

IN HONOR OF THE OBSERVER-
REPORTER'S 200TH ANNIVERSARY**HON. JOHN P. MURTHA**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 30, 2008

Mr. MURTHA. Madam Speaker, on August 15 of this year, the Observer-Reporter will celebrate its 200th anniversary of providing accurate and reliable news to the people of Southwestern Pennsylvania.

In 1808, printers William Sample and William B. Brown were on their way to Kentucky when they stopped in The Sign of the Swan Tavern in the small village of Washington, Pennsylvania. There, they were convinced to set up shop, and on August 15, 1808, The Reporter, a weekly newspaper, was born. Ownership of the paper, as well as its name, changed hands over the next century, until John L. (Jack) Stewart and George E. Acheson formed the Observer Publishing Company on July 24, 1902.

Acheson retired in 1912, turning over ownership and the presidency to Stewart. When Stewart died in 1940, the company was turned over to his wife, Margaretta. Her grandsons John L.S. and William B. Northrop became co-owners and president and vice president, respectively, following her death in May 1966.

In 1967, the Observer Publishing Company merged its morning paper, The Washington Observer, and its afternoon paper, The Washington Reporter, into the Observer-Reporter.

Over the last three decades, the Observer Publishing Company acquired additional newspapers throughout Washington and Greene Counties. On April 17, 2000, John and Bill Northrop's sons, Tom and Bill Jr., became co-publishers of the company. Tom became sole publisher and president of the Observer Publishing Company in 2004.

Madam Speaker, today the Observer Publishing Company is one of the largest employers in Washington County. Their talented and hardworking staff produces a daily paper that reaches tens-of-thousands of subscribers in Southwestern Pennsylvania. The company is active in both the local community and the newspaper industry. I would like to acknowledge and congratulate the award-winning Observer-Reporter for printing a quality news product that has been part of Southwestern Pennsylvania since 1808.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 30, 2008

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, due to personal reasons on Tuesday July 29, 2008 I missed rollcall votes 534, 535, and 536. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on all three votes.

TRIBUTE TO ROBERT ANDERSON

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 30, 2008

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the American Culinary Federation 2008 Central Region Educator of the Year, Robert Anderson of Des Moines Area Community College.

Robert is the program chair of the Culinary Arts and Hospitality Careers program and Executive Chef at DMACC. He is a certified executive chef and certified culinary educator. Robert is a member of the Honorary Order of the Golden Toque, one of only 99 such chefs in the United States. Robert trained at the Culinary Institute of America (CIA) and worked in several quality restaurants across the country before joining DMACC to develop the culinary program in 1974. Robert was also selected as DMACC's Distinguished Teacher of the Year in 2000 and is a two-time recipient of the ACF Greater Des Moines Culinary Association Chef of the Year Award.

I consider it a great honor to represent Robert Anderson in the United States Congress. The expertise he brings to Central Iowa is certainly valued and I wish Robert the best as he continues serving Iowa and DMACC in the culinary profession.

HONORING THE CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY OF SOUTH BEND, INDIANA

HON. JOE DONNELLY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 30, 2008

Mr. DONNELLY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Christ Child Society of South Bend, an all-volunteer organization that has served the community for over 60 years. In 1947, a group of women gathered in the home of founder Puddy Crowley to make baby clothes for a few needy families. Since then, the Christ Child Society has grown to a membership of over 500 and a client list of over 4,000 at-risk children and is one of the largest and most active of the 41 chapters in the United States.

The South Bend chapter is an affiliate of the National Christ Child Society, founded in 1887 by Mary Virginia Merrick in Washington, DC. An invalid, Miss Merrick turned her attention from her disability to helping the poor children of Washington. For her selfless work she received the Laetare Medal from the University of Notre Dame and the Papal Cross, among other honors, and has been declared a "Servant of God," the first step toward canonization.

Following the model of Miss Merrick, the South Bend Chapter gives infants, born to needy mothers who are often just children themselves, a bountiful layette containing items such as blankets, clothing and baby items. Children, ages one through twelve, are referred by local agencies, churches, or schools to receive new winter clothing. Each child receives a wardrobe which includes a winter coat, hat, mittens, underwear, socks and shoes, and two outfits.

The Christ Child Society expanded its services to include a project that provides

backpacks containing necessities and comfort items for children removed from homes due to abuse and neglect. Volunteers from the Christ Child Society are tutors and mentors and act as classroom helpers at one of the neediest schools in South Bend.

The increased need for clothing and the expansion of services led the Christ Child Society to move to its new location, a former school which has been filled to capacity with children's clothing. The dedication of the new clothing center marks a new chapter in the history of this vital and compassionate organization.

The Christ Child motto is "Challenging poverty, one child at a time." The dedicated members work tirelessly at purchasing, sorting, and distributing clothes and fundraising while demonstrating genuine love and concern for the children they serve. The self-esteem and joy brought to the children is one step out of the cycle of poverty.

So, today, on behalf of the citizens of Indiana's Second District, I honor the members of the Christ Child Society of South Bend and extend my hope for a better life to the children they serve.

CONGRATULATING THE PARTICIPANTS OF THE HOUSE FELLOWS PROGRAM

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 30, 2008

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the participants of the House Fellows Program. As an initiative of the Office of the Historian, this program is a unique opportunity for a select group of secondary education teachers of American history and government to experience firsthand how Congress really works. They were chosen because they are educators with demonstrated excellence in the classroom.

One of the goals of the program is to develop curricular materials on the history and practice of the House for use in schools. Each Fellow will prepare his or her brief lesson plan on a Congressional topic of their choosing, and these plans will become part of a teaching resource database on the House. During the school year following their participation in the House Fellows Program, each Fellow will have the responsibility to present their experiences and lesson plans to at least one in-service institute for teachers of history and government.

Since the House Fellows Program beginning in 2006, 49 teachers from around the country have participated in this innovative program. With plans to select a teacher from every congressional district over the next several years, the House Fellows Program will be able to impact thousands of high school teachers and their students, providing an inside account of how the House of Representatives functions, energizing thousands of students to become informed and active citizens. As a former teacher, I know that civic education is essential. We must continue our efforts to get our young people involved in the political process, not only in my congressional district but in districts across the country. Educating teachers about the "People's House" is one of the best ways to do that.

Among the teachers who are participating this week, I am pleased to welcome Ms. Lyntonia Coston of the Brooklyn Arts and Media High School. I know that all Members will join me in congratulating Ms. Coston and all the teachers who are participating in the 5th session of the House Fellows Program.

Ms. Lynda Good, William A. Shine Great Neck South High School, Great Neck, New York (Ackerman, NY05); Ms. Brooke Goldstein, Francis Marion Military Academy, Ocala, Florida (Stearns, FL06); Ms. Cari Gray, New Braunfels High School, New Braunfels, Texas (Smith, TX21); Ms. Monica Hiranandani, St. Bonaventure High School, Ventura, California (Gallegly, CA24); Ms. Heather Ihde, Riverdale High School, Murfreesboro, Tennessee (Gordon, TN06); Ms. Alma Ortiz, Homer Hana High School, Brownsville, Texas (Ortiz, TX27); Michael Tucker, Ewing High School, Ewing, New Jersey (Smith, NJ04).

Madam Speaker, I would like to urge all of my colleagues to join me in thanking the Office of the Historian for sponsoring this program. Under the leadership of Dr. Remini and Dr. Fred Beuttler, along with their staff; Michael Cronin, Anthony Wallis, Andrew Dodge, and Dr. Charles Flanagan; interns George Dise, Parker Williams, and Mike Ferrin; the Office of the Historian is dedicated to conserving and presenting the history of the House of Representatives, the "People's House."

HONORING THE SERVICE OF PASQUALE N. "PAT" SALVE

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 30, 2008

Mr. GERLACH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a dedicated public servant who is retiring after a 21-year career as a letter carrier with the Chester Springs Post Office in Chester County, Pennsylvania.

Pasquale N. Salve was known to those on his daily route as "Pat." Co-workers described Pat as a gregarious individual who would stop to chat with residents and check in on senior citizens while making his rounds.

On Christmas Day, co-workers said Pat would stop by the Chester Springs Post Office to see if any last-minute packages needed to be delivered in time for holiday celebrations. In another example of his selfless dedication to the residents along his route, Pat would often volunteer to deliver parcels on his way home after his regular shift ended.

It often has been said of letter carriers that neither rain, nor heat, nor gloom of night stays these couriers from the swift completion of their appointed rounds. Pat Salve exemplified this work ethic each day while serving the public with pride. Colleagues will acknowledge Pat's contributions to the community during a small celebration on July 31, 2008 at the Chester Springs Post Office.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me today in praising the outstanding service of Pasquale N. "Pat" Salve and all public servants who go beyond what is expected to serve their communities.

CONGRATULATING WKRG-TV 5 REPORTER TIFFANY CRAIG ON RECEIVING A 2008 EDWARD R. MURROW AWARD

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 30, 2008

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, it is with both pride and pleasure that I rise today to honor Tiffany Craig, a WKRG-TV5 special assignment reporter, for receiving a 2008 Edward R. Murrow award.

A native of Scotland, Tiffany finished high school in Houston, Texas, and went on to study radio, television, and film at Sam Houston State University. Her celebrated career began at KTRK in Houston, Texas. From there, she went to work for KVII in Amarillo, Texas, and then to WBMA in Birmingham, Alabama, before joining Mobile's WKRG-TV5 in 2002.

Last year, Alabama landed one of the largest private industrial development projects in the United States, ThyssenKrupp's new \$3.7 billion state-of-the-art steel manufacturing and processing facility, and Tiffany traveled to Germany to report from the company's headquarters. She traveled across the Atlantic once again to cover the Air Force tanker competition from the Paris Air Show.

Alabama's First Congressional District and indeed the state of Alabama have been blessed with one good news economic announcement after another over the past 18 months. Tiffany and WKRG have provided widespread coverage of each of the recent economic developments for the city of Mobile. This documentary, "Mobile's Makeover," earned reporter Tiffany Craig, editor Ed Smith, photographer Jud Holson, and producer Jennifer Dale a national 2008 Edward R. Murrow Award.

Honoring outstanding achievements and excellence in electronic journalism, the Murrow Awards are given by the Radio-Television News Directors each year. This year, the Murrow Award was given to 54 news organizations representing networks, cable channels, and television stations.

Madam Speaker, Tiffany Craig's career has already been filled with much achievement, and I rise today to honor yet another of these achievements—a national 2008 Edward R. Murrow Award. May she continue to inform and inspire the people of south Alabama. I know her colleagues, her family, and her many friends join with me in praising her significant accomplishments and a job well done.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY COE HAMLING

HON. TOM PRICE

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 30, 2008

Mr. PRICE of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a dear friend and a special American on the occasion of his 90th birthday.

Worthy Coe Hamling was born on August 2, 1918 on the plains of South Dakota. Armed with nothing more than the dogged determination, rugged individualism and unbending family loyalty forged by a birth attended only by

his mother and God, Coe embodies the great-est qualities of America.

It was at Hamlyn University in Minnesota that he met his loving wife of 66 years, Betty. His embrace of freedom, family, and the sanctity of every human being is balanced by his unyielding sense of responsibility and self-reliance. Living in Roswell, GA, Coe proudly anchors a family of five children, ten grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, I know the entire House of Representatives joins me in extending a hearty, happy 90th birthday to Coe Hamling—an American treasure!

HONORING ANTHONY RICCIO FOR HIS OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE COMMUNITY

HON. ROSA L. DELAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 30, 2008

Ms. DELAURO. Madam Speaker, today, as the Societa' Santa Maria Maddalena marks its 110th Anniversary, New Haven's Italian-American community also gathers to honor one of its most outstanding citizens, celebrated author and community leader, Anthony Riccio. It is my privilege to rise today to join them in recognizing Anthony for his many outstanding contributions to our community.

Since I was a child, Societa' Santa Maria Maddalena—and all of the Italian societies—have been a part of my life. People across the country struggle to create a sense of community, a sense of belonging. The Italian societies have played an important role in forging strong bonds in our community and have been charged with both preserving and celebrating our rich heritage and strong traditions. Perhaps most important was the support that they provided to families and those newly immigrating to America. Society members helped them to find employment and housing, educate themselves and their children, to become productive and active members of the community, giving them a voice and the opportunity to realize the American Dream. It has been through that sense of community—that extended family—that Italian-Americans have flourished and generation after generation share a special pride in their Italian roots.

Each year, the Societa' Santa Maria Maddalena honors an individual whose contributions to the community have furthered this mission. Anthony Riccio has most certainly done much to capture and record the history of the Italian-American experience, particularly in New Haven. His passion for culture and tradition began as a child. As so many of us did, Anthony would spend many hours with his grandmother and she would often receive letters from her family still in Italy. Anthony vividly recounts his memories of their walks through the neighborhood to find someone who could translate them. His enthusiasm and desire to understand Italian culture and history only grew as he got older.

As an undergraduate Anthony was given an opportunity that would later provide inspiration for his work as an author. Anthony spent two summers studying art history in Italy and traveled to southern Italy to find his family. As he traveled to the village of his ancestors, he marveled at the similarities between the villages and towns of Italy and that of his own