

IN RECOGNITION OF DAWN A. MOLITERNO THE 2008 FLORIDA PUBLIC RELATIONS ASSOCIATION PERSON OF THE YEAR

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 23, 2008

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, it is an honor for me to rise today in recognition of Dawn A. Moliterno upon her recognition as the Florida Public Relations Association Person of the Year.

Over the years, Ms. Moliterno has time and again proven herself as an exceptional businessperson. Beginning with a career in the retail industry, Ms. Moliterno served as the Marketing Manager and Company Spokesman for the Cafaro Company for 10 years. She then moved on to apply her marketing, communication, and strategic development skills to the Walton County Florida Chamber of Commerce. While there, Ms. Moliterno served as the Vice President of Marketing and Membership and had oversight of all membership, marketing, strategic partner relationships, product development, sales, and advertising efforts for the Regional Chamber. As a testament to her keen business sense, in just 4 short years Ms. Moliterno increased membership in the Regional Chamber from 1,604 members to over 2,500 members.

Ms. Moliterno has earned numerous accolades that reflect the hard work and dedication that she has applied to her profession. Selected by Florida State Senator Don Gaetz along with only 500 other females from across the country, Ms. Moliterno was sent to Washington, DC, for the 2008 Leadership for Women in Business Conference. She is also the Regional Steward for Coastal Vision 3000/ THE Beach and spearheaded the Athena International Award for Women for the Northwest Florida region in 2006.

The First District of Florida is incredibly fortunate to house such a talented and ambitious person, and it will benefit from the hard work provided by Ms. Moliterno for years to come.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am proud to honor Dawn Moliterno for her exceptional talents and her service to the First District of Florida.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 23, 2008

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I would like to state for the record my position on the following votes I missed due to personal reasons.

On Monday, September 22, 2008, I missed rollcall votes 616, 617, and 618. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay" on rollcall votes 616 and 617 and "aye" on rollcall vote 618.

125TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DAILY TIMES NEWSPAPER

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 23, 2008

Mr. DUNCAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a newspaper and its editor that are woven into the fabric of one of this Nation's most remarkable and scenic communities.

So often, citizens of smaller towns must sift through larger newspapers from nearby cities for news that is relevant to their lives. For the last 125 years, however, the people of the city of Maryville and Blount County have turned to the Daily Times for news coverage which focuses on their community.

Support for the newspaper is strong, and the numbers prove it. The Daily Times has frequently ranked among the top three newspapers in the Nation in penetration of its circulation area and has been recognized as the fastest growing daily newspaper in Tennessee. In an era when newspapers continue to struggle to compete with the internet, the Daily Times remains strong with its focus on local culture and interests.

The paper has won numerous awards from the University of Tennessee/Tennessee Press Association statewide competitions and from the Tennessee Associated Press Managing Editors Association.

Perhaps nothing illustrates the Daily Times' commitment to Blount County more than its editor, Dean Stone.

Born in Maryville, Mr. Stone began working for the Daily Times 61 years ago as a sportswriter. While his professional success could have led him elsewhere, Mr. Stone stayed in Blount County, devoted to the Daily Times and drawn to the beauty of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

Mr. Stone is known well by the Blount County community for many reasons. Whether it is his photography, community service, or stewardship of the Daily Times, chances are he has touched the life of everyone in Blount County in some way.

As an award winning author and photographer, Mr. Stone's Snapshots of Blount County History book series is a favorite among locals and praised by authors and journalists from all across the country.

Madam Speaker, in closing, I urge my colleagues and other readers of the RECORD to join me in congratulating the Daily Times in Maryville, Tennessee, for 125 years of service to its readers and the achievements of the paper's outstanding and committed editor, Dean Stone.

IN HONOR OF JOHN J. ROBOTTI

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 23, 2008

Mr. FARR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable man and my friend, Mr. John J. Robotti. Sadly, John passed away this year on May 6. I mourn him as does his wife, Marion; his sisters, Rose Carbo and Florence Stevens; his brother, William Robotti; and his many nieces and nephews.

I first met John through his wife, Marion, who is a community activist and all-around get-it-done kind of person. It came as no surprise to me that Marion would have married a guy like John—he also was someone who could not sit still. He just had to be doing something. But for him "doing something" was making a contribution to his family, his community, and his Nation.

In fact, John served 65 years in service to the country in one form or another. It started with his enlisting in the Army in 1941 and continued through 2006 when he finally retired from Federal service. If he wasn't serving in the public sector, he didn't feel like he was giving enough.

John entered Officer Candidate School in 1943. His tours of duty for the Army included Europe, Asia, and the United States. He was sent to Paris, France, and in 1950 he met his future wife Marion, who he later married in Palo Alto, California, in 1953. In 1960, he was selected as the executive officer of the Squaw Valley Olympic Games, which were enormously successful. In 1961, he retired with the rank of major from 20 years of active duty while stationed at Fort Ord, California. He also served as chief of the Consolidated Supply Section of G4.

As a civilian, John became a G4 logistical services officer at Fort Ord. Later, he was the administrative officer, chief of maintenance, and housing manager at Fort Ord. When he retired, John was the director of logistics at the Defense Language Institute in Monterey, California. His civilian career spanned 45 years.

Throughout his years as a civil servant, John received many well-deserved honors. In 1991, he was given the Meritorious Civilian Service Award. In 1994 and 1995, respectively, he received the Achievement Medal for Civilian Service and the Exceptional Service Award. In 1996, he was honored with a 55 Year Award for exceptional Federal service.

Madam Speaker, it is my pleasure to honor John J. Robotti, a man who loved his country, his chosen field of endeavor, his home, and his family.

A TRIBUTE TO MARSDEN HARTLEY

HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 23, 2008

Mr. MICHAUD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and to honor a native son of the largest city in my Congressional District. Marsden Hartley was born in Lewiston, Maine, in 1877. He became the most daring and original of the group of first generation modernist artists whom Alfred Stieglitz brought together in the early years of the 20th century.

In the early years of the 20th century, Marsden Hartley traveled throughout the USA and Europe. Considered an early modernist, Hartley was a nomadic painter for much of his life. He painted from Maine to Massachusetts, in New Mexico, California, New York, and in Western Europe. Finally, after spending many years away from his native state, he returned to Maine toward the end of his life. He wanted to become "The Painter of Maine" and to depict American life at a local level. In this way,

he is a member of the regionalists, a group of artists from the early to mid 20th century that attempted to represent a distinctly "American Art." Hartley is an icon among painters. He is considered one of the foremost American painters of the first half of the 20th century.

The State of Maine recognizes the great contribution of Lewiston's native son to the world of fine art. Governor John Baldacci has proclaimed September 25, 2008 as "Marsden Hartley Day." There will be a celebration of his work at Bates College, also located in Lewiston, Maine. There will be two screenings of "Visible Silence: Marsden Hartley, Painter and Poet," an essay in film by Michael Maglaras.

I rise today to honor Marsden Hartley for his contribution to the State of Maine and the United States.

HONORING DYLAN MARCUS
LEGLER

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 23, 2008

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Dylan Marcus Legler of Blue Springs, Missouri. Dylan is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1138, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Dylan has been very active with his troop, participating in many Scout activities. Over the many years Dylan has been involved with Scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Dylan Marcus Legler for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HONORING SOUTHEAST
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

HON. BRUCE L. BRALEY

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 23, 2008

Mr. BRALEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding results achieved by Southeast Elementary School in Waverly, Iowa by being named a 2008 No Child Left Behind-Blue Ribbon School.

The program honors elementary, middle and high schools that are superior academically or that demonstrate dramatic gains in student achievement to high levels. Students at Southeast Elementary School ranked in the top 10 percent on state tests.

From 1997–2007 fourth grade reading proficiency in the Waverly-Shell Rock School District increased from 73–93 percent. During the 2006–2007 school year, all fourth graders reached proficiency in reading and math for which they earned this high honor.

Madam Speaker, I am extremely proud of the accomplishments of Southeast Elementary and its Principal, Christi Lines. Despite the struggles they have faced due to unprece-

dent flooding that affected the school, they continue to be a model for elementary schools across the nation.

TRIBUTE TO JIM MCNEILL

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 23, 2008

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Jim McNeill, who was nominated and recognized as an "Iowa Community Hero" by the University of Iowa for his efforts in protecting the city of Adel from flood waters this summer.

The term "community hero" is defined by the person who is submitting the nomination form. In this case, Iowans can nominate their neighbor for helping move furniture to another level of a house, a volunteer who helped filled sand bags, or a member of the police and fire department. Jim is the police chief and is responsible for directing emergency operations within the city when the need arises. According to mayor Jim Peters, Chief McNeill "is a tremendous asset to Adel. He is a calm, direct, and charismatic leader in all situations. His work ethic and leadership is a true definition of 'community hero.'"

I congratulate Jim McNeill on his well-deserved award, and I'm certain that he will continue to serve his community. It is a great honor to represent Jim in the United States Congress, and I wish him the best.

COMMENDING THE FRATERNAL
ORDER OF EAGLES ON ITS 110TH
ANNIVERSARY

HON. JIM McDERMOTT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 23, 2008

Mr. McDERMOTT. Madam Speaker, 110 years ago, the Fraternal Order of Eagles, F.O.E., was founded in Seattle, in what is now the seventh Congressional District that I am privileged to represent. Since its founding, the F.O.E. has expanded to become an international organization with nearly 1 million members that raises and contributes more than \$100 million annually to charities benefiting children, health research, and the elderly. I rise today to commend the Eagles on their 110th anniversary, to highlight some of their many accomplishments, and to thank the Eagles for their good work over the last 110 years.

The Eagles have a long and proud history of living up to their motto, "people helping people." The Eagles were the first public advocates for establishing the Mother's Day holiday, were a driving force behind establishment of the Social Security System, and work to provide assistance to individuals in need in local communities across the United States and Canada. Just this year, the Eagles have partnered with the University of Iowa and committed to raise \$25 million to establish the Fraternal Order of Eagles Diabetes Research Center that will break new ground in efforts to both treat and prevent the spread of this terrible disease.

The Fraternal Order of Eagles was created in 1898 when six competing theater owners held a secret meeting at Moran's shipyard in Seattle to talk about a musicians' strike. By mid-1898, a constitution and by laws for the new organization had been adopted and the Grand Aerie established. Local F.O.E. chapters and the places that they meet are known as "Aeries."

Many of the early members of the Eagles were actors, playwrights, and stage hands who spread the word about the new fraternal organization as they toured from town to town across the U.S. and Canada. The incredible spread of the Eagles in the early years is largely attributable to these people. Eagle Aerie #1—the Mother Aerie—was established in Seattle in 1898, but some of the earliest Eagle aeries are located in: #8 San Jose, California, 1899; #11 Butte, Montana, 1899; #25 Skagway, Alaska, 1899; #33 St. Paul, Minnesota, 1899; #48 Galveston, Texas, 1900; and #42 Rochester, New York, 1900. By the end of 1903 just 5 years after the creation of the Eagles, there were nearly 600 Aeries operating in all corners of the U.S. and numerous locations in Canada. Today, Eagle membership totals about one million in about 1,500 individual local Aeries throughout the U.S. and Canada.

In addition to camaraderie the fraternity was established to serve a very important function. In the days before death benefits, workmen's comp, or health insurance, the Eagles offered a death benefit to the families of Eagles killed in the line of work to ensure proper burial, no Eagle has ever been buried in a potter's field, and Aeries had physicians who provided health care to members.

The Fraternal Order of Eagles Grand Auxiliary was adopted at the 1951 international convention in Rochester, NY. However, Auxiliaries date back to March 24, 1927 in Pittsburgh, KS. By March of 1951, 965 local Auxiliaries were in existence and by the end of that year 22 state and provincial Auxiliaries were operating.

The local state/provincial, regional and grand Auxiliaries have continued to grow and provide their importance to the Fraternal Order of Eagles by consistently serving as the strongest fundraising arm in the Organization. The Auxiliary, traditionally consisting of women, is a fully operating arm of the Fraternal Order of Eagles with equal positions of leadership.

In 1944, the Eagles Memorial Foundation was created. The Memorial Foundation supports children of members who die while serving their country, or at work. All Eagle members and their families are automatically protected by this member benefit. With the Memorial Foundation, children of deceased members who die while serving their country or at work are able to attend college or vocational school with grants up to \$30,000. They can also receive medical assistance including payments to physicians, dentists, orthodontists and hospitals. The cost of eyeglasses, prescriptions, as well as medical and dental devices is also included.

Over the years, the Eagles have also actively advocated at the national level for laws that help their fellow Americans. In the 1930s, the Eagles very actively organized to push for creation of the Social Security system. When the Social Security Act was signed in 1935, President Franklin Roosevelt (himself a lifelong Eagle), presented a pen with which he