

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF
TEAMSTERS JOINT COUNCIL 7**HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 8, 2007

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, I along with Hon. ELLEN O. TAUSCHER, Hon. ANNA G. ESHOO, Hon. MIKE HONDA, Hon. GEORGE MILLER, Hon. TOM LANTOS, Hon. ZOE LOFGREN, Hon. MIKE THOMPSON, Hon. PETE STARK and Speaker NANCY PELOSI are proud to rise today to honor Teamsters Joint Council 7 on the occasion of their 100th anniversary. Theirs is a proud history, whose origins in the days of the California Gold Rush speak to a long-time concern for the welfare of working people.

In the mid-1800s, when San Francisco was a booming Gold Rush town, the Teamsters Association was formed to address competition from Australians who had arrived with stronger horses. While not a true trade union, it was the first teamster organization on the West Coast and the precursor of Teamsters Joint Council 7.

The Teamsters Association collapsed in the depression of 1854, and in 1856, a new Draymen's and Teamsters Union was formed. By 1888, however, the majority of working teamsters had dropped out, leaving a guild of employers and bosses. Due to poor conditions, a second attempt was made to create a union in 1900, and again the organization was commandeered by employers.

The International Brotherhood of Teamsters came into existence in 1903 and stepped up to organize local unions by occupation after the 1906 earthquake led to a more complex system of goods distribution. On November 18, 1907, the Joint Council was chartered to oversee these groups.

By 1912 there were 13 groups ranging from hackmen to ice wagon drivers. The Joint Council helped in disputes with employers as well as differences among the locals, relieving union officers of many routine duties and improving the welfare of the membership.

In those early years, Teamsters Local 85 dominated the operations and provided notable leadership. Local 85 had demonstrated its ability to create solidarity when they called a strike in 1901. Other labor unions rallied around, and the employers backed down. This action earned San Francisco a reputation as the strongest "Union Town" in the nation.

Today Joint Council 7 has 15 affiliates and serves the greater Bay Area from Santa Rosa in the north to Salinas/Monterey in the south. The current affiliates are:

Local 70, Oakland, Chuck Mack, Secretary-Treasurer; Local 78, Hayward, Steve Mack, Secretary-Treasurer; Local 85, San Francisco, Van Beane, Secretary-Treasurer; Local 278, San Francisco, Jack Booker, Secretary-Treasurer; Local 287, San Jose, Bill Hoyt, Secretary-Treasurer; Local 315, Martinez, Dale Robbins, Secretary-Treasurer; Local 350, Daly City, Robert Morales, Secretary-Treasurer; Local 490, Vallejo, Carlos Borba, Secretary-Treasurer; Local 624, Santa Rosa, Bob Carr, Secretary-Treasurer; Local 665, Daly City, Ernie Yates, Secretary-Treasurer; Local 853, San Leandro, Rome Aloise, Secretary-Treasurer; Local 856, San Bruno, Joseph Lanthier, Secretary-Treasurer; Local 890, Salinas, Franklin Gallegos, President; Local 896,

Vallejo, Rene Medrano, Secretary-Treasurer; Local 912, Watsonville, Brad Sebring, Secretary-Treasurer.

Under the leadership of president Chuck Mack, who has served for 25 years, the organization has developed many additional functions. These include legal support, a commercial drivers' training program, political activity to support working families, alcohol and drug treatment, and maintenance of a charitable trust to assist members after disasters and tragedies as well as to support community causes.

Their own words say it best: "100 hundred years old and our members are still priority number one!"

Madam Speaker, organized labor in this country has led to better wages, health care, and pensions for workers. Throughout the years, Teamsters Joint Council 7 has reaffirmed its commitment to the working families of the Bay Area. We all wish Joint Council 7 continued success in the future and hope that their second hundred years will be as productive as the first hundred.

40TH ANNIVERSARY OF ELECTION
OF CARL B. STOKES AS MAYOR
OF CLEVELAND**HON. STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 8, 2007

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. Madam Speaker, today I rise in honor of a personal hero, Carl B. Stokes. Today marks the 40th anniversary of his historic election as mayor of the city of Cleveland. The first African American mayor of a large American city, Carl Stokes was an inspiration not only to people of color, but all Americans.

Carl Stokes was born June 21, 1927 in Cleveland, OH to Charles Stokes, a laundry worker, and Louise Stokes, a cleaning woman. His father died when he was two, leaving his mother to raise Carl, and his brother, my predecessor, former Congressman Louis Stokes, alone. They lived in Cleveland's first federally funded housing project for the poor Outhwaite Homes.

Although a good student, Carl dropped out of high school in 1944. He worked briefly for Thompson Products before joining the U.S. Army at the age of 18. Following his discharge in 1946, Stokes returned to Cleveland and earned his high school diploma in 1947.

He would attend several colleges before earning his bachelor's degree from the University of Minnesota in 1954. He went on to graduate from Cleveland-Marshall College of Law in 1956 and was admitted to the Ohio bar in 1957.

While studying law he was a probation officer. For four years, he served as assistant prosecutor and became partner in the law firm of Stokes, Stokes, Character, and Terry, and continued to practice throughout his political career.

In 1962, he became the first black elected to the Ohio House of Representatives, where he served for three terms. He made his first run for mayor of Cleveland in 1965, narrowly losing the bid. He would mount a second run in 1967 where he was able to mobilize both black and white voters to defeat Seth Taft, the

grandson of a former U.S. president William Howard Taft, by a 50.5 majority. As mayor, Stokes opened city hall jobs to blacks and women and initiated Cleveland: Now!, a public and private funding program aimed at the revitalization of Cleveland neighborhoods. Additionally, the National League of Cities elected him as their first black president-elect. He was reelected in 1969, and in 1971 chose not to run for a third term.

After his mayoral administration, Stokes lectured to colleges around the country. In 1972 he became the first black anchorman in New York City when he took a job with television station WNBC-TV. He returned to Cleveland in 1980 and began serving as general legal counsel for the United Auto Workers.

In 1983, he decided to run for the municipal court judgeship that I had vacated against an incumbent judge appointee. This election was the beginning of a long friendship that I could have never dreamed of or anticipated as a young volunteer on his 1967 campaign. From 1983 to 1994 he in that seat where he developed a reputation as a fair judge with a common sense approach to the law.

President Bill Clinton then appointed him U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of Seychelles. He was awarded 12 honorary degrees, numerous civic awards, and represented the United States on numerous goodwill trips abroad by request of the White House.

Along with all of Carl Stokes great achievements, he inspired a young, black college student who was volunteered to work on his 1967 mayoral campaign to follow her dreams. He was a shining example for this young black woman, that through hard work and determination you could do the impossible. That young African American woman was me. I am able to serve here in Congress as the first African American woman elected to the House of Representatives from the state of Ohio, because Carl Stokes paved the way for me and many others. If there were no Carl Stokes, there would be no STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES. I am truly blessed to have been able to call him and his brother my friend. So, it is my honor and privilege to recognize this significant milestone today, and simply say, thank you Carl Stokes for your courage and tenacity forty years ago, and for inspiring me to follow my dreams.

HONORING AMBASSADOR RONALD WEISER AS THE 2007 CHELSEA CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

HON. TIMOTHY WALBERG

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 8, 2007

Mr. WALBERG. Madam Speaker, it is my special privilege to recognize Ambassador Ronald Weiser upon his receiving of the 2007 Chelsea Citizen of the Year Award. It is with great admiration that I congratulate Ambassador Ronald Weiser on behalf of all who have benefited from his hard work and dedication.

Ambassador Weiser, founder of McKinley Properties, understands the importance of a vibrant downtown to the growing Chelsea community. Through McKinley Properties, the

Ambassador has contributed his time and financial resources to ensure a historic landmark was restored and brought into the 21st century.

What has been the symbol of Chelsea for over a century, has been beautifully restored, housing businesses, cafes, restaurants, and a community commons area. The revitalization of this once industrial sector has enabled the city to expand with the potential of endless opportunities.

Ambassador Weiser saw something in the citizens of Chelsea and the atmosphere of a city which made him envision a prosperous, vibrant community. He brought back to life the symbol lighting up the night, the symbol recognized by many, "Chelsea's Clock Tower."

Therefore, I rise today to honor Ambassador Ronald Weiser for his endless support of the Chelsea community. May others know of my high regard for his selfless contributions and service to others, as well as my best wishes for him in the future.

HONORING MARTIN (MARTY) R. RESNICK

HON. C. A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER
OF MARYLAND
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 8, 2007

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Madam Speaker, I rise before you today to honor Martin (Marty) R. Resnick, founder, owner, and CEO of Martin's Catering. He has recently been inducted into the prestigious Baltimore Business Hall of Fame. Martin Ronald Resnick was born in Baltimore on September 3, 1931. He graduated from City College in 1949, deciding to enter the world of business instead of going to college. Marty's early business career started in department stores, learning the world of business until 1964 when he opened his first catering company, Eudowood Gardens. Martin's Catering now has the capacity to serve over 20,000 people operating in 7 locations.

For over 40 years, Marty spent nearly all of his energy in the catering business, earning numerous awards from small business associations. Martin's, Inc. has annual sales of over \$30 million. Several organizations have named him "Man of the Year", and former mayor of Baltimore William Donald Schaefer declared June 24, 1981, to be "Martin Resnick Day in Baltimore". Although his business interests are many and consuming, he devotes his boundless energy to many causes, including the University of Maryland Foundation, the Morgan State University Foundation, the Baltimore Alliance for the Prevention and Control of Hypertension and Diabetes, and the Baltimore City Police Department Foundation.

Marty and his company "adopted" Riverview Elementary in 1989. Riverview Elementary is located in an economically disadvantaged community, and many of the students who attend Riverview come from single-parent homes. Before Martin's Caterers adopted Riverview, the school had poor attendance and the need for encouragement from caring, positive role models. Today, he is "Uncle Marty" to more than 1,000 students. Marty also provides jobs for the parents of his "nieces and nephews", where he teaches them good work ethic and valuable skills to learn and grow in their career.

Marty received an Honorary Doctorate Degree in Philosophy from Israel's Sinai University, and there is a Yeshiva in Jerusalem that bears his name. Even with all of his many business demands, Marty is truly an adoring family man, who has always placed his family first.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you join with me today to honor Martin (Marty) R. Resnick. His legacy as a professional will be forever preserved in the Baltimore County Business Hall of Fame, and will be matched only by his devotion to his family and community. It is with great pride that I congratulate Marty Resnick on his exemplary career in the catering and event planning business.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF MR. ROBERT B. INGRAM, JR.

HON. JO BONNER
OF ALABAMA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 8, 2007

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, the state of Alabama recently lost a dear friend, and I rise today to honor him and pay tribute to his memory. Mr. Robert B. Ingram, Jr., known as Bob to his many friends and family, was one of the most influential and respected political writers in Alabama's history.

Born in Centre, Alabama, in 1926, Bob and his 2 sisters were raised in Cherokee County by his widowed mother during the Great Depression. He graduated from Cherokee County High School and served with distinction in World War II as a radio operator and gunner aboard the USS *Panamint*. He graduated from Auburn University in 1949 and soon began working for the Cherokee County Herald.

Soon thereafter, Bob joined the Montgomery Advertiser, where he worked as a reporter. He left the world of journalism for several years and served as state finance director for former Alabama Governor Albert Brewer. From 1979 until 1993, he was editorial director at WSFA-TV in Montgomery, and he ended his editorials with the words that became his trademark, "And that's the way I see it . . ."

Bob Ingram also wrote 2 books, "That's the Way I Saw It," and "That's the Way I Saw It II," published a magazine, and spent 30 years as a political analyst for 3 Montgomery television stations. He received many awards throughout his storied career. He particularly cherished the honor bestowed on him by Auburn University Montgomery with the creation of the Robert Ingram Lecture Series. Four years ago, he was inducted into the communication hall of fame at the University of Alabama, and earlier this year, he received the Mass Media Achievement Award from the Auburn University Journalism Foundation.

Bob Ingram reported on—and was witness to—many of the most pivotal events in Alabama's history, including the civil rights movement and the career of former Governor George C. Wallace. While known for his legendary objectivity, Bob was never afraid to speak his mind. Be it with praise or criticism, Mr. Ingram served as a watchdog for the people of Alabama his entire career. For nearly 50 years, his weekly column, "The Alabama Scene," was a treasure trove of political tidbits, history, and news for Alabamians.

Bob Ingram was also active with several charitable and civic endeavors. He was a Paul

Harris Fellow of the Rotary Club, and served as a deacon at Cloverdale Baptist Church in Montgomery, where he taught Sunday school for more than 35 years. Most recently, he volunteered his time with the Montgomery Ostomy Association.

The Montgomery Advertiser's tribute to Bob Ingram was especially poignant, stating, "Most of those who knew Ingram through his writings and television analyses never met him in person, but they felt he was their friend."

Madam Speaker, Bob Ingram was a reporter, a publisher, an author, a commentator, and a speaker for the better part of a century. He was an outstanding example of the quality individuals who have devoted their lives to the field of journalism, and I ask my colleagues to join with me in remembering one of our State's most revered journalists and esteemed citizens.

Bob Ingram loved life and lived it to the fullest, and his passing marks a tremendous loss for all of Alabama. He will be deeply missed by many, most especially his children, Robert B. Ingram III, Beth Ingram Lamberth, and Ragan Ingram; his sister, Rozanne I. Jones; his 8 grandchildren; his great-grandchild; as well as countless friends he leaves behind.

Our thoughts and prayers are with them all at this difficult time.

RECOGNIZING THE CENTENNIAL OF THE HISTORIC WAILUKU COURTHOUSE

HON. MAZIE K. HIRONO
OF HAWAII
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 8, 2007

Ms. HIRONO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the centennial of the historic Wailuku Courthouse on the island of Maui. I would also like to congratulate the many people and companies in history who helped build and occupy the Courthouse.

Angus P. McDonald began construction on the Wailuku Courthouse on October 18, 1907. His work was completed in late 1908 and the building opened in February 1909.

The Wailuku Courthouse was occupied by the Honorable Judge Aluwae Noa Kepokai, from 1892 to 1894 and again from 1904 to 1909; the Honorable Judge Seldon B. Kindgisbury from 1909 to 1913; the Honorable Judge William S. Edings from 1914 to 1918; the Honorable Judge Leslie L. Burr from 1918 through 1922; the Honorable Judge Daniel H. Case from 1922 to 1943; the Honorable Judge Cable A. Wirtz from 1944 through 1951 and in 1956 to 1959; the Honorable Wendell F. Crockett from 1959 to 1961; the Honorable Judge Takashi Kitaoka from 1962 to 1968; the Honorable Judge George Fukuoka from 1968 through 1982; the Honorable Judge Kase Higa from 1977 to 1985; and the Honorable Judge Arthur Ueoka from 1982 to 1983.

As the population of Maui County grew and the demands on county services increased, the Wailuku Courthouse was eventually vacated by the Court in 1988.

In October 1992, the GW Murphy Construction Company began renovating and restoring the Wailuku Courthouse to allow for its continued use by the County of Maui. In October 1993, the offices of the Maui County Department of the Prosecuting Attorney were moved