

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

PAYING TRIBUTE TO FRED GUTIERREZ

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 12, 2007

Mr. PORTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Fred Gutierrez who has diligently served the Las Vegas community for 36 years as a Metropolitan Police Officer.

Fred Gutierrez was the longest-serving police officer with the Metropolitan Police Department. Fred was one of seven current officers who worked for the Las Vegas Police Department or Clark County Sheriff's Department before they consolidated in 1973. Fred was dedicated to serving the public and found his efforts could best be put to use by moving from the traffic section in 1977 to patrolling the Las Vegas valley's roadways and investigating accidents. It was there that he felt he could accomplish the most and spent the next 24 years in this division. In 2001, he moved to the agency's DUI detail to help research the criminal background of those arrested for driving under the influence.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor Fred Gutierrez. His commitment to protecting the Las Vegas Metropolitan community and exemplary record of service is admirable. He serves as an example to all of us and I wish him the best in his retirement.

ESTABLISHING THE HOUSE DEMOCRACY ASSISTANCE COMMISSION FOR THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH CONGRESS

HON. SILVESTRE REYES

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. REYES. Madam Speaker, I rise in strong support of H. Res. 24, establishing the House Democracy Assistance Commission for the One Hundred Tenth Congress.

The House Democracy Assistance Commission's mission is to strengthen democratic institutions around the world by fostering working relationships with emerging or existing democracies and providing expert insight into the democratic process. Members of Congress, key staff, and Congressional support agencies meet with selected legislative leaders from around the world to offer assistance that will enhance accountability, transparency, legislative independence, and government oversight in foreign parliaments.

We are in unprecedented times, and today the mission of the House Democracy Assistance Commission is especially vital. Promoting democracy throughout the world is essential to our Nation's immediate and long-term security, and to the future of our global community. As a member of the House Democracy Assistance Commission from its in-

ception in 2005 through the conclusion of the 109th Congress, I know the profound effect these interactions have in the precious development of democratic governance in some of the world's fledgling democracies.

Madam Speaker, I have witnessed firsthand the good that can come from the House Democracy Assistance Commission, and I ask that all my colleagues join me in supporting H. Res. 24.

RECOGNIZING THE WORK AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF MR. BRITT "MAX" MAYFIELD, DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL HURRICANE CENTER'S TROPICAL PREDICTION CENTER UPON HIS RETIREMENT

SPEECH OF

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 7, 2007

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to honor the years and extraordinary work by Britt "Max" Mayfield the Director of the National Hurricane Center's Tropical Prediction Center. His work has been invaluable to the State of Texas and this Nation.

Mr. Mayfield has played a key role in forecast and service improvements for over 33 years.

A Fellow of the American Meteorological Society, he has lectured in the United Nations' World Meteorological Organization sponsored training sessions, and provides numerous works for the worldwide media.

In 1996, Britt "Max" Mayfield was honored by the American Meteorological Society with the Francis W. Reichelderfer Award for an exemplary work as the coordinator of the National Hurricane Center.

His calm voice but unwavering strength has guided Florida and million others through some of the worst hurricane seasons in the history of the United States and has helped saved millions of American lives.

In the wake of Hurricane Katrina, Mayfield was summoned to testify at six congressional hearings.

He and his staff won numerous praises for their efforts to alert the people of Louisiana and Tennessee.

As he leaves the Hurricane Center's Tropical Prediction Center, he continues to serve his nation and the world. Mayfield is the current member chairman of the World Meteorological Organization's Regional Association—IV, which supports 26 members from Atlantic and eastern Pacific countries.

Therefore Mr. Speaker, I rise with great pleasure to honor Britt "Max" Mayfield.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO LARRY RUVO

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 12, 2007

Mr. PORTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Larry Ruvo, founder of the Keep Memory Alive Foundation and the Lou Ruvo Brain Institute.

Larry Ruvo is a pillar in the Las Vegas community. He is a business leader and philanthropist with an extraordinary commitment to improving the world around him. Larry is senior managing partner of Southern Wines and Spirits and has contributed in a number of ways to Southern Nevada. Larry spearheaded the establishment of UNLVino wine tasting, America's largest single-day wine tasting charitable event, raising millions of dollars for the students of the William F. Harrah College of Hotel Administration at UNLV. Larry is also a founding member of the Young Presidents' Organization, Nevada Chapter and a member of the World Presidents' Organization, as well as a board member of the Nevada Ballet Dance Theater and the American Gaming Association. For his efforts, Larry has been recognized as Man of the Year by the Muscular Dystrophy Association and received Man of the Year honors from the University of Nevada Las Vegas and the Food and Beverage Directors Association.

Although all of these accomplishments have contributed immensely to the enrichment of the southern Nevada community, Larry Ruvo's vision and commitment to fighting Alzheimer's disease is perhaps his most important contribution. After experiencing the devastating loss of his father, Lou Ruvo, to Alzheimer's disease, Larry worked with members of our community as well as prominent members of the medical community to found the Keep Memory Alive Foundation to raise funds for the Lou Ruvo Brain Institute. Since its founding, the Keep Memory Alive Foundation has become one of Las Vegas's most important charity initiatives and a key participant in the Nation's fight against Alzheimer's disease. As a result of the foundation's proactive mission to fight neurological diseases, the Keep Memory Alive Foundation has raised more than \$20 million and recruited leading specialists to become a part of this vital project. This month, the foundation will break ground on the Lou Ruvo Brain Institute, which will become an incredible force for researching and developing new treatments for neurological diseases including Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, and Huntington's diseases.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor Larry Ruvo. Through a number of endeavors he has greatly enriched the lives of those in the Las Vegas community. I commend his efforts in the fight against Alzheimer's and other neurological diseases. I express my sincerest gratitude for his vision and his commitment to this important cause and I congratulate him on the opening of the Lou Ruvo Brain Institute.

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