

CHEMUNG CANAL TRUST
COMPANY**HON. JOHN R. "RANDY" KUHLMAN, JR.**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 10, 2008

Mr. KUHLMAN of New York. Madam Speaker, in the fall of 1833, the Chemung Canal Trust Company opened its doors to the public and has continued to serve the Chemung community through banking, loans, and investment opportunities.

Over the last 175 years Chemung Canal Trust Company has continued to grow and now includes three of the counties that I represent in 29th district of New York including Chemung, Schuyler, and Steuben counties.

From providing the funds for a family to purchase their dream home to allocating loans so a student can pursue a higher education degree, Chemung Canal Trust has made a difference in New York for 175 years. And through the last 175 years, they have not lost their commitment and dedication to this community.

I want to congratulate all of the employers, patrons, and everyone associated with Chemung Canal Trust Company for this amazing accomplishment. I know that this company will flourish for another 175 years and will continue to be a strong contributor to the people of my district and to businesses in New York.

TRIBUTE TO CHIEF RICHARD
GONZALES**HON. KEN CALVERT**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CALVERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to an individual whose dedication and contributions to the city of Corona, California are exceptional. Corona has been fortunate to have dynamic and dedicated community leaders who willingly and unselfishly give their time and talent and make their communities a better place to live and work. Corona Police Chief Richard Gonzales is one of these individuals. On September 12, 2008, Richard Gonzales will retire as the Corona Chief of Police.

A native Californian, born in Los Angeles, Richard makes his home in Corona with his wife Terry. Richard was sworn in as Corona's Police Chief on February 17, 1998. Previously, he spent 26 years the Los Angeles Police Department, beginning in 1972 as a patrol officer and retiring in 1998 as Captain III overseeing a staff of 170 at Hollenbeck Division. Prior to this he was the commanding officer of the 77th Street area.

Chief Gonzales holds a Master of Arts Degree in Public Administration and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice, both from Cal State Long Beach. He is a graduate of the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia and in 2001 he attended the FBINA LEEDS Training. He has attained an "Executive" POST Certificate. He previously taught a POST supervisory course at the Ben Clark Training Center in Riverside for the Sheriff's Department and a POST supervisory LDSP course at Golden West College.

During his tenure as Chief of Police for the city of Corona, Gonzales oversaw the growth of the department from 114 officers to 189 officers. In addition, he advocated for the acquisition of a mobile command post, computers for patrol cars and an indoor shooting range that is 25 lanes wide. Chief Gonzales has been an excellent public servant who has consistently provided for the safety and well-being of the community of Corona.

Chief Gonzales is also actively involved in community youth activities as a board member of UNITY. His hobbies include golf and jogging and he is a member of his department's Baker-to-Vegas running team. Chief Gonzales has actively instituted partnerships with the local school district, ministerial groups and other service organizations to keep our community safe and raise the quality of life we share here in Corona. In 1999, Chief Gonzales was honored by the Inland Empire Hispanic Image Awards as "Public Safety Person of the Year" and in 2001 received the Ira Calvert Distinguished Citizen of the Year award. In July, 2003, he received the "Law Administrator of the Year" award from the California School Resource Officers' Association.

Richard's tireless passion for community service has contributed immensely to the betterment of the community of Corona, California. I am proud to call Richard a fellow community member, American, and friend. I know that many community members are grateful for his service and salute him as he retires.

IN RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL
ALCOHOL AND DRUG ADDICTION
RECOVERY MONTH**HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 10, 2008

Mr. ANDREWS. Madam Speaker, whereas, 22.2 million people in the United States have faced a substance use disorder in the past year, and all deserve to experience the many benefits of recovery; and

Whereas, treatment reduces reported job problems, including incomplete work and absenteeism, by an average of 75 percent; and

Whereas, treatment is cost effective, with some measurements showing a benefit-to-cost ratio of up to 7:1, with substance use disorder treatment costing \$1,583 per person on average and having a monetary benefit to society of nearly \$11,487 for each person treated; and

Whereas, we must recognize the financial savings associated with treatment services, and ensure that such services are readily available to those who need assistance; and

Whereas, cost and insurance barriers present obstacles to those who need access to treatment facilities and want to re-establish their place in the community; and

Whereas, it is critical that we educate our community members and local businesses that substance use disorders are a treatable, yet serious health care problem, and by taking steps to address it, as well as provide support for the families and children of those with these disorders, we can save both lives and dollars; and

Whereas, to help achieve this goal, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services,

the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy, and The South Jersey Coalition invite all residents of 1st Congressional District of New Jersey to participate in National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month (Recovery Month); and now, therefore,

I, Congressman ROB ANDREWS, do hereby proclaim the month of September 2008 as National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month in the 1st Congressional District and call upon the people of the 1st Congressional District to observe this month with appropriate programs, activities, and ceremonies supporting this year's theme, "Join the Voices for Recovery: Saving Lives, Saving Dollars."

PREVENT ALL CIGARETTE
TRAFFICKING ACT OF 2008

SPEECH OF

HON. PETER J. ROSKAM

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 9, 2008

Mr. ROSKAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 4081, the Prevent All Cigarette Trafficking, PACT, Act of 2008, and commend Mr. WEINER and Mr. SMITH for their hard work on this important bill. By some accounts, my own State of Illinois has lost \$214 million last year alone due to smuggling, counterfeit products, and Internet sales.

The illegal trafficking of cigarettes not only results in the loss of Federal, State and local taxes on those products, but it is also of very serious consequence because much of these profits is going to fund criminal and terrorist activities.

Currently, there is technology available that can dramatically improve the States' tobacco tax security systems. One such system, currently in use by the State of California with great success, about to be implemented by New Jersey and under consideration by other States as well, is manufactured in my district. My hope is we can move forward on this issue to ensure these new technologies can be part of a bigger solution.

With that, Mr. Speaker, I look forward to working with my colleagues in the future to pursue ways in which the Congress can assist States in understanding and implementing such systems to combat smuggling of tobacco products.

INTRODUCING LEGISLATION TO
AWARD DR. JOSEPH B. KIRSNER
THE CONGRESSIONAL GOLD
MEDAL**HON. MARK STEVEN KIRK**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 10, 2008

Mr. KIRK. Madam Speaker, I am proud to introduce this bill to award Dr. Joseph B. Kirsner the Congressional Gold Medal for his outstanding work in the medical field of gastroenterology.

The son of Russian immigrants, Kirsner overcame adversity as a young man and graduated from Tufts University School of Medicine

at the top of his class. He went on to earn his medical degree at the University of Chicago. While training in Chicago, he became an expert in gastroenterology and helped to make the University of Chicago the premier center for research and therapy of inflammatory bowel disease. His leadership and research led to unprecedented medical advances in the field of gastroenterology, enhancing the lives of people across the world.

Despite his devotion to his research, Kirsner was compelled to join the Armed Forces in World War II, earning a third battle star in the battle of the Philippines before serving under General Douglas MacArthur in Japan. Following the war, Kirsner became a full professor of medicine at the University of Chicago. During his time as a professor, he published over 700 papers and 15 books, and gave over 25 named lectureships. He has served as a leader on a number of boards and foundations, such as the National Institutes of Health, the American Gastroenterological Association and the Chicago Medical Society. Despite all of his world-renowned successes, he continues to provide personal care to patients from across the country.

Dr. Kirsner, a World War II veteran and devoted civil servant to the field of medicine, has lived his life in service to others, deserving of national recognition for his honorable contribution to our country.

A TRIBUTE TO SUSAN PRATHER

HON. GEORGE MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today along with my colleague, Congresswoman ELLEN O. TAUSCHER, to commemorate and celebrate the life and accomplishments of life-long Contra Costa County resident and untiring social service advocate, Ms. Susan Prather. For over 30 years, Susan Prather successfully battled the establishment at all levels of government on behalf of our most vulnerable citizens—our homeless. Sadly, on July 29th, she lost her own battle with cancer, and we all lost a true treasure in our community.

Susan's commitment to the needs of the homeless began in 1976, when she was working at a senior meals program and was confronted with the struggles of the homeless and poor of Contra Costa County. Using her own financial resources, she began by single-handedly providing what help she could. She held down multiple jobs to support herself during the day; after hours she traveled the streets of Richmond, Concord, and Berkeley helping the homeless one client at a time. Her commitment to her clients of all ages often took her to their encampments with city and county officials and even Members of Congress in tow. She is well known for the tremendous pressure she put on public officials to make the concerns of the poor and homeless a top priority and increase both funding and services nationwide. She wanted to make sure that those in positions of power could put a face to the problem of homelessness.

In 1999, the City of Walnut Creek hired Susan to initiate the outreach program now known as Fresh Start. Under Susan's direction

the program proved highly successful. When the funding ran out a short 2 years later, Susan transitioned Fresh Start into a private non-profit organization and it flourished under her leadership. In her role as Founder and Executive Director of Fresh Start, Susan provided her clients with clothing, meals, showers, counseling and other critical social services. She has helped countless residents find jobs and establish homes for themselves and their families.

Over her years of service, Susan Prather has been recognized by a long list of government agencies and private organizations for her outstanding community work. In 1994, the California State Assembly recognized her efforts in a formal resolution. In 2002 she received the "Women Working for Justice" award from the Contra Costa County Commission for Women. In 2004, she was Honorably Mentioned at the Contra Costa County Humanitarian of the Year Awards Ceremony. Also in 2004, the Walnut Creek Journal named Ms. Prather one of the "Six People Who Made Our Lives Better in 2003". Susan certainly made life better for the countless poor and homeless residents of Contra Costa County and in doing so, she raised the quality of life for us all.

To Susan's family and friends, we extend our heartfelt condolences. Your loss is shared not only by those who knew Susan personally, but also by all who have been touched by the work she has done. We will be forever grateful for the courage, compassion, integrity, and tenacity with which she sought to make our community a better place for everyone. Susan Prather will be deeply missed and in her memory, we must vow to continue the work she started.

HONORING STATE SENATOR LEWIS H. ENTZ

HON. JOHN T. SALAZAR

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 10, 2008

Mr. SALAZAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a great Coloradan and a great American former State Senator Lewis H. Entz.

Senator Entz is a native of Colorado's San Luis Valley and has been a tireless champion for rural veterans in Colorado. A potato farmer from Hooper, he served our Nation as a United States Marine during the Korean war.

He served as a State representative from 1983 to 1998, and then was appointed in 2001 to serve as State senator. In 2006, Senator Entz returned to private life.

During his tenure at the State level, Senator Entz routinely showed his commitment to Colorado's rural veterans. He carried the legislation which created the Homelake Veterans Nursing Home in Homelake, Colorado. He consistently fought for State capital dollars to ensure Homelake's ongoing service to Colorado's elderly veterans.

Today, he serves on the Colorado Board of Commissioners of State and Veterans Nursing Homes. He is also an active member of the Homelake Foundation Board where he continues to work tirelessly to preserve and rehabilitate one of Colorado's most prized and historic veteran's care facilities.

Most recently, Senator Entz completed a 6-year process of acquiring and installing an

A7-D Corsair to be displayed at Homelake in honor of our Air Force's contributions to tactical, close air ground support for our troops during the Vietnam war.

A life long member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion, Senator Entz remains one of the strongest advocates for rural veterans in Colorado.

Senator Entz is also a brave survivor of colon and prostate cancer.

A twin and 1 of 11 children, Senator Entz his wife, Lorie, have four children: Cindy, Mike, Sandy, and Cathy.

His efforts to improve the quality of life of elderly veterans at Homelake makes him one of my heroes.

CONGRATULATING DR. RENU KHATOR AS THE NEW PRESIDENT AND CHANCELLOR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON SYSTEM

HON. GENE GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 10, 2008

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Dr. Renu Khator as the new President and Chancellor of the University of Houston System.

Dr. Renu Khator has been a long-time advocate of higher education. She dedicated 22 years of her career to the University of South Florida and, at the helm of it, was awarded the position of provost and senior vice president. Her tenure at South Florida is highlighted by leading the expansion of its sponsored research and overseeing an annual \$1.6 billion budget for the university.

Her accomplishments lend experience that will positively shape the future of the University of Houston System. She has already shown exceptional enthusiasm and dedication toward students enrolled in the System. Within the first 100 days of her appointment, she gained feedback from over 12,000 students on issues that most concern them. Based on this feedback, it has become one of her top priorities to build a reputation for the University of Houston as a nationally recognized research institution. I have complete confidence that Dr. Khator, the UH faculty, staff and students will achieve this goal and as an institution and community continue to serve as an example of excellence to public universities throughout our country.

Madam Speaker, it is my pleasure to recognize and congratulate Dr. Renu Khator as the new president and chancellor of my alma mater, the University of Houston.

IN HONOR OF STORK MEDICAL

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 10, 2008

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Stork Medical, a company that fulfills a great need in the medical community.

Hope is a powerful emotion. It can turn despair into jubilation; futility into purpose, fear