character counts for a great deal more than either intellect or body in winning success in life," so too did Carl Ullrich impress those same values on his children, two generations of student athletes, and many who administer and legislate intercollegiate athletics. It is important to note that some of those student athletes have carried Mr. Ullrich's ideals with them as they served with great courage in our armed forces. For that alone, he deserves our sincerest thanks and appreciation.

However, greatest of all his many accomplishments is his family. His wife Becky is his

partner, friend, and guiding light for over fifty-four years. His daughters Julie Anderson and Kathy Donovan are mothers, key members of their communities and accomplished women. His sons Rick, Tom and Mike have carried on their father's commitment to family, honor and country. His son-in-law Walt Donovan served our Navy for thirty years. He is the proud grandfather to Kelly Meissner, Ben Anderson, Alex Ullrich, Andrew Ullrich, Ned Ullrich, Liam Donovan, Courtney Donovan, Rebecca Ullrich, Chris Ullrich, Taylor Ullrich, Rachel Ullrich, and Jacob Ullrich; and great grandfather to Lisa and Cara Meissner.

Madam Speaker, it is especially fitting that Carl Ullrich was chosen to be inducted into the Army Sports Hall of Fame at this time. With our nation at war and our society too often distracted by the excesses of some professional athletes, the leadership at West Point is to be commended for allowing us all a moment to reflect on the achievements of an individual who embodies all that is good and right in our country.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF CHARLES VANIK

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 24, 2007

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of one of our former colleagues, Congressman Charlie Vanik. For 26 years, he was an admirable spokesman not only for the people of his district, but for the Nation.

During his time in office, Congressman Vanik was one of Congress's most vocal advocates for human rights. In 1974, he co-authored an amendment to a trade law that required the United States to assess the human rights records of foreign countries before granting them special privileges. This law put pressure on the Soviet Union to allow freer emigration, and as a result, more than 2 million people were able to leave the Soviet Union in search of a better life.

While he was a Member of Congress, he never forgot where he came from or the people he represented. During his time in office he helped to pass several Federal programs, including the Federal school lunch program, that would help the people in his district and throughout the country improve their livelihoods. In addition, he is remembered by his former colleagues as a savvy, gifted speaker who had the ability to make every person in a room smile.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in remembering the life of Congressman Charlie Vanik. May he rest in peace, and may his service to his country and to this body always be remembered honorably. He is survived by his wife, Betty; his son, Jon; his daughter, Phyllis; and two grandchildren.

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