

TRIBUTE TO WILLIAM J. FRAWLEY

**HON. BRIAN HIGGINS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 22, 2008*

Mr. HIGGINS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the loss of one of Buffalo's finest public servants with the passing of William J. Frawley, a 39-year member of the Buffalo Police Department, on the 4th of July.

Inspector Frawley demonstrated his commitment to our country at an early age when he enlisted in the U.S. Army at age 17 where he fought in Italy, France, Germany and Austria while serving with the 36th Infantry Division.

As a veteran of World War II, he returned home to begin another chapter of service to his fellow citizens when he joined the Buffalo Police Department in 1947. Rising through the ranks, Bill Frawley personified professional standards and a strong sense of humanity as he rose through the ranks as a patrolman, lieutenant, captain and inspector. His calm and conscientious manner was especially needed when he oversaw the 911 operations during the Blizzard of 1977 as head of the Division of Administration and Communications.

Known as a "cop's cop," Inspector Frawley will be remembered in the words offered by Chief of Detectives Dennis Richards who called Bill a decent, compassionate leader and a mentor to future generations who lived by his own credo, "never asked someone to do something that you yourself would not do."

As his sister, Kathleen, noted in the Buffalo News, he was a humble man of integrity who "was tireless in his job. He did it because he loved it." He also valued education returning to college where he earned a bachelor's degree in political science from the University at Buffalo in the 1970's.

Though he retired in 1986, Inspector Frawley's legacy continued on through his design of the Buffalo Police Reorganization Plan which consolidated the city's 14 precincts into five districts. It was after his retirement that I became most familiar with his vision and management skills as I took up the challenge of implementing the plan during my tenure as a member of the Buffalo Common Council. The first consolidated district would eventually become a reality in my home district in South Buffalo.

And South Buffalo was also Bill's home where young children would knock on the Frawley family door on Pomona Place for words of praise for improved report cards and special treats for special occasions. He was a strong, generous and faithful member of St. Teresa's Parish and in his later years, St. Agatha's Church. His service to others extended to giving of himself as he donated blood to the Roswell Park Cancer Institute Plasmapheresis Center nearly 600 times.

His life story began a new chapter when he married Joan Haltam in 1982 and for the next 22 years, the Inspector became a loving, caring husband and stepfather until her death in 2004. His devotion to his stepchildren, Joseph, Karen and Michael, never wavered.

Madam Speaker, please join me in expressing our deepest sympathy to his beloved sister, Kathleen, and his stepchildren for their loss and our most sincere appreciation for the life of William J. Frawley. We are grateful for his lifelong example, both professionally and

personally, of selfless public service, integrity, faith and dedication to family and community.

## TRIBUTE TO UNITED WAY OF HUDSON COUNTY

**HON. ALBIO SIRE**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SIRE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to highlight the good work of the United Way of Hudson County in the 130th District of New Jersey, which I have the honor of representing in Congress. The United Way of Hudson County has a distinguished history of working with its partners to help the homeless in Hudson County. Hudson County has about 300 chronic homeless and another 2,700 people who are in and out of homelessness, representing nearly 1 percent of the residents in our community.

I would like to highlight just a few of the good things the United Way of Hudson County is doing in my district. They are responsible for providing funding to many social services agencies working with the homeless, including a Bayonne facility for homeless men, a program for the elderly in Jersey City, a training program for 59 shelter residents, housing for Hudson County individuals with HIV/AIDS, meals, transitional housing, a soup kitchen, and educational services for homeless persons. In 2005, the United Way of Hudson County created an Emergency Shelter System for the Homeless that was widely honored by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the State of New Jersey, and the State Association of Community Development Directors. In 2006, the United Way of Hudson County was awarded the county's first "Housing First" grant for \$1.2 million from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. This grant provided housing and social services for 26 disabled individuals. Their Housing First focus, championed by the United Way of Hudson County and County Executive Tom DeGise, will provide housing, hope, and a better future for the homeless of Hudson County.

Please join me in honoring the United Way of Hudson County as we celebrate their good work at the Second Annual New Jersey Congressional Reception on July 30, 2008.

## INTRODUCTION OF THE FDIC FLEXIBILITY ACT OF 2008

**HON. DAVID DREIER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DREIER. Madam Speaker, all of us are watching the news, concerned about the economy and our financial markets. The regulators of our financial services companies, the Federal Reserve, the SEC, and the banking regulators are all using the tools they have at their disposal to make sure small investors and depositors are as safe as possible in this environment.

Among the most important duties that fall to our banking regulators is the protection of deposits. Average families and small business

owners alike all depend on the Federal safety net to ensure that their savings are safe. Sometimes, ensuring the safety of those deposits requires regulators to step in when a bank or thrift becomes insolvent. For instance, in my own district, I have nearly 10,000 IndyMac depositors. The FDIC acted quickly to resolve this institution and is running it until that bank can either be returned to business as a safe institution, or its assets, including the deposits, can be transferred to a stronger financial institution that can meet the demands of its depositors.

While Congress has taken steps over the past several years to ensure that the deposit insurance system is strong—and it is—the IndyMac situation demonstrates that every bank failure is different. Therefore, the regulators need as much flexibility as possible to ensure that they can respond to whatever the market throws at them.

That is why today I am introducing the "FDIC Flexibility Act of 2008." After talking with the widely respected Bill Seidman, the chairman of the FDIC during much of the response to the savings and loan crisis, I believe that some well-intentioned provisions of the law may actually make the FDIC's job of resolving troubled institutions harder, not easier.

The bill will repeal the "low cost solution" provisions which require the FDIC to always choose the solution with the lowest cost to the banking fund when resolving an institution. The problem is that what might be a low cost solution for a particular institution might not always be the best or fastest way to ensure that depositors have access to their funds. If depositors can't get access to their money, this can cause a crisis of confidence in the entire banking system, and put other institutions in jeopardy people start runs on banks.

Sometimes, the best way to resolve an institution may not be the absolute cheapest—such as selling the failed institution to a stronger bank at a discount—but it will increase confidence and stability in the banking system as a whole, and reduce exposure over the long-term.

I don't believe that this is the silver bullet to resolve every crisis we're facing, nor is it the only answer to the problems of resolving failed banks. But I think we need to have the discussion about what kinds of tools our regulators need, and with an advocate as widely respected as Chairman Seidman, this is a good place to start.

## HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF PAUL J. KOESSLER

**HON. BRIAN HIGGINS**

OF NEW YORK

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Mr. HIGGINS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Paul J. Koessler, a tireless civic leader, generous philanthropist, and devout Western New Yorker. Paul's service and commitment to Buffalo has left a long enduring impact on our community, and he will be sorely missed.

A Harvard Business School graduate and successful businessman, Paul never forgot his roots and always remembered the importance of giving back to the community he called

home. In 1980, Paul joined his brother, John W. "Jack" Jr., CEO of Greater Buffalo Press, to serve as company president and COO of the largest printer of Sunday comics in the world and a leader in advertising insert printing. Greater Buffalo Press has seven plants in the United States as well as one in Canada, and, at one point, had 2,100 employees. In 1989 Paul moved to Nashville to serve as vice chairman of Sullivan Graphics, only to return to Buffalo in the 1990's. With Paul's increasing success in business, he gave back to his community. In 2006, his philanthropic foundation gave 40 grants worth close to \$300,000 to Western New York charities, churches, and schools, and he led a \$20 million dollar fundraising campaign for Canisius High School, where he graduated from in 1955.

Paul also served on the boards of the Buffalo & Erie County Historical Society, Buffalo Venture, Buffalo Niagara Partnership, Contract Staffing, Dunn Tire Corp, Hauptman-Woodward Medical Research Institute, Roswell Park Alliance Foundation, Sisters Hospital Foundation, WNED, and Canisius High School. Paul was also chairman of the board of trustees at Canisius College and received the school's Board of Regents Distinguished Citizen Achievement Award for his significant contributions to the Western New York community.

Paul's role as chairman of the Peace Bridge Authority was a recent testament to his great leadership in Buffalo. Three governors, both Republican and Democratic, have named Paul to the Peace Bridge Authority over the years. Paul's respectful manner, integrity, genuine character, and tenacious spirit made him a great champion for progress in Buffalo. Paul Koessler was widely respected because he was always respectful—to anyone and everyone he came in contact with. Paul was a strong and effective advocate for groundbreaking projects important to Western New York and will be especially missed as a leader and a partner in the effort to construct a new Peace Bridge.

Madam Speaker, Paul Koessler was a dedicated leader and beloved man who cherished his community. His legacy in Western New York is invaluable and enduring. My thoughts and prayers are with his wife, Niscah, and children, Susan, Joanne, Lana, Gretchen, Joe, Eric, Kimberly, Robert, Theodore, and Brian. I thank you for joining me in expressing to the Koessler family the deepest condolences of the House for their loss.

IN RECOGNITION OF KIMBERLY ALLEN

**HON. STEVEN R. ROTHMAN**

OF NEW JERSEY

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Mr. ROTHMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the outstanding contributions and dedication of my communications director, Kimberly Allen, as she leaves to relocate to Richmond, Virginia with her husband, Tom Emswiler. Kimberly has been on my staff for more than 2½ years, and during that time she has demonstrated extraordinary talent, grace under pressure, and the highest ethical and professional standards as my public spokesperson. She has also done a superb job han-

dling the inquiries my office has received from national, State, and local media outlets. Kimberly has a true gift with words, is steadfastly loyal, and embodies the very spirit of teamwork.

Kimberly grew up in Annandale, Virginia and attended Annandale High School. She later attended Boston University's College of Communication and graduated with a bachelor of science in Communication in 2002. Before joining my office, Kimberly worked at the American Association of Colleges of Nursing as their communications assistant and webmaster. She later served as the communications and production manager for the Association of Trial Lawyers of America. Her previous experience served her well and helped make her a very effective communications director.

In addition to serving long hours as the brilliant spokesperson for my office, Kimberly is extremely involved in community activities and volunteers to help those who are less fortunate. Since 2002, she has annually prepared tax forms at weekend clinics for those who are not able to afford private assistance with their income taxes. She has also volunteered at "We Are Family," which provides groceries to families in need, since 2007.

Madam Speaker, over the past 2½ years, my office has come to know Kimberly Allen well and we will remember her as a conscientious and dedicated colleague, a gifted writer with a great sense of humor, and a loyal friend to her fellow coworkers. She has been a passionate advocate for protecting the freedom of the press, immigration reform, and human rights. Throughout her tenure with my office, Kimberly has provided me with good counsel and effective communication to the people of New Jersey. She has my deep respect and appreciation for all of the contributions she has made to my office and the work she has done. I wish Kimberly the very best and know that she has a bright future ahead of her.

COMMEMORATING THE TURKISH INVASION OF CYPRUS

**HON. NITA M. LOWEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 22, 2008*

Mrs. LOWEY. Madam Speaker, today, we sadly commemorate the 34th anniversary of the Turkish occupation of Cyprus. Over a third of a century ago, more than 200,000 Cypriots were driven from their homes and forced to live under foreign occupation. The legacy of this occupation still weighs heavily on the northern third of the island, which remains occupied by Turkish troops. In fact, the Turkish-Cypriot Administered North Cyprus has the dubious distinction of being one of the most militarized areas in the world, with nearly one Turkish soldier for every two Turkish Cypriot.

A devastating consequence of the Turkish invasion of Cyprus is the tragic humanitarian problem of missing persons. Today, there are more than 1,400 Greek Cypriots still missing as well as four missing Americans. A series of UN Security Council and General Assembly resolutions condemn Turkey's invasion and call for the tracing of missing persons. As we mark the 34th year of Turkey's invasion of Cyprus, I encourage all governments involved to

adhere to humanitarian principles and international practices regarding the effective investigation of the whereabouts of missing persons.

While we commemorate the past and our hearts go out to those suffering continuing hardship due to missing loved ones. Positive steps underway could lead to a brighter future for all Cypriots. We are encouraged that, for the first time in five years, both sides are engaging in constructive dialogue. Since March, leaders from the South and North have taken positive steps towards reunification and have met three times. I urge both sides to continue this positive discourse including at a meeting this Friday. I sincerely hope a solution to the Cyprus issue will soon be reached to reuniting the island under a government that safeguards human rights, completes the investigation into the whereabouts of missing persons, and respects the fundamental freedoms of the people as a whole.

TRIBUTE TO ROGER TORY PETERSON

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Mr. HIGGINS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the legacy of Roger Tory Peterson (1908–1996) and the centennial celebration that will be held at the Roger Tory Peterson Institute in Jamestown, NY from August 2008–August 2009.

Roger Tory Peterson was America's most prominent ornithologist and bird artist in the 20th century. Many people have regarded him as being a modern day John James Audubon who introduced millions of people to the joys of bird watching.

Not only was Peterson a world renowned ornithologist, but also photographer, film maker, writer and lecturer as well. Additionally to his credit, his Field Guide to the Birds has sold five million copies in five editions since 1934, and was selected by the New York Public Library as one of the 100 most important books of the 20th century. This book was so successful that it led to an entire series of Peterson Field Guides to be developed. Peterson released 50 titles covering practically every aspect of the natural world. This launched a career that made him the most prominent and honored naturalist of our time.

For 60 years Peterson wrote and spoke about, illustrated, filmed and photographed the natural world. His articles, photographs and illustrations appeared not only in widely known magazines such as Life and National Geographic but also in a variety of other popular magazines. This allowed the public to become aware and appreciate nature through his work.

Peterson worked tirelessly in defense of the natural world. He was very outspoken and as a result he helped see through the passage of crucial environmental legislation such as the National Environmental Policy Act and the ban on DDT. He was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1980 and was twice nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize, received 23 Honorary Doctorates and scores of other honors including the John Burroughs Award for Nature Writing, the Conservation Medal of the National Audubon Society, Conservation