

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN RECOGNITION OF THE HELLENIC ASSOCIATION KRIKOS ON THE OCCASION OF THE GREEK ORTHODOX NEW YEAR

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 30, 2007

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Hellenic organization Krikos. Founded in 1974 to preserve and enrich Hellenic heritage and culture, Krikos and its members are dedicated to fostering and promoting co-operation and fellowship among Hellenes and phil-Hellenes throughout the world,

In its ongoing effort to increase the understanding of issues affecting people of Greek descent and a greater appreciation of Hellenic culture, Krikos has organized more than 50 conferences throughout the world, frequently publishing reports of their proceedings. Among the subjects examined at various conferences were topics including the growing impact of globalism, biotechnology, telecommunications, the Greek response to military conflicts in the Balkans, domestic political and cultural issues, Hellenic and Hellenic-American contributions to the art and culture of the United States, and thought-provoking issues in Hellenic and American culture.

Krikos has provided guidance to college and college-bound Hellenic youth in the United States and elsewhere in the world. Additionally, Krikos has made it possible for students to visit abroad through a world-study program. In keeping with this dedication to scholarship and education, Krikos donated 5,000 books to the Polytechnic University in Athens.

Krikos was instrumental in documenting the artistic and historic treasures located in the Saint Catherine Monastery on Mount Sinai. For hundreds of years St. Catherine's has been a prime destination for pilgrims to the Holy Land. Krikos and its dedicated members helped facilitate this sacred monument's ability to serve its vital mission in the modern world by computerizing its properties and their operations. In the past many prominent Hellenes and phil-Hellenes have been honored by Krikos and spoken at various symposiums, conferences and testimonial events.

This exemplary organization is now headed by Denise Constantopoulou, President, and John Belleas, past President. Under their able leadership, Krikos continues to make significant and enduring contributions to Hellenic and world culture and civilization.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in acknowledging the tremendous contributions to the civic and cultural life of our Nation and our world by Krikos and its members.

HONORING MRS. MARY EDITH BROWN COLEMAN ON HER 90TH BIRTHDAY

HON. PETER J. VISCOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 30, 2007

Mr. VISCOSKY. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure and honor that I congratulate Mrs. Mary Edith Brown Coleman on a momentous milestone, her 90th birthday, which will be on February 13, 2007. Edith will be celebrating this milestone with family and friends on Saturday, February 10, 2007, at her home in Schererville, Indiana. Throughout the past 67 years, Edith's presence in Northwest Indiana has allowed her the opportunity to touch the lives of countless people.

Edith Brown was born on February 13, 1917 in Muskogee, Oklahoma. She was one of four children born to Luther Albert Brown and Dora Rozolia Draper Brown. Having gone on to live in Kansas City, Kansas and Chicago, Illinois, Edith finally relocated to Gary, Indiana in 1940. Quite the accomplished student, Edith completed her Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees in education at Indiana University in Bloomington. From there, she decided to go into the teaching profession. As a teacher at Frederick Douglass Elementary School in Gary for over 27 years, Edith was able to enrich the lives of so many young people in the Gary community. For her commitment to the youth of Northwest Indiana, she is worthy of the highest praise.

Equally as impressive, Edith has always been seen as the foundation of her family. She and her husband, the late William Henry Coleman, were blessed with the births of two wonderful children: Norma Louise Coleman and Merle Jean Coleman. Edith's family, as well as those whose lives she has touched, admire her for devoting unselfish love, time, dedication, guidance, and spirit to her family, her students, and her friends.

As well as being dearly loved and respected by her family, her students, and her community, Edith is also well known for her involvement with her church, the First Church of God in Gary, and several other organizations. For years, Edith has been a distinguished member of the American Association of University Women, the Women's Association of the Northwest Indiana Symphony Society, the Red Hat Society, and the Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority. Since her arrival in Northwest Indiana, Edith has always been known as a good-hearted woman who is always willing to help the people in her community. For her selflessness, she is to be commended and admired.

Madam Speaker, Mary Edith Brown Coleman has always given her time and efforts selflessly to the youth and the community in Northwest Indiana throughout her illustrious life. She has taught every member of her family and extended family the true meaning of service to others. I respectfully ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in wishing Edith a very happy 90th birthday.

A CONGRESSIONAL TRIBUTE TO THE CITY OF DOWNEY ON THE OCCASION OF THE CITY'S 50TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 30, 2007

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the city of Downey and ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating its residents on the city's recent 50th anniversary. I am honored to represent this unique and proud city as part of my 34th Congressional District of California.

Although we celebrate 50 years since the city's official incorporation, the history of Downey begins in the late 1700s when Spanish missionaries settled along the California coast. In 1784, former soldier Juan Nietos was granted provisional use of 300,000 acres of ranch land and, after his death, the portion of the land lying between the San Gabriel and Rio Hondo Rivers was carved out and named Rancho San Gertrudes. In 1873, a 96-acre parcel of the Rancho became the central district of a community called Downey City. The town was named after John Gately Downey, an Irish immigrant who journeyed to California during the Gold Rush and later became governor of the State.

The development of Downey City began slowly. A tract map from 1873 shows a town consisting of only 16 blocks with 10 acres for a railroad station. However, the small city prospered, soon becoming a commercial center for agricultural products and poultry raising. It was that agricultural industry that made it possible for Downey to sustain itself during the Depression.

By the early 20th century, Downey had become a haven for business, entering an era that became known as the city's "golden age." Downey's "dare devil" era brought the aviation industry to the city, and the Downey Board of Trade, known today as the Downey Chamber of Commerce, was founded.

The 1940s and '50s brought a population boom to Downey, growing from 12,000 residents in 1940 to over 86,000 residents by 1956. With its significant increase in population, Downey's leaders moved to incorporate, and on December 4, 1956, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors approved the incorporation of the city. The new City Council, under the leadership of the city's first mayor, James L. Stamps, were trailblazers, paving the way for the city's resounding future success.

Today, Downey boasts its "Future Unlimited" slogan and is a prosperous city that has managed to maintain its small town atmosphere. The city's residents and visitors can enjoy a wide range of activities—from great shopping to parks and museums; from golf courses to the Symphony Orchestra or the model City Library. Downey is where the Apollo Space program began its journey to the stars, and

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where you can find the world's oldest McDonald's and the site of the first Taco Bell eatery.

Fifty years since its incorporation in 1956, Downey has grown to a population of over 110,000 residents. The city serves as a hub for business, with California Business Magazine recently rating Downey in the top 25 percent of "100 Cities To Do Business In." Downey has made many outstanding contributions to the region, and was a leader in the founding of the Gateway Cities Council of Governments. This partnership, comprised of 27 cities in Southeast Los Angeles County, effectively works to address the region's challenges, particularly with respect to transportation planning and economic development.

The city of Downey recently hosted a fun-filled 50th anniversary celebration for its residents. The "Birthday Bash," which featured tunes honoring its hometown singing duo "The Carpenters," marked another milestone in the rich history of this city that I am so proud to represent. I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating Downey's first 50 years as this prosperous city looks toward its "Future Unlimited."

IN RECOGNITION OF LITTLE MISSIONARY'S DAY NURSERY ON THE OCCASION OF ITS THIRD ANNUAL SARA CURRY BENEFIT AWARDS

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 30, 2007

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the Little Missionary's Day Nursery, the oldest continuously operating non-sectarian school in New York City. Founded in 1896 by Miss Sara Curry, the Little Missionary's Day Nursery is dedicated to providing affordable day care in a warm, nurturing environment in which children of diverse socioeconomic, ethnic and religious backgrounds are encouraged to take their first steps in embracing lives inspired by the values of a sound and well-rounded education and a spirit of sharing and caring.

The Little Missionary's Day Nursery has remained true to the progressive dream of its visionary founder, Sara Curry, a remarkable, energetic, and accomplished woman who dedicated her life to improving conditions for the underprivileged children and families of Manhattan's Lower East Side. Then, as now, "Loisaida" was a haven for immigrants from all over the world, many enduring conditions of severe deprivation and adversity. Practically a century ahead of her time, Sara Curry grasped the need for many mothers to secure quality, affordable day care in order to enter and stay in the work force to support their economically struggling families. In fighting narrow-minded contemporary strictures against working women that were then prevalent, Sara Curry—and the Day Nurseries that she founded—helped provide an engine of opportunity that allowed countless families to lift themselves out of poverty while inculcating values of learning and compassion in their children.

In recognition of her indefatigable and effective stewardship of the institution, Miss Curry was lovingly dubbed the "little missionary" by grateful parents and supporters. And, to honor

her more than four decades of compassionate and visionary stewardship, the institution was renamed the Little Missionary's Day Nursery in her honor. In 1901, the nursery purchased its own building at 93 St. Mark's Place, which has remained its home ever since. Today, under the capable leadership of Director Eileen Johnson and Board President Herman Hewitt, the Little Missionary's Day Nursery continues to serve the families of the Lower East Side, dedicating a portion of its income to providing generous tuition assistance.

This year, the Little Missionary's Day Nursery is honoring three outstanding individuals at its third annual Sara Curry Awards Benefit. The honorees include the renowned Gloria Steinem, the inspirational writer, lecturer, editor, and women's activist who has become an international symbol of the struggle for women's equality and dignity. An equally deserving honoree of the nursery this year is the dedicated public servant, the Honorable Margarita Lopez, a champion of the Lower East Side and its historic progressive values, who represented this incredibly diverse and exciting neighborhood with distinction for two terms on the New York City Council before assuming a position of citywide leadership as a member of the Board of the New York City Housing Authority. The third honoree is Ms. Margarita Malfy, the remarkably accomplished chef and restaurateur. In addition to her accomplishments as an artist and as the co-owner and co-executive chef of La Palapa Cocina Mexicana, Ms. Malfy has dedicated her prodigious energies to many worthwhile causes that benefit the people of the Lower East Side, and indeed around the world, including human rights and children's organizations such as Art/NY, the Nepalese Children's Home in Nepal, and, of course, the Little Missionary's Day Nursery.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Little Missionary's Day Nursery and its three remarkable honorees this year as well as the tremendous contributions this outstanding educational and child care facility and its graduates have made to our Nation.

TRIBUTE TO THE BACHAN FAMILY

HON. PETER J. VISCOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 30, 2007

Mr. VISCOSKY. Madam Speaker, it is with great pride and respect that I wish to commend one of Northwest Indiana's finest families for their bravery in the field of battle and their willingness to fight for their country. The history of the Bachan family of East Chicago, Indiana, and their commitment and service to the United States of America, is a true source of pride in Northwest Indiana. The Bachans represent a great model of unwavering patriotism.

Natives of East Chicago, these local heroes served and were stationed in many locations, including Korea, Germany, and Vietnam. For a single family to offer so much in defense of our freedom, they are to be commended with the highest praise and admiration. The men I stand to honor today are: Paul Bachan, Milan Bacan, Richard Bacan, Michael Bacan, the late Joseph Bachan, Daniel Bachan, Robert

Bachan, and Steven Darryl Mihailovich, as well as their brothers-in-law, Donald Knieriemen, a veteran of the United States Navy, and the late Henry Butch Haluska, a veteran of the United States Air Force.

To further demonstrate their desire to serve their country, two of these men, Joseph and Robert Bachan, chose to make careers of their service. Joseph served his entire military career in the United States Army, the branch where all of the brothers served, while Robert split his time serving both in the United States Army and the United States Navy.

It came as no surprise to those who knew the Bachan boys that these men would make the decision to serve their country. These men grew up together in East Chicago and always felt tremendous pride for their country, knowing all too well the dangers that would exist if they chose to enlist. Undeterred, they would go on to serve their country with selfless sacrifice and bravery. Their courage and heroism will always be remembered, and their sacrifice, along with the sacrifice of all of our veterans, lives on in the hearts and minds of all Americans. Surely, it is through the service of brave citizens like the Bachan brothers that we can enjoy the freedoms and values we so dearly treasure today.

Madam Speaker, at this time I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in honoring these fine individuals. Let us never forget their service and the sacrifices they made to preserve the ideals of freedom and democracy. I can say with certainty that Northwest Indiana is proud to be the home of the Bachan family.

HONORING THE 36-YEAR SERVICE OF FRANK BARNES TO THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 30, 2007

Mr. SKELTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Frank Barnes, a long-time House Armed Services Committee employee, on his retirement from the U.S. House of Representatives after 36 years of exemplary and professional service.

Frank began his congressional career by joining the Office of the Speaker and Parliamentarian in 1972. Already then, Madam Speaker, were Frank's trademark traits—professionalism, dedication, loyalty, and kindness of spirit—in evidence. In fact, in a letter commending him for his service, Speaker Carl Alben wrote to Frank the following:

"Your ability to deal directly with the Members of the House and their staffs when the occasion arose was outstanding. This sets your job above most of those in other offices around the Capitol, and your performance in this regard has brought credit to yourself and to the Office of the Speaker and Parliamentarian. But beyond your ability to do a great job, I want to thank you for the manner in which you did it. You were always courteous, thoughtful and helpful. No task ever proved too difficult, and you consistently seemed to do more than what was asked."

Since March 5, 1979, the House Armed Services Committee has been fortunate to benefit from his abilities and skills. Serving six