

HONORING ANDY F. REARDON

HON. JAMES L. OBERSTAR

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 25, 2008

Mr. OBERSTAR. Madam Speaker, today, I am pleased to honor Mr. Andrew F. Reardon, who will retire later this year from his position as Chairman and CEO of TTX Company. His retirement will mark the end of a distinguished career in the railroad industry that has spanned more than three decades.

When Andy began working for the St. Louis and San Francisco Railroad in 1977, the nation's railroads were on the precipice of disaster, with much of the eastern railroads in bankruptcy or under federal control and the western railroads failing to earn their cost of capital. Andy played an important role in the rail renaissance by holding key positions at Union Pacific, Burlington Northern, and Illinois Central. In 1990, Andy served on the Railroad Retirement Board and helped it achieve a sound financial footing. His service to the industry continued at TTX Company, which he joined in 1992, and culminated in his appointment as President and CEO of TTX Company in 2000.

Under Andy's stewardship, TTX has grown, increased its financial stability, and become more innovative in its design and deployment of rail equipment to the nation's freight rail carriers. America's freight railroads are a unique asset to the nation, and TTX Company, which helps shippers save money by providing them access to the nation's largest specialty rail car fleet, has been an important contributor to that success.

This past June, Andy was promoted to the post of Chairman and CEO of TTX, a fitting reward for a man who has led his company and industry into the 21st century well-equipped to meet the challenges ahead.

JORDAN CARLISLE

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Jordan Carlisle, 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 31, and by earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Jordan has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Jordan has shown an extraordinary commitment to scouting as evidenced by earning over 30 merit badges.

Jordan's Eagle Scout service project consisted of restoring the landscaping near the sign of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church of Savannah, Missouri. This project continues the long tradition of community service established by the Boy Scouts of America.

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

RECOGNIZING THE HONORABLE
BARBARA CUBIN ON THE OCCA-
SION ON HER RETIREMENT**HON. JO BONNER**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 25, 2008

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the outstanding career of the Honorable BARBARA CUBIN for her service on behalf of the people of Wyoming and the United States House of Representatives. Congresswoman CUBIN has represented the people of the state of Wyoming for the past 14 years.

A fifth-generation Wyoming resident, BARBARA was raised in Casper, Wyoming. She graduated from Natrona County High School in Casper and received a Bachelor of Science in chemistry from Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska. She went on to work as a chemist, a social worker, a substitute teacher, and also managed her husband's medical practice office. During this time, she became involved in local party politics and civic groups, including the Wyoming State Choir, the PTA, a suicide prevention organization and a homeless shelter.

Her community involvement led her to run for the Wyoming state house where she served for six years. She then ran successfully for a seat in the Wyoming senate, which she held for two years. In 1994, BARBARA was elected to Congress representing one of the most visited and least populated states in the Nation.

BARBARA was elected conference secretary in the 107th Congress, the sixth ranking Republican leadership position in the House, and she currently serves as a deputy whip for the Republican Conference. Widely regarded as an expert in the field of energy and minerals, BARBARA serves on the House Energy and Commerce Committee. From coal-bed methane to natural gas development, Wyoming's economy relies heavily on oil and gas production, and BARBARA has used her seat on this influential committee to promote energy development.

Since suffering a mild heart attack in 2005, BARBARA has also become an ardent supporter of increased screening of women for heart disease. She is a champion of gun owners' rights and served a three-year term on the board of the National Rifle Association.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing a dedicated leader and friend to many in this body. I know her family, her husband, Frederick "Fritz" Cubin; their two sons, Bill and Eric; their two grandchildren; and her many friends and colleagues join me in honoring her accomplishments and extending thanks for her service over the years on behalf of the state of Wyoming and the United States of America.

BARBARA will surely enjoy the well-deserved time she now has to spend with her family and loved ones. I wish her the best of luck in all her future endeavors.

RETIREMENT OF
REPRESENTATIVE MIKE McNULTY

SPEECH OF

HON. MICHAEL R. McNULTY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 22, 2008

Mr. McNULTY. Madam Speaker, you have seen ample demonstration of why I am such a grateful person, with all of these wonderful friends. No one could have a better friend in the world than GARY ACKERMAN. And I want to thank him, and Representatives LOWEY, HINCHEY, CROWLEY, ARCURI, ISRAEL and HALL for the many kind things that they have said about me and the members of my family.

I want to thank, of course, all of the members of the New York delegation, and also my dear friend the Speaker pro tem, my buddy, JASON ALTMIRE, for his very kind words. I shall always be grateful for having been a member of our State delegation, chaired by CHARLIE RANGEL. I am grateful to all of my Democratic colleagues.

I am grateful to all of my Republican colleagues, especially JIMMY WALSH, who is a classmate of mine in the class of 1988, along with NITA LOWEY. JIM is also retiring this year.

I am grateful to all of those with whom I have served through the years, all of the Speakers, from Jim Wright to NANCY PELOSI, and all of the Republican leaders, from Bob Michel to JOHN BOEHNER. And I am grateful to all of the staff of this great institution for the wonderful work that they do for us each and every day.

I have been truly blessed in my life. Paralyzed by polio in 1949, God eventually granted me a near complete recovery. And just look at my life since then. I have been blessed with a large and loving family, many wonderful friends, and a career that I have thoroughly enjoyed for 39 years—as town supervisor, as mayor. And as one of my colleagues back home said, and it is true, there is nothing more special than being elected mayor of your hometown.

Then to go to the New York State Assembly for 6 years, and then 20 years here in the United States Congress. And STEVE ISRAEL is right, when I am walking outside and I see the dome lit up at night, I still pinch myself that I am here, MIKE McNULTY, an average guy, from Green Island, New York, population 2,500. When I was a young public official, I had a dream. This was it, and my dream came true.

I am especially grateful to my family, as others have pointed out, my wife of 37 years, Nancy; and our daughters, Michele, Angela, Nancy and Maria. I am especially grateful to them for the many sacrifices that they made so that I could pursue this career in public life, and all those of you who have families know what I am talking about. Thank you to our grandchildren, Teigin and Elijah, Lola, Morgyn and Daniel, for the joy they bring to us each and every day.

I send out a special message of love to Teigin tonight. She is in the hospital, and, hopefully, she will be right back in action very soon.

She was so proud to be here, standing right there in that spot at the beginning of this Congress, holding my hand when I stood up and voted to elect the first woman to serve as the

Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, NANCY PELOSI. That was a very special moment for me, for the country and for Teigin. So I have special thoughts for Teigin tonight.

I am grateful to the others that you have mentioned, my mom and dad, Madelon and Jack McNulty, and all of those who went be-

fore us, all the members of my family and to Frank and Lola Lazzaro, and all the members of Nancy's great family, for their steadfast support all through the years.

As I look back on my life and I look forward to the challenges that lie ahead, I just have to acknowledge how much has been given to me. I have to acknowledge all of the lucky

breaks that I have had in my life and in my career.

In thankfulness and gratitude for that, I have tried, to the best of my ability, to give back. I shall always endeavor for the rest of my life to live according to the fundamental principle that life is to give, not to take.