

RACINE PUBLIC LIBRARY

HON. PAUL RYAN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 4, 2007

Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin. Madam Speaker, The Racine Public Library is to be commended for its years of service to the people of Racine, WI. On October 14, 2007, the library will celebrate 75 years of preschool storytime. The Junior League of Racine, which has sponsored the storytime since it began in 1932, and the Choral Arts Society of Southeastern Wisconsin have partnered to bring to the stage a musical version of the beloved children's classic, "Julius, the Baby of the World." It will be performed for over 4,600 first- and second-grade students, and the event will celebrate both the Racine Public Library's commitment to children and Racine native and children's author Kevin Henkes. Participants in this great celebration include the Downtown Rotary Club, Friends of the Library, Hughes House, the Johnson Foundation, the Junior League of Racine, the Kiwanis Club of West Racine, Over Our Head Players, the Racine Community Foundation, and the Racine Public Library Endowment Fund. The Racine Public Library has the distinction of being the first in the Nation to present preschool storytime in 1932. Since then, the library has continued to pursue innovation and remains dedicated to children's programming.

INTRODUCTION OF FIRE
PREVENTION WEEK RESOLUTION**HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 4, 2007

Mr. PASCRELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce a resolution to recognize October 7–13, 2007, as Fire Prevention Week and to highlight the commitment of the Congress and the American public to honoring the courageous service of firefighters, and to underscore the importance of public awareness of fire prevention and planning.

I am glad to be joined today in introducing this bipartisan resolution by Homeland Security Committee Chairman BENNIE THOMPSON, as well as Congressmen HENRY CUELLAR, PETER KING, CHARLIE DENT, and DAVE REICHERT.

America's firefighters have never wavered in their selfless commitment to preventing the loss of lives and property, and we must maintain our commitment to recognizing the service that they perform on our behalf.

I recognize that America's firefighters demonstrate heroism and fortitude not only through their responses to fire emergencies, of which there are over 1,600,000 per year, but also through their selfless support to communities affected by emergencies of all kinds.

Firefighters come to the aid of the communities they serve during fire emergencies, at the onset of natural disasters, in response to acts of terrorism, and in the wake of any events that threatens the lives and safety of the American public.

As we reflect each year on the bravery of firefighters who risk their lives in the line of

duty, we also recognize the significant role of these individuals in providing medical care, responding to emergency rescue situations, and encouraging our communities to take measures to protect themselves from harm.

We traditionally have paired our appreciation for the honorable service of firefighters with our focus on educating the American public on fire safety methods, since the first Fire Prevention Week in 1922.

In closing, I urge the Congress to honor the sacrifices made by these courageous men and women by supporting this resolution.

HONORING LEE SENTELL AND THE
ALABAMA BUREAU OF TOURISM
AND TRAVEL FOR BEING NAMED
THE BEST IN THE SOUTH**HON. JO BONNER**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 4, 2007

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to Mr. Lee Sentell and the Alabama Bureau of Tourism and Travel for being named the best in the South by the Southeast Tourism Society.

This is the third time in four years that Lee and his outstanding team of professionals have received this prestigious award. The department was nominated for its "Year of Alabama" Arts campaign.

The award winning food campaign of 2005 featured a brochure of "100 Dishes to Eat in Alabama before You Die," which was selected as the best promotion in the country by the National Council of State Tourism Directors. In 2004, the agency was recognized for its garden campaign.

Alabama's tourism industry has continued to thrive under Lee Sentell's strong leadership. The industry's economic impact on the State's economy is expected to reach an all-time high of \$9 billion in 2007. Last year, over 22.3 million people visited the State of Alabama, with my home area of Mobile and Baldwin counties among the 5 most visited counties.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join with me in congratulating Mr. Sentell and all of those at the Alabama Bureau of Tourism and Travel for being named the best in the South by the Southeast Tourism Society. For these and all their accomplishments, I extend my heartfelt thanks for their continued service to the First Congressional District and the entire State of Alabama.

RECOGNIZING RALPH W. STURGES,
MOHEGAN INDIAN CHIEF**HON. JOE COURTNEY**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 4, 2007

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of Mohegan Indian Chief, Ralph W. Sturges. Chief Sturges died on September 30, 2007.

Chief Sturges was a renaissance man whose commitment to community and Nation knew no bounds. In 1938, following the devastation of the New England Hurricane, Chief Sturges contributed to cleanup and relief ef-

forts in eastern Connecticut under the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC). After his work in the CCC, Chief Sturges joined the Army's intelligence division, serving in World War II in New Guinea and the Philippines, ultimately earning a bronze star for his service. In subsequent years, he became the Director of Public Relations for New England divisions of the Salvation Army and a board member for the Directors for Connecticut Hospice.

In 1992, prior to federal recognition of the Mohegan Nation, he was elected "Chief for Life", which he dutifully filled until his passing on September 30, 2007. In 1994, his legacy was solidified with the federal recognition of the Mohegan Nation, a cause that he inherited from his mother and tirelessly saw through to fruition. In 1996, Chief Sturges secured development plans for the Mohegan Sun, which is now one of the world's largest and most successful casinos. At every step of the way, Chief Sturges was careful to reach out to his community and neighbors making the success of Mohegan Sun a harmonious addition to southeastern Connecticut.

In addition to his military accolades, philanthropy work, business endeavors, and leadership roles, Chief Sturges was a notable artist. His sculptures have graced the halls of the Connecticut State Capitol, Montville High School, and the Mohegan Sun.

While his passing brings sadness to the Connecticut community, his legacy and contributions will be remembered for generations to come. I ask my colleagues to join with me and my constituents to honor his life and offer condolences to his family.

CONGRATULATING MRS. JUNE
LANZ**HON. W. TODD AKIN**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 4, 2007

Mr. AKIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor one of my constituents, Mrs. June C. Jablonsky Lanz. June has been selected as the 2006–2007 Freedoms Foundation "Spirit of '76—American Patriot" regional award. The Freedoms Foundation is a nonprofit organization dedicated to teaching young people the principles upon which our Nation was founded. They work to convey the close links between the rights and the responsibilities of citizens in society.

June is a thirty-nine-year member of the National Society of Daughters of the Revolution, DAR. As State Regent of the Missouri State Society of DAR, June successfully placed the 1809 Cold Water Cemetery on the U.S. Department of the Interior's Register of Historical Places and restored and rededicated the Madonna of the Trail Statue in Lexington, Missouri.

June is a member of the Missouri Historical Society, the Freedoms Foundation of Valley Forge and a Friend of the St. Louis Art Museum. She has published a history of Missouri State Society Daughters of the Revolution, which includes American Revolutionary Patriots reported buried in Missouri. She has provided this to the National Society DAR and other research facilities.

Married for 55 years, June and her husband, George Lanz, have four daughters and seven grandchildren.

As one who has a deep and abiding love for American history and the patriots who have gone on before us, I want to thank June Lanz for her commitment to preserving our history and congratulate her for being selected 2006–2007 Regional “Spirit of ’76—Patriot”.

TRIBUTE TO THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FATHER CAREY COUNCIL 1280

HON. ALBIO SIRE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 4, 2007

Mr. SIRE. Madam Spaker, I rise today in honor of the Knights of Columbus Father Carey Council 1280 of Carteret, New Jersey, which is celebrating its 100th anniversary on October 24, 2007. This fraternal organization has assisted thousands of Carteret residents with its volunteer work and served as vital support for members in need.

The Knights of Columbus, initially formed to help sick, disabled and needy members and their families, extended their work to assist others in their communities. In this spirit, in 1907, a group of 57 Catholic gentlemen established a council in the Borough of Carteret, New Jersey. The Father Carey Council 1280 was founded on November 24, and today, its 500 members continue to serve true to its principles of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism.

The Father Carey Fourth Degree Assembly #0677 was later formed in 1947 to foster the spirit of patriotism in members and the community at large, as well as encourage active Catholic citizenship. To promote these ideals, the Father Carey Fourth Degree Color Corps was created, and actively participates in Carteret's parades and ceremonies, in addition to the borough's church communions, confirmations, and anniversary celebrations.

Today, the Father Carey Council continues to be active in the Carteret community by volunteering and assisting its sick, disabled, and needy, emulating its founding members. The Council hosts semi-annual blood drives, a youth free throw contest, and assists at veteran's hospitals. The Council also sponsors the Youth Squires Program, which gives Catholic young men the opportunity to learn the skills and attitudes of Catholic leadership. The Council's Buddy Group, created to engage the borough's mentally disabled community, hosts several yearly gatherings that include movie nights, dinner dances and holiday parties.

Please join me in congratulating the Knights of Columbus Father Carey Council 1280 of Carteret, New Jersey on their 100th anniversary. I also want to express my gratitude for their service to the residents of the Borough of Carteret.

TRIBUTE TO EDWARD KELLY ANSCHUTZ

HON. GEORGE MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 4, 2007

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today with my colleagues Mrs.

ELLEN O. TAUSCHER and Mr. JERRY MCNERNEY to pay tribute to the life of Mr. Edward Kelly Anschutz.

A third generation plumber, Kelly joined the United Association of Plumbers and Steamfitters Union Local 159 in 1967. After serving his apprenticeship and becoming a journeyman plumber, he was elected to serve as the Assistant Business Manager and eventually the Business Manager for the local for 13 years. He was so well respected; in his last term as Business Manager, he was elected without any opposition.

Kelly was courageous in his efforts to support his union brothers and sisters and their interests at every level. Whether working with a member or an employer, he was well respected and liked by all. Kelly was also a great personality; he had a wonderful sense of humor and truly enjoyed people.

While we realize words may do little to lessen the impact of this loss, we trust that the memories shared will help Kelly's family, friends, and union brothers and sisters realize the scope his influence had on working people and their families.

Madam Speaker, because of Mr. Anschutz's contributions to his community, it is proper for us, and it is my honor, to pay tribute to his life today.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RON KLEIN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 4, 2007

Mr. KLEIN of Florida. Madam Speaker, I would have voted on Wednesday, October 3, however I was unavoidably detained, and I would have voted “yes” on rollcall No. 934 and “yes” on rollcall No. 935.

TRIBUTE TO MRS. DORIS LOCKEY

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 4, 2007

Mr. BRADY of Texas. I rise today to recognize an important milestone in the life of one of my constituents. Mrs. Doris Lockey has served as the manager of the Social Security Administration District Office in Conroe, Texas since 1986. This alone is noteworthy.

But October 22, 2007 will mark her 40th anniversary as an employee of the Social Security Administration. Starting out as an account number clerk in 1967, I doubt Mrs. Lockey thought she would still be serving her Nation today. Whenever the residents of Texas' 8th Congressional District need help with their social security benefits, Mrs. Lockey is the person they turn to. No matter how big or small the problem, Mrs. Lockey always makes herself personally available to help. This was most evident in the wake of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita when, along with her team, she helped numerous individuals and families with their benefits and so much more.

While after 40 years most people would be celebrating retirement and the chance to collect the benefits she has spent a lifetime overseeing, Mrs. Lockey shows no signs of slow-

ing down. I know that the people she works with on a daily basis have learned from the dedication she has demonstrated over the years. And today I hope that all of our public servants and Americans appreciate the dedication she demonstrates on a daily basis.

Mrs. Lockey is not just defined by the work she does for the Federal Government but the impact she has on our community. She volunteers with numerous local organizations that make life in Montgomery County, Texas better. She just finished a term as the President of the Rotary Club of Conroe and has served on the boards of the local United Way and The Friendship Center's Committee on Aging. Still today, she serves on the United Way's Success by Six Leadership Committee and is a very active member of Longmire Road Church of Christ.

In knowing Mrs. Lockey, what I find impressive is the fact that she takes the time to mentor a local child at Runyan Elementary School every week. The stories she is able to tell, the life lessons she is able to impart to young children provide our youth with a tremendous opportunity.

Today, I join with her family and friends, Southeast Texas, her colleagues at Social Security Administration offices in Conroe, Houston, Pasadena and Galveston, the American people and my colleagues in Congress to mark Mrs. Doris Lockey's 40th anniversary as an employee of the Social Security Administration. I am honored to recognize her amazing contributions and offer my best wishes and encouragement as she continues a life of public service with the Federal Government and her numerous volunteer activities.

EXPRESSING SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING THE IMMEDIATE AND UNCONDITIONAL RELEASE OF DAW AUNG SAN SUU KYI

SPEECH OF

HON. PATRICK J. KENNEDY

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 2, 2007

Mr. KENNEDY. Madam Speaker, the horrific violations of human rights in Burma have alarmed leaders in the United States and around the world. When repressed people across the globe cry out for help, America has an obligation to lead the calls for justice and equality. In Burma, a nation with a long history of egregious human rights violations, a repressive regime has cracked down on civil liberties and peaceful protests. The State Peace and Development Council, a military junta and illegitimate ruling party, has brutally cracked down on dissidents using rape and murder as their tools of terror. Now, leaders of the legitimately elected opposition, lead by Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, face increased violence and incarcerations. This bipartisan resolution expresses Congress's support for the immediate release of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and restoration of democracy in Burma. I believe the United Nations should swiftly act in response to this dangerous and growing threat in Southeast Asia. As the world watches the events in Burma, the United States must take a firm leadership role to speak for the voices that have been silenced by repression and make perfectly clear that this brutality will not be tolerated.