

IN HONOR OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE COLONEL JOHN ROSENKRANS CHAPTER OF THE NEW JERSEY SOCIETY OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

HON. SCOTT GARRETT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 15, 2007

Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Colonel John Rosenkrans Chapter of the New Jersey Society of Sons of the American Revolution. The Society strives to preserve and share the rich heritage of our Nation's birth for the generations. Its many chapters, dotted throughout our Nation, keep the spirit of the American revolution alive and help to spark the same love of country and principle that led our forefathers to give birth to our Constitution and our Nation.

New Jersey, often known as "Crossroads of the Revolution," has a long and proud history and played a pivotal role in our nascent Nation's victory in the Revolutionary War. The New Jersey Journal, published in Chatham, was a major catalyst for the Revolution. The Continental Congress met in Nassau Hall at Princeton University. One of the most famous women of the Revolution, Molly Pitcher, was a legend born of New Jersey battles. And, this fine state was the third to ratify the Constitution and the first to ratify the Bill of Rights. Then, of course, there is Washington's crossing of the Delaware River, the Battles of Trenton and Princeton, the Battle of Monmouth, and more. These are all part of the American psyche and history.

Colonel John Rosenkrans has been described as "perhaps the most outstanding Revolutionary patriot of Sussex County." The compatriots of this chapter of the New Jersey Society of Sons of the American Revolution have made it their duty to share his stories and those of the Colonel's heroic contemporaries. They play an important part in keeping our Nation's feet firmly planted in our proud past as we reach ever higher into the future. This weekend, they will celebrate their 50th anniversary, and I commend them for their good work.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO A PIONEER, THE LATE REP. GUS HAWKINS

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 15, 2007

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today in reverence of the 100 years Augustus Freeman "Gus" Hawkins, the former representative from Los Angeles, fought on this Earth for the causes of justice and equality. Prior to his passing, he had been the oldest former member of Congress, and the longevity of his legacy will easily match the longevity of his years.

He was the first African American elected to the House from California—and, indeed, from the entire western United States—as well as a founding member of the Congressional Black Caucus. He was instrumental in the passage

of the watershed Civil Rights Act of 1964, sponsoring its equal employment section setting up the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

We honor him for the strides our community, and our country, took under his stewardship, and for his impeccable sense of purpose that inspires us today.

TRIBUTE TO THE GREATER SOMERSET COUNTY CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN RED CROSS

HON. MIKE FERGUSON

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 15, 2007

Mr. FERGUSON. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the Greater Somerset County Chapter of the American Red Cross, which today is celebrating its 90th anniversary.

The American Red Cross has a rich history of providing relief and assistance to victims of fires, floods and other natural disasters, dating back to its founding by Clara Barton in 1881. The organization is a great American success story, as it relies on the contributions of volunteers, and gains its funding through private donations and fees from health and safety services.

The Greater Somerset County Chapter evolved as a conglomeration of smaller chapters in central New Jersey, the first of which was the Bound Brook Chapter in 1917. This chapter includes 15 municipalities, providing residents with access to emergency and disaster services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, including blood-donation programs, preparedness education, health and safety training, and medical transportation services.

I would also like to recognize the important work that the Greater Somerset County Chapter's members performed for the residents of New Jersey that I represent during flooding that occurred in recent years, particularly in the towns of Bound Brook and Manville. The vital services provided by these volunteers—and the care and compassion displayed during these difficult times—epitomized the mission of the American Red Cross.

Madam Speaker, the Greater Somerset County Chapter, as well as the American Red Cross as a whole, represents the best in helping Americans in their time of need. I am proud to represent an area that is home to such a fine organization, and I am pleased to congratulate the Greater Somerset County Chapter of the American Red Cross as it celebrates its 90th anniversary.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 15, 2007

Ms. McCOLLUM of Minnesota. Madam Speaker, I regret that I missed rollcall vote No. 1091. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

HONORING THE DEDICATION OF THE MICHAEL A. GUIDO THEATER

HON. JOHN D. DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 15, 2007

Mr. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the city of Dearborn for the dedication of the Michael A. Guido Theater at the Ford Community & Performing Arts Center.

On November 16, 2007, the City of Dearborn will hold a gala celebration honoring the life of the late Mayor Michael A. Guido. It is at this gala event that the magnificent theater at the Ford Community & Performing Arts Center will be dedicated in Mayor Guido's name. This is a fitting tribute as the state-of-the-art Ford Community & Performing Arts Center was the crowning achievement in the impressive career of Mayor Guido. The center is the largest municipally owned recreation center in North America.

Along with the dedication ceremony, the evening will also include a fundraiser for the Michael A. Guido Pancreatic Cancer Research Fund at the Karmanos Cancer Institute. That the funds will go to pancreatic research is especially meaningful to our late "friendly mayor" and his family.

For 21 years Mayor Guido served the city of Dearborn with enthusiasm, devotion, and a sense of humor. Throughout his career he accomplished much. Known for his commitment to the people of Dearborn, fiscal responsibility, and leadership skills, among his many achievements, Guido served as president of the U.S. Conference of Mayors and held various leadership positions with the National League of Cities. During his battle with pancreatic cancer, Guido continued to work tirelessly in City Hall on behalf of the people of Dearborn. He also sprouted growth throughout Dearborn. A short list of his accomplishments includes the devolvement of downtown Dearborn, the creation of recreational facilities like the Dearborn Ice Skating Center, the construction of a new police headquarters, the redesign of Ford Wood Park, and the expansion of Esper Branch Library.

I ask that all of my colleagues join me in congratulating the city of Dearborn for the dedication of the Michael A. Guido Theater, as well as joining me in remembering the devoted public servant who served the people of Dearborn for 21 years.

HONORING ROBERT MANT

HON. WILLIAM D. DELAHUNT

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 15, 2007

Mr. DELAHUNT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Robert Mant, a constituent who lost his courageous 9-year battle with colon cancer on March 29, 2007.

This week, the Town of Brewster, Massachusetts, will honor Bob for his many years of dedicated public service by naming a stunning stretch of beach along Cape Cod Bay as "Mant's Landing".

First and foremost, "Captain Bob", as he was lovingly referred to by family and friends,

was the ultimate family man. He married his high school sweetheart Linda, and was a loving and devoted family man to the very end. His three children, Sara, Joshua and Nicole, were the absolute center of his life, and there was nothing he would not and did not do for them.

A brilliant and passionate leader of men, Bob was voted President of his senior class and captain of his football team at Kearny High School in New Jersey. He would go on to excel at Princeton University, where he pursued his passion for the ocean. Upon graduation, he converted a 100 acre copper mine into a salt water lake and founded Maine Sea Farms, a pioneer aquaculture venture where he raised Pacific Coho Salmon.

Bob would continue to be a leader and innovator in the field of marine biology for the next 40 years, always doing things in his own unique way. He spent his last 20 years as the Director of Natural Resources for the Town of Brewster, and was admired by all for his dedication to protecting the town's beaches, ponds and shellfish. More importantly, Bob was respected for the way he approached his job and for his many acts of kindness.

Bob's one-of-a-kind personality, his unparalleled toughness, and passion for life were an inspiration to all who knew him. This past spring, the town unanimously voted to honor Bob by dedicating a stretch of beach along Cape Cod Bay, "Mant's Landing". It is a fitting tribute for such a remarkable man.

IN CELEBRATION OF THE RE-OPENING OF THE MARTIN WOLDSON THEATER AT THE FOX IN SPOKANE, WASHINGTON

HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 15, 2007

Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a historic landmark in Spokane, Washington—the Martin Woldson Theater at the Fox. On Saturday, November 17th the Martin Woldson Theater will roll out the red carpet and re-open its doors after undergoing a multi-year renovation. Through the efforts of our community, the Martin Woldson Theater has come to symbolize the importance of restoration and our commitment to revitalize downtown Spokane.

On September 3, 1931 when the Fox opened its doors for the first time, it became an instant attraction for theater goers in Spokane and an important part of the downtown community. It opened to a sold-out crowd of 1,400 who came to see not only the beautiful new theater but also the love story "Merely Mary Ann."

The Fox was designed by noted Seattle architect Robert Reamer with the interior design by Anthony Heinsbergen. The auditorium, lobby, and mezzanine murals created the illusions of undersea worlds and forest canopies. It remains the only large Art Deco theater north of San Francisco.

The Fox Theater was in constant operation as a movie and performance theater for nearly 70 years. The theater closed its doors on Thursday, September 21, 2000 after a showing of the movie "Gladiator."

Thanks to the tireless efforts of our Spokane Community, the Spokane Symphony will now

call the Martin Woldson Theater at the Fox home. They will use the facility for their performances but the theater will also attract regional and national arts groups and performers.

I also want to recognize Miss Myrtle Woldson for her inaugural gift that helped make possible the re-opening of the Theater. It is only fitting that the theater be named for her father, Martin Woldson, whose pioneering spirit lives on in the Pacific Northwest.

Madam Speaker, I invite my colleagues to join me in celebrating the re-opening of the Fox Theater. What a thrill it will be to enjoy all it has to offer and I hope my colleagues will visit Spokane to see this magnificent piece of history.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE PASSING OF SERGEANT DANIEL L. MCCALL, UNITED STATES ARMY

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 15, 2007

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the memory of SGT Daniel McCall, United States Army. Sergeant McCall gave his life in defense of our Nation and was killed in action on October 30, 2007 in Salmen Pak, Iraq. Sergeant McCall was serving with the 1st Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, Fort Benning, Georgia.

Daniel was a 2001 Pace High School honor graduate and a star athlete. He held numerous track records, many of which still stand. In June 2004, he enlisted in the United States Army, following in his grandfather "Duke's" footsteps. Daniel excelled as an infantryman as he graduated from airborne school and was selected for Special Forces training. It was at Fort Bragg, NC that Daniel met the love of his life, Brittnay, whom he married in April 2006. He and Brittnay transferred back to Fort Benning and Daniel deployed to Iraq in March 2007. Sergeant McCall's accomplishments while serving his country include: Special Forces training, sniper school, combat life saver training, and the warrior leaders course. He received the Bronze Star Medal, Purple Heart, Combat Infantryman's Badge, Army Commendation Medal, and the Global War on Terrorism Medal, just to name a few.

Daniel's grandfather, Duke, said "Daniel was loved by all who met him, and his smile would brighten up the room." His uncle, Dr. Robin McCall said of Daniel, "He set higher goals, and he set higher standards for others to follow. He didn't accept average. He was a shining example to all."

Daniel was buried with full military honors on November 8, 2007 at Barrancas National Cemetery, Pensacola Naval Air Station. Several hundred people attended the funeral to remember this patriot—this fine soldier. While his earthly remains will be enshrined forever in Pensacola, Daniel's memory and example of selfless service will live on in the hearts of all of us in northwest Florida. I am always reminded of the greatness of our country when I meet military families like the McCalls, who supported Daniel as he volunteered to defend America.

The people of Pace have reason to be proud of Sergeant McCall, and I am humbled

to be able to represent those people. Vicki and I will keep Daniel's entire family, especially his wife, Brittnay, his mother, Petra, and his grandparents, Duke and Liane McCall, in our thoughts and prayers. I hope all the people of northwest Florida and our Nation do the same. May God bless SGT Daniel McCall and all of those who serve in our Armed Forces and defend our Nation around the globe.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 3074, TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2008

SPEECH OF

HON. TOM UDALL

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 14, 2007

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to support H.R. 3074, the FY08 Transportation and Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Bill, but to voice my concerns over the lack of a provision omitted from the final conference report.

The Conference Report before us today addresses many of the problems facing Americans today. It helps to provide affordable housing for those Americans who need it most and modernizes our transportation infrastructure to enhance safety on our Nation's roads, our railways, and airplanes. This legislation also works to ensure the viability of mass transit operations throughout the Nation, all of which are necessary to reduce traffic congestion, lessen our dependence on foreign oil, and reduce our contribution to global warming. This is a strong, essential bill, and I will be supporting its passage, but I would like to express one concern I have with the conference report.

As a way to provide Federal housing assistance to tribal members in a way that recognizes self-determination and self-government, Congress enacted the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act and as part of it, the Indian Housing Block Grant, IHBG, program. This program provides an allocation of funds on a formula to help tribes address their housing needs. Beginning in 2000, the Census allowed respondents to claim that they are American Indian Alaska Native in combination with other racial groups, or AIAN only. In response, HUD shifted the basis for the needs portion of the IHBG distribution from single-race to multi-race.

This unilateral decision by HUD to change its distribution formula has adversely impacted many of our Nation's tribes, as there was a large shift in funding among NAHASDA recipients. Compounded with the little to no funding increases that Native American housing programs have received in the past several years, tribes and their housing entities have been left without the resources they need to provide housing services for their members. This year's House passed T-HUD appropriations bill recognized that this change has adversely impacted many Native American tribes. Additionally, it directed the GAO to conduct a study to analyze the impact of these funding changes and report its findings to Congress. Unfortunately, the Conference Report removed the language requiring the study.