

HONORING COMMANDER CHARLES J. DULAY

HON. RAHM EMANUEL

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 15, 2007

Mr. EMANUEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the distinguished career of Commander Charles Dulay of the Chicago Police Department. After 39 years of honorable and dedicated service to the people of Chicago, Commander Dulay will be retiring, leaving behind a legacy of excellence and dedication.

Since assuming control of the 17th Police District in the Albany Park neighborhood, Commander Dulay has been my partner and a valued ally in helping the people of our community.

Commander Dulay began his career with the force as a part of the Special Operations and Tactical Unit, and then spent 14 years as a captain and district watch commander. Mr. Dulay was promoted to the rank of district commander of the 17th Police District on June 1, 2005.

Throughout his career, Commander Dulay's achievement and public service have been recognized by prestigious honors and awards including two department commendations, 35 honorable mentions, and a unit meritorious citation.

Commander Dulay's community commitments also extend far beyond his work for the Chicago Police force. The commander is a member of the Chicago Police Captain's Association, the Asian-American Law Enforcement Association, and National Association of Asian Law Enforcement. An academic, Mr. Dulay, who holds a master of arts in urban studies from Loyola University, also has 14 years of experience as an adjunct professor of criminal justice at Morton Community College, where he has taught Introduction to Criminal Justice as well as Criminal Procedure.

Commander Dulay has been married for 36 years to his wife, Diane, and is a grandfather of 2-year-old Tadgh. He has also spent the past 5 years perfecting his own award-winning red wine that he crafts alongside a close friend.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the Fifth Congressional District of Illinois and the people of Albany Park, I congratulate Commander Charles J. Dulay on his accomplished career and thank him for his tireless service to the people of Chicago. I wish him the best of luck and continued success in all of his future endeavors.

HONORING CHIEF JOHN KAZLAUSKAS

HON. RON LEWIS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Owensboro, KY, Police Chief John Kazlauskas, retiring later this month after 40 years of service to the Owensboro community.

Chief Kazlauskas first joined the Owensboro Police Department in 1966. During his tenure,

he has served in or supervised every division within the department. He first supervised patrol officers as captain beginning in 1983. He was appointed chief in 2002.

Chief Kazlauskas has compiled a long list of important accomplishments during his four decades of service including the development of the evidence collection unit in 1973 and the polygraph unit in 1981. During his 5 years as chief, he has worked to modernize equipment for the bomb squad and emergency response teams and oversaw efforts to install mobile data terminals in police vehicles. He also worked to improve administrative efficiency by implementing an electronic records management system.

Chief Kazlauskas has made a strong effort to involve the entire Owensboro community in crime prevention activities, creating a Citizens Advisory Panel, initiating a Crime Stoppers program, and creating a new public information officer position. These initiatives have been tremendously successful in fighting and preventing local crime.

It is my privilege to honor Chief John Kazlauskas today before the entire U.S. House of Representatives for his long and successful career in law enforcement. He has made an indelible difference to the safety and quality of life in his community. On behalf of the tens of thousands of people who live and work in Owensboro, KY, I wish Chief Kazlauskas happiness and good health in his retirement.

HONORING THE BAXTER VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 15, 2007

Mr. GORDON of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor the members of the Baxter Volunteer Fire Department for their selfless dedication and bravery in protecting our families, day and night.

The Baxter Volunteer Fire Department began in the 1950s with a donated 1947 Ford Pumper and a handful of volunteers. Currently, the department has 14 volunteers on its roster.

Without volunteer fire halls, like Baxter, many places in the Sixth District would lack effective fire protection. In the state of Tennessee, over 70 percent of fire service is provided by volunteers. Among these volunteers, almost 75 percent work other daily jobs.

Ensuring our families' safety is not without risk. Sadly, an average of two firefighters die each year in Tennessee in the line of duty. In 2005, the Tennessee Fire Services and Code Academy dedicated a memorial on their main campus in Bell Buckle to honor those Tennessee firefighters who have died in the line of duty.

For their willingness to serve, the following members of the Baxter Volunteer Fire Department deserve recognition: Chief Cris Austin, Asst. Chief Richard McBroom, Capt. Josh Herron, Capt. Fabron Nicholson, Lt. John Ramsey, Steve Warren, Bob Hicks, Joel Qualls, Jason Jones, Mike Randolph, Justin Ramsey, Shane Whitehead and Cadet Firefighters Dustin Stanton and Dusty Mahan.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF MT. HERMON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 15, 2007

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, the dedicated people of the Mt. Hermon Presbyterian Church celebrates the 150th anniversary with great joy; and

Whereas, occasions such as these illustrate to us that love mixed with grace and trust will stand the test of time; and

Whereas, it is the fond wish of this body that you will continue to present this work as a beacon for hope to the destitute and maintain your stand as a symbol to this generation that our strength lies in our gracious commitment in unity to each other in the bonds of brotherhood; now, therefore, be it

Resolved that along with his friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I commend the congregation for your unwavering commitment, recognizing that all great achievements come from great dedication. With great appreciation and respect, we recognize the tremendous impact this congregation has had in the community and in the lives of those people you have touched.

TRIBUTE TO NORCO MAYOR HARVEY C. SULLIVAN

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 15, 2007

Mr. CALVERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to an individual whose dedication and contributions to the community of Norco, California, are exceptional. Norco has been fortunate to have dynamic and dedicated community leaders who willingly and unselfishly give their time and talent and make their communities a better place to live and work. Harvey Sullivan is one of these individuals. On December 4, 2007, Harvey will be honored at a dinner in honor of his retirement from the Norco City Council.

Harvey has served on the Norco City Council for 8 years and has lived in Norco for 15 years. This year he served as mayor. Prior to being a councilmember, Harvey was an electrician. Mayor Sullivan has served on the Norco Schools Committee, Riverside County Library Taskforce, Chamber of Commerce Education Committee, CDA board member, Water Taskforce Committee, United Norconians for Life Over Alcohol and Drugs, UNLOAD Committee, Fee Study Committee for area fees, Alternate Trail Materials Committee, Beautification Committee, Riverside County Transportation Commission, Riverside Transit Agency, and the Western Riverside County Regional Wastewater Authority.

Mr. Sullivan has been a tireless advocate in promoting Norco as "Horsetown USA," was instrumental in bringing the Extreme Mustang Makeover competition to Norco in 2009, has worked with Desert Power to bring solar energy to all of Norco's major city facilities, and

has used Norco's unique lifestyle as an economic driver to promote economic development in the community. In his spare time, Harvey enjoys horseback riding, camping, fishing, and skiing.

Harvey's tireless passion for community service has contributed immensely to the betterment of the community of Norco, California. Herb has been the heart and soul of many community organizations and events and I am proud to call him a fellow community member, American, and friend. I know that many community members are grateful for his service and salute him as he retires. I wish him and his lovely wife Myron all the best.

EMPLOYMENT NON-DISCRIMINATION ACT OF 2007

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 7, 2007

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 3685) to prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation:

Ms. MCCOLLUM of Minnesota. Madam Chairman, I rise today in support of the Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA) because no American should ever fear being discriminated against in the workplace.

The Employment Non-Discrimination Act makes it illegal to fire, refuse to hire, or discriminate in any way against employees based on their sexual orientation. An employee should be judged on their qualifications and performance in the job, and only on their qualifications and performance in the job.

I am proud that as a member of the Minnesota House of Representatives, one of the first votes I cast was to ensure that every person in our State is protected from unjust discrimination regardless of race, religion, sexual orientation or gender. It is disappointing that there are still 30 States in our country where it is legal to fire someone because of their sexual orientation.

While not as comprehensive as Minnesota's civil rights law, ENDA is a good step in protecting every citizen in our country from job discrimination. H.R. 3685 simply provides basic employment protections for gay, lesbian, and bisexual workers.

This legislation addresses concerns that have been expressed by explicitly forbidding quotas or preferential treatment. It also ensures that both denominational and non-denominational religious schools and religious associations continue to have all exemptions currently allowed under the law. Further, H.R. 3685 does not change in any way the definition of marriage under Federal law.

I joined Chairman BARNEY FRANK to strike a provision regarding marriage criteria in employment, because it has no practical affect on civil rights laws and does not weaken the ability of this legislation to protect workers from being discriminated against based on sexual orientation.

Along with my colleagues, I am committed to working to protect, strengthen, and guarantee the rights of all workers in our country. I am a cosponsor of H.R. 2015, the original version of ENDA, which included protections

for gender identity. Had I had the opportunity to vote to include gender identity rights in this legislation, I would have supported it.

Current law bars employment discrimination based on race, religion, sex, national origin, age, or disability. Further, the Federal Government already prohibits discrimination based on sexual orientation. It is time to extend these protections to all Americans. I urge my colleagues to join me in voting for H.R. 3685.

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The Gordonsville Fire Department was established in 1968. Currently, the department has 19 volunteers on its roster.

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For their willingness to serve, the following members of the Gordonsville Volunteer Fire Department deserve recognition: Chief David Blessman, Asst. Chief Jonas Bullington, Capt. Danny Cowell, Lt. Aaron Sterling, Chief of Eng. Jimmy Gregory, Donnie Johnson, Matt Baker, William Vaughn, Paul Pope, Sam Bowles, Terry Fields, Jerry Cralghead, Brandon Ingram, Josh Tisdale, Scott Bennett, Josh Collins, Melvin Paultk, Cyrus Shores and Steven Gray.

RECOGNIZING GEORGE BISTIS UPON HIS UPCOMING RECEIPT OF THE 2007 GUSI PEACE PRIZE

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 15, 2007

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, the 2007 Gusi Peace Prize is to be bestowed upon George Bistis, Chief of the Greek Service, Voice of America; and

Whereas, the Gusi Peace Prize recognizes one's untiring efforts of working toward finding peaceful solutions to political and social issues through broadcast journalism; and

Whereas, the Gusi Peace Prize foundation is a nonprofit organization that annually gives awards to individuals based on their contributions to peace and human rights; and

Whereas, this honor is delivered to Mr. Bistis by The Honorable Manuel L. Morato,

President, Gusi Peace Prize Foundation, and The Honorable Barry S. Gusi, Chairman of the Board, Gusi Peace Prize Foundation; and

Whereas, Mr. Bistis' contributions to broadcast journalism have made him an example for all to emulate not only in Greece, Turkey, and the Mediterranean, but throughout the United States and the international community; and

Whereas, the ceremony to present the Gusi Peace Prize to Mr. Bistis will take place on November 21st of this year in Manila, Philippines; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that along with his peers, coworkers, associates, and the Greek-American community, I congratulate George Bistis upon his upcoming receipt of the 2007 Gusi Peace Prize.

RECOGNITION OF THE GREAT AMERICAN SMOKEOUT

HON. DIANA DEGETTE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 15, 2007

Ms. DEGETTE. Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize today as the Great American Smokeout. For 31 years, the American Cancer Society has designated this day to help smokers quit for just 1 day, in hopes that they will quit forever.

Cigarette smoking is the number one preventable cause of premature death in the United States. Every year, more than 400,000 Americans die from smoking-related illness, including cancer, cardiovascular disease, and lung disease. One in every five deaths in the United States is smoking related. If current smoking trends continue, tobacco-related deaths worldwide are predicted to double to 10 million per year by 2030.

Secondhand smoke exposure causes disease and premature death in children and adults who do not smoke. Secondhand smoke causes approximately 3,400 lung cancer deaths and 46,000 heart disease deaths in adult nonsmokers in the United States each year.

According to the U.S. Surgeon General, people who quit smoking, regardless of age, live longer than people who continue to smoke. Quitting smoking substantially decreases the risk of lung and other cancers.

Most smokers want to quit. Scientists have developed, and continue to improve, effective ways to help people quit smoking. However, these effective smoking cessation tools are not yet available to all smokers who are motivated to quit.

For years, Congress has been largely silent on the issue of combating smoking. It is time for us to refocus on this issue. I have long been involved in efforts to combat smoking and its consequences, by introducing bills to prevent youth smoking and to support tobacco cessation programs.

This year, we have an opportunity to act. Congressman HENRY WAXMAN has introduced legislation, H.R. 1108, the "Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act," to protect the public health by providing the Food and Drug Administration with authority to regulate tobacco products. I hope we will take up this bill soon in the Energy and Commerce Committee, on which I serve.