

van Galen versus 1. Eduard Konstantinovich Rebgun, in his capacity of trustee in the bankruptcy of the legal entity under the law of the Russian Federation OAO YUKOS Oil Company, having chosen domicile at Rotterdam; 2. Leendert Jacob Hogerbrugge, Resident at Leiden; 3. Sergei Savelyevich Shmelkov, resident at Moscow (Russian Federation); defendants, procurator litis: Mr. P.N. van Regteren Altena.

Claimants jointly hereinafter to be called Godfrey et al. and separately Godfrey, Misamore and Yukos Finance. Defendants jointly hereinafter to be called Rebgun et al. and separately Rebgun, Hogerbrugge and Shmelkov. OAO Yukos Oil Company hereinafter to be called Yukos Oil.

THE DECISION

The District Court:

Passes a declaratory judgment that all Shareholders' Resolutions in regard to Yukos Finance, in so far as taken by Rebgun in his capacity of trustee of Yukos Oil, including but not limited to the decision to dismiss Godfrey and Misamore as directors of Yukos Finance B.V. dated 11 August 2006 and the alleged decisions to appoint Shmelkov and Hogerbrugge as directors of Yukos Finance, are null and void;

Passes a declaratory judgment that all decisions taken by Shmelkov and/or Hogerbrugge in their supposed capacity of directors of Yukos Finance B.V. are null and void;

Orders Rebgun to lend his immediate and unconditional cooperation to the reversal of the (consequences of the) Shareholders' Resolutions he made in Yukos Finance, subject to a penalty of 10,000 Euros for each individual violation and of 1,000 Euros for each day that such violation continues, to a maximum of 500,000 Euros;

Forbids Rebgun to exercise any rights with respect to the shares of Yukos Finance or to have these rights exercised, subject to a penalty of 10,000 Euros for each individual violation and of 1,000 Euros for each day that such violation continues, to a maximum of 500,000 Euros;

Orders Shmelkov and Hogerbrugge, both jointly and severally, to lend their immediate and unconditional cooperation to the reversal of the (consequences of the) managerial decisions taken in Yukos Finance, whether individually or jointly, subject to a penalty of 100,000 Euros for each individual violation and of 100,000 Euros for each day that such violation continues, to a maximum of 100,000 Euros;

Forbids Shmelkov and Hogerbrugge to exercise any rights with respect to their alleged representative authority in Yukos Finance or to have these rights exercised, subject to a penalty of 100,000 Euros for each individual violation and of 100,000 Euros for each day that such violation continues, to a maximum of 100,000 Euros;

Orders Rebgun, Shmelkov and Hogerbrugge jointly and severally to pay the procedural costs on the side of Godfrey et al., estimated up to this judgment at 332.87 Euros in disbursements and 1,808 Euros in local counsel's salary;

Orders Shmelkov to pay the costs incurred in connection with the Russian translation of the Writ of Summons, being 10,882.06 Euros;

Declares the aforementioned orders and injunctions as well as the orders to pay the procedural costs immediately enforceable;

Dismisses all other applications.

This judgment was passed by Mr. W. Tonkens-Gerkema, Mr. C.S. Naarden and Mr. A.W.H. Vink and delivered in open court on 31 October 2007.

HONORING THE CAREER AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF NEIL NOLF

HON. LOUISE McINTOSH SLAUGHTER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 19, 2007

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the exemplary career of Mr. Neil Nolf, a talented public servant and good friend, who is retiring at the end of the year after decades of public service at the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station. Since assuming his post as Public Affairs Officer in 1987, I have had the privilege of working with Mr. Nolf on many issues of critical importance to the residents of the 28th Congressional District of New York, especially those that involved improving the lives of the dedicated service men and women at the Air Base. His was a life dedicated to public service and his vision and leadership will be sorely missed.

Neil Nolf's life has been driven by a deep-rooted sense of commitment to his community and service to his country. Born and raised in western New York, Mr. Nolf graduated from Buffalo State College in 1975 and began work at the Social Security Administration in Buffalo. Mr. Nolf then left his home in western New York to begin work for the FBI in Washington, DC. From there, he fortunately returned to western New York to begin a very successful career at the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station. While working full time, Mr. Nolf enlisted as a reservist with the 914th Airlift Wing in 1979, discovering and honing the unique leadership skills that have come to define his lifetime of service.

Never content with settling for the status quo, as Public Affairs Officer, Mr. Nolf has been responsible for transforming the Air Reserve Station into the efficient facility that it is today. Overseeing the construction of a new training facility, an officers and airmen quarters, a military entrance processing site, and a much needed runway extension, he was able to ensure that the 914th Airlift Wing had the critical equipment and facilities required to be one of the most successful units in the country. His leadership has also been significantly tested in recent years, with the 914th Airlift Wing being the most deployed reserve unit in the Nation since the beginning of the Iraq War in 2004.

The Air Base, its surrounding communities, and indeed the Nation as a whole, owe a debt of gratitude to Mr. Nolf. His legacy will live on at the Air Base, and I look forward to seeing the Air Base continue to grow and flourish, adding much to the security and the economic viability of our Nation. I am honored today to have the opportunity to pay tribute to his service, and I wish Neil the best as he embarks on the next chapter of his storied life.

TRIBUTE TO NAPLES HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM

HON. CONNIE MACK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 19, 2007

Mr. MACK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Naples High School Football Team

for winning this year's Class 3A Florida State Championship at the Citrus Bowl last week.

Trailing 10-7 against St. Augustine, the Naples High Eagles turned an errant snap into a game-winning touchdown to win the game 17-10. The win keeps the Eagles' 15-0 season record spot-free and makes it the first undefeated season in school history.

Vince Lombardi once said, ". . . You've got to play with your heart, with every fiber of your body. If you're lucky enough to find a guy with a lot of head and a lot of heart, he's never going to come off the field second."

The young men of the Eagles Football Team have proven what Coach Lombardi said, and what he meant. Any of us who have played competitive sports understands the valuable lessons of hard work, teamwork and commitment. These memories and lessons will stay with these players for the rest of their lives and are made all the sweeter by their incredible season.

Madam Speaker, I know the people of Southwest Florida join me in offering our heartiest congratulations to the Naples High School Football Team, their coaches, students and fans. We couldn't be more proud of their accomplishments this season.

CONGRATULATING THE FOOTHILL HIGH SCHOOL AGRICULTURAL TEAM

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 19, 2007

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Foothill High School Agriculture Team of Bakersfield, California on receiving first place in the Parliamentary Procedure Event at the 80th annual National Future Farmers of America Leadership Conference.

The team defeated competition from groups representing 45 states, receiving the country's top Ag education honors. Abigail "Abby" Ryan was also named the national Outstanding Presiding President. Winning the state title earlier this year, the students went on to capture a title at the national competition.

Foothill High team members included Abigail Ryan (President), Amber Sawyer (Secretary), Vern Clark, Amanda Shuminski, Leanne Clark, and Wes Pounds. I would also like to recognize the Foothill High Agriculture Coach Josiah Mayfield.

Undoubtedly, the Parliamentary Procedure skills developed will promise success to students in years to come. Some of these skills included the ability to run orderly meetings on agricultural issues by introducing motions, debating topics and voting, demonstrating their knowledge of the principles of democratic assembly.

It gives me great pride to honor the Foothill High Ag Team and congratulate the Principal, Brenda Lewis, the Coach, Josiah Mayfield and these outstanding Ag students for receiving this distinguished award.

A TRIBUTE TO KEN REID AND
DEBRA MADISON-REID

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 19, 2007

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Ken Reid and Debra Madison-Reid. Ken and Debra have known each other their entire lives. They played together as children in the streets of Bushwick where Debra resided and where Ken would visit relatives who lived on the next street. While the two of them were enrolled in high school, Debra's family moved to the same block as Ken's best friend.

Ken and Debra lost contact after high school though Ken had made countless attempts to win the heart of his long-time friend. After high school, Ken enrolled at Hofstra University, pursuing a degree in Broadcast Engineering. Following graduation, he accepted a position at New York Telephone Company, now Verizon. The very first day he reported for work, he opened the door and saw Debra and they were once again connected. They were married in Brooklyn, New York on October 18, 1982.

Years later, Debra and Ken found themselves without a tenant for the top floor of their brownstone. With no prospects in sight, they realized they had to get creative very fast. Ken has always purchased gift certificates to area spas; meanwhile, Debra was able to persuade Ken to host several of their own spa parties at places like the Presidential Suite at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Manhattan. Eventually, they would convert the top floor of their brownstone into a day spa.

The Spa Club in Bed-Stuy opened its doors December 30, 2006 and has become a place that nourishes the mind, body, and soul. Their clients include government officials, members of the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce, members of the New Jersey Nets organization, local church congregates and other community organizations.

There are plans in the works to expand The Spa Club throughout the entire building within the next 2 years. There are also plans to have a location in the Atlantic Yards within the next 5 years.

Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize both Ken Reid and Debra Madison-Reid for their contributions to our community and providing a place for us to nourish our minds, bodies and souls after a hard day.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to this beautiful couple who have the type of story of which movies are created.

TRIBUTE TO DEPUTY JEFF WILLIAMS AND OFFICER MICHAEL KETTERER

HON. JOHN T. DOOLITTLE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 19, 2007

Mr. DOOLITTLE. Madam Speaker, on August 18, 2007, Placer County Sheriff's Deputy Jeff Williams and California Highway Patrol Officer Michael Ketterer responded to the call

of a woman who was about to commit suicide. The woman planned to jump from the Foresthill Bridge, which at 730 feet tall is the third highest bridge in the country.

Upon arrival, Deputy Williams and Officer Ketterer were met by Mr. Michael Owens, who was attempting to calm the woman until help arrived. When the officers approached the woman, they realized she had climbed over the rail of the bridge and was hanging by her hands while her feet dangled beneath her. Exhibiting extraordinary bravery, Deputy Williams reached through the rail and grabbed the woman's left arm while the two other men assisted in attempting to pull the woman to safety. In doing so, all three men risked their own lives by leaning over the side of the bridge safety rail in order to rescue the woman from certain harm.

I would like to commend Deputy Jeff Williams for his heroic efforts. A graduate of Sierra College who currently resides in Roseville, CA with his wife Maria, Deputy Williams is an asset to his community and deserves to be praised for his selflessness and bravery.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF OSSIE
DAVIS

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 19, 2007

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of Ossie Davis, an American actor, World War II veteran, writer, and civil rights activist.

Raiford Chatman Davis, better known as Ossie Davis was born on December 18, 1917 in Cogdell, Georgia as the fifth child of Laura Cooper and Kince Davis. The name Ossie derived from a pronunciation of his first and middle initials, RC.

He began studying in 1939 at Howard University, but decided to withdraw to pursue his dream of being an actor. He relocated to New York City and began acting with the Rose McClendon Players in Harlem. He served as a surgical technician for the Army during World War II from 1942 to 1945. After returning from the war, he continued to pursue his dream of acting and debuted in the 1950 film *No Way Out*. He was an exceptional actor and appeared in many movies, television shows and stage plays.

He married Ruby Ann Wallace, also known as Ruby Dee, in 1948. She was also an actress and civil rights activist. Their contribution to the civil rights movement was significant and inspiring. They played a key role in planning the historical 1963 March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom and served as emcees. They were friends of Martin Luther King, Jr., Malcolm X, and Rev. Jesse Jackson and worked side by side with them to advance the rights of African Americans. Mr. Davis had the honor of delivering the eulogy for Martin Luther King, Jr.

In 2007, their album "With Ossie and Ruby: In This Life Together," won a Grammy Award for Best Spoken Word Album. Mr. Davis passed away on February 4, 2005. His contributions to the performing arts and civil rights movement will live on for years to come.

IN RECOGNITION OF CHIEF OF POLICE RALPH MENDOZA'S OUTSTANDING SERVICE AND DEDICATION TO THE CITY OF FORT WORTH

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 19, 2007

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Fort Worth Chief of Police Ralph Mendoza. After more than 35 years with the Fort Worth Police Department, and almost eight years as the top cop, Ralph Mendoza will retire in February 2008.

During Mendoza's tenure, the city of Fort Worth saw reductions in crime and advances in technology. Serving as the first Hispanic Police Chief of Fort Worth, Mendoza is praised by other city officials, calling him an "outstanding chief" and applauding his efforts as Police Chief that led to a reduction in the crime rate for the city.

Additionally, others go on to say that Fort Worth "is indeed a better place" because of Mendoza's efforts, which helped to make the city the ninth-safest in the country.

Mendoza began his career with the Fort Worth Police Department in 1972 as part of the now-defunct cadet program. He graduated from the police academy in 1974 and later became the department's first Hispanic lieutenant, deputy chief and chief. He was appointed acting chief in August 1999, and was named Police Chief in January 2000.

I am sure the decision to retire was not an easy one for Chief Mendoza. I join his colleagues in wishing him all the best as he looks forward to spending more time with his wife, children and grandchildren.

It is with great honor that I recognize Chief Ralph Mendoza for his decades of hard work and selfless dedication given to the citizens of Fort Worth, Texas. I am proud to represent him in Washington, and his service will set a standard of devotion and true leadership, one that will never be forgotten.

SUDAN ACCOUNTABILITY AND
DIVESTMENT ACT OF 2007

SPEECH OF

HON. TOM UDALL

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 18, 2007

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, the continuing tragic situation in Darfur is an attack on humanity and I believe that Congress, that the President, that the international community, and everyone concerned about their fellow men and women has a responsibility to work toward ending this genocide.

Local and State governments around this Nation are expressing their outrage over the ongoing genocide, as they should be. S. 2271 encourages these actions by allowing these governments to divest from companies that continue their financial ties with Sudan. As we support these communities as they take a stand, it is vital that the Federal Government do so as well. S. 2271 provides this support by barring Federal contracts with companies doing business with the Sudanese government.