

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING GUSTAVO I. PEREA

### HON. PATRICK J. MURPHY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 4, 2007*

Mr. PATRICK J. MURPHY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Bucks County resident Gustavo I. Perea, the Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce 2008 Business Person of the Year.

Mr. Perea is a living example of the American Dream. He arrived in the United States 46 years ago from Cuba, he is a graduate of Spring Garden College and he served in the United States Navy. He and his family settled in Doylestown—in Bucks County, PA—and he has worked for Adams-Bickel Associates, one of the largest construction firms in the Philadelphia area. Today, he serves as Chief Operating Officer for Adams-Bickel.

Mr. Perea's accomplishments don't stop with his professional career. He is a true community leader, serving on the Doylestown Borough Planning Commission, the Doylestown Borough Building Code Committee and the Bucks County Historical Society Grounds and Building Committee. His more recent community work includes his involvement with the Bucks Mont Katrina Relief Project, a community organization helping flood victims in Hancock County, Mississippi.

Madam Speaker, Gustavo I. Perea is an extraordinary example of the American Dream come true. His passion for his profession and his tireless community involvement are shining examples. His work, both professionally and in the community is inspiring, and I am honored to recognize him for his many accomplishments and contributions.

IN HONOR OF MR. GREGORY  
"DON" HUNSUCKER

### HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 4, 2007*

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the distinguished career of Gregory "Don" Hunsucker. After decades of dedication to the United Food and Commercial Workers Union, Don decided to retire this past August.

Don's career in the labor movement began over 3 decades ago with the Retail Clerks International Association as a special representative and organizer. He joined the United Food and Commercial Workers Union, local 1288 in 1973 as a Union Representative and rose quickly within the organization to become president and chief executive officer in 1977.

The labor community in California's San Joaquin Valley has benefited immensely from

Don's leadership. While he was president and chief executive officer of the union, local 1288 represented over 11,000 United Food and Commercial Workers in Fresno, Kings, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, and Tulare Counties.

Presently, Don continues to be heavily involved in various local and statewide labor organizations. Some of these positions include president of the Western States Council of United Food and Commercial Workers Union, chair of the Northern California Caucus of UFCW, and chief executive officer of the Valley Economic Leadership Institute. He has also served on many civic and charitable boards.

Throughout his distinguished career, Gregory "Don" Hunsucker has proven to be a highly effective leader committed to excellence in his work and service to others. As he celebrates this milestone in his life and gets ready to spend more time with his wife Linda, I wish him good health and best wishes for the future.

RECOGNIZING JAKOB GREGORY-  
STRAMIELLO OF SPRING HILL,  
FLORIDA

### HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 4, 2007*

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Madam speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding young leader, Jakob Gregory-Stramiello, a 7th grade student at Gulf Coast Academy of Science and Technology. At 12 years old, Jakob has found a unique way to help veterans in his community and has done something that all patriotic Americans can admire; give back to the men and women who fight to preserve our rights and freedoms around the world.

This past semester, Jakob's social studies class was assigned a project inspired by the Pay It Forward Foundation. Pay it forward is a philosophy started by Catherine Ryan Hyde that claims if we help a few individuals, and they in turn help a few more individuals, pretty soon, a great many people have been helped.

Jakob was inspired by this program to take a stake in this world and change it for the better. This kind of selflessness is to be commended among young adults and is a testament to what is possible when we give children the skills and confidence they need to make a difference.

Madam Speaker, Jakob has a special place in his heart for the nation's veterans. Over the years, his family has contributed a great deal to our nation's armed forces. Both his mother and his grandfather are former service members. And for this reason, perhaps more than most, Jakob is acutely aware of the challenges faced by our returning service members.

Jakob knows that despite their limitless contributions to ensuring this nation's freedoms, veterans throughout Florida still appreciate the support of their neighbors. With the holidays right around the corner, Jacob set out to make sure he could help meet the needs of less fortunate veterans and their families.

With supplies donated by Comfort Systems Heating and Air Conditioning, and a considerable amount of time and teamwork, Jakob made angel necklaces to sell around his community. Pricing the necklaces at \$1 each, Jakob soon had enough money to make a sizable contribution to the veteran's action project of Hernando County. This veteran organization performs outstanding outreach to the veterans of Hernando County, including their drive to provide thanksgiving food baskets to local veterans who need them.

Madam Speaker, Congress should take a moment to recognize Jakob's efforts, because I believe we can all take a cue from his leadership and a lesson from his ingenuity. This remarkable young man has used the only assets at his disposal, his determination and his creativity, to provide the most he could for his fellow Americans. In doing so, Jakob Gregory-Stramiello has made a mighty difference for the veterans of Hernando County and I am grateful for his efforts.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. JAMES A.  
"PAPPY" DUNN

### HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 4, 2007*

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I respectfully ask the attention of the House today to recognize Mr. James A. "Pappy" Dunn, and his extraordinary service to our country.

Born in Georgia in 1917, James Dunn attended high school in Montgomery, AL, and graduated from Alabama State University with a degree in chemistry in 1935. During World War II, from 1942 to 1945 he served our Nation in uniform along with Allied Forces in Europe. After returning from the war, he served as a coach and principal of the Calhoun County Training School, at which he served for 47 years. In 1987, Mr. Dunn became the first African-American elected to serve as a Calhoun County Commissioner. Since then, he has established himself as a community leader dedicated to working tirelessly for the people of Calhoun County, AL.

On December 7, Mr. Dunn and his family and friends will celebrate his 90th birthday. On behalf of so many of us across east Alabama, I thank Mr. Dunn for his lifetime of service to our community and our Nation, and wish him all the best at this important milestone in his life.

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