

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE GUAM TERRITORIAL BAND

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 25, 2008

Ms. BORDALLO. Madam Speaker, for more than 30 years now, the Guam Territorial Band has served the community of Guam by providing music for official events and activities, and more importantly, by helping young musicians in my district to hone and refine their musical talent.

With fond memories of the Navy Band's Sunday concerts in our Plaza de Espana prior to World War II, Governor Ricardo J. Bordallo, my late husband, established the Governor's Youth Band in 1976 to encourage young musicians to perform for the public outside the school setting. Interest and participation was immediate, and under the direction of Mr. Peter Leon Guerrero, the first Governor's Youth Band performed for the inauguration of Saipan's Governor Carlos S. Camacho. With funds raised entirely by community donations, the Governor's Youth Band traveled to Washington, DC and represented Guam in the parade for the inauguration of President Jimmy Carter in January 1977. With that auspicious start, the band evolved to fulfill Governor Bordallo's expectations, with one exception: the musicians remained unpaid volunteers.

Governor Bordallo's successor, Governor Paul Calvo, changed the band's name to the Guam Youth Band. The name was later changed again to the Guam Territorial Band and membership was opened to all ages. Today, supported entirely by private donations, the Guam Territorial Band continues its service to the people of Guam by performing at village fiestas, graduations, military change of command ceremonies, our annual Veteran's Day and Memorial Day commemorations, and other various public and private ceremonies.

Although severe cold weather in 1985 forced the cancellation of President Ronald Reagan's inaugural parade and precluded the band's performance at another presidential inaugural, the Guam Territorial Band continues to share its talent beyond Guam's shores. The band performed at the Republic of Palau's 5th Constitutional Anniversary in 1997; in Australia and New Zealand in 1993 and 2005; in South Korea in 1995; in the United Kingdom in 1998; in Japan in 1999 and 2003; in Hawaii's 19th Pacific Basin Music Festival in 2004; for President Bill Clinton's historic visit to Guam in 1998 and for Philippines President Fidel Ramos in 2002; and most recently, at the New York's Carnegie Hall as part of the New York Band and Orchestra Festival on April 21, 2007. The Guam Territorial Band is also expected to perform at the opening ceremonies of the 2008 Olympics in Beijing.

The Guam Territorial Band is a recipient of the Australian International Music Festival's Gold Award (2005) and Bronze Award (1993). It is also the second place winner of the International Lions Parade (Marching Unit) Competition (1998).

These accolades over the years are the result of the devotion of the volunteer musicians and from inspired and enthusiastic leadership. The band's first official director, Mr. George Toal, also was a founding member of the

Guam Territorial Band Society, non-profit organization that supports the band. Mr. Toal's successors are Mr. Dave Poblete, Ms. Cheryl Bay, Mr. Charles Hardy, Mr. Brad McNeal, Dr. Milton Crotts, and Mr. Delfin Damian. The band's current director, Mr. Maximo Ronquillo, Jr., founded the Tumon Bay Music Festival in 2005. Organized with the help of Dr. Robert Halsey, professor of music at California State University, Sacramento, the festival has become the band's signature event and will be in its fourth year in March 2008.

We are proud of our territorial band and encourage its continued growth and success. We also commend Mr. Ronquillo, his predecessors, and all the members of the band, both past and present. Thank you all for the wonderful music you bring into our lives.

IN HONOR OF PHILLIP MOSES

HON. STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 25, 2008

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor Phillip Moses, a good friend and a great constituent of the Eleventh Congressional District of Ohio.

Phillip Moses is characterized by many as an "affable and altruistic man." Phillip Moses joined the staff of the Case Western Reserve University law school on October 4, 1971, as building superintendent when the law school was located on Adelbert Road in Cleveland, Ohio. Since then he has worked tirelessly providing support for over one hundred faculty and staff, over six hundred students, and to keep the facilities of the building running smoothly.

Phillip's calm demeanor and great sense of humor have become an invaluable presence at the law school as well as his ability to prepare the building for classes and special events. Phillip has also been described by some as, "The ultimate handyman". When Phillip is not working in the law school, he can be found working on carpentry and construction projects at his home.

In 2004, Phillip Moses was chosen as one of three recipients of the President's Award for Distinguished Service at Case Western Reserve University. This is the highest award that the University confers on its staff personnel. The award recognizes an individual's dedication to provide outstanding service to the Case Western Reserve University community.

Phillip Moses retired from his work on February 1, 2008. Phillip and his wife will enjoy retirement in their newly purchased home in the suburbs of Nashville, Tennessee.

On behalf of the Eleventh Congressional District of Ohio it gives me great pleasure to congratulate my friend, Phillip Moses, for his service to Case Western Reserve University, and the Eleventh Congressional District of Ohio.

MARKING THE 47TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PEACE CORPS

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 25, 2008

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the Peace Corps, one of the most important and worthy institutions our country has ever established. More than 190,000 Americans have served as Peace Corps Volunteers since its inception in 1961 by President John F. Kennedy, who inspired Americans to serve their country in the cause of peace by living and working in developing countries. I am proud that 34 of my constituents are currently serving as Volunteers in a number of countries around the world, and I wish them well in their worthwhile endeavors.

The Peace Corps brings out the best of the American character. It demonstrates to the rest of the world, where misconceptions of the United States are too often prevalent, that we are a caring people, interested in the well-being of mankind. The Volunteers live in the communities in which they serve by working as teachers and development experts, and they assist in post-conflict relief and reconstruction efforts and health care crises, such as the HIV/AIDS pandemic.

With the break-up of the former Soviet Union and the emergence of many new states around the world, Peace Corps Volunteers are serving in more countries than ever before. Volunteers learn more than 250 languages and dialects, and they receive extensive cross-cultural training that enables them to work effectively. In many remote places, they are often the only contact that villagers have with Americans. Our country owes the Peace Corps Volunteers, who often work under very difficult circumstances, a debt of gratitude for their service that has improved the image of our country overseas and improved the lives of millions of people around the globe.

HONORING SERGEANT JOSEPH CHRISTOPHER GENTILE

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 25, 2008

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Joseph Christopher Gentile on his retirement from the Metropolitan Police Department. With devotion, professionalism, and expertise, from October 9, 1967, until October 21, 2007, Sergeant Gentile, or the "godfather" as his friends and colleagues call him, fulfilled the mission of the Metropolitan Police Department to safeguard the District of Columbia and protect its residents and visitors by providing the highest quality of police service with integrity, compassion, and a commitment to innovation that integrates people, technology, and progressive business systems.

Upon completion of recruit training, Sergeant Gentile was assigned to the First District as a patrol officer. In September of 1969, he was assigned to the Community Relations Division, Public Information Branch. In 1977, then-Public Information Officer Gentile, emerged as a national television presence

when a Hanafi Muslim group stormed three DC buildings. This act resulted in the killing of a radio reporter, and a security guard and then-DC Councilman, Marion Barry, were both shot and wounded. This was the first of many local, national, and international incidents that would thrust Public Information Officer Gentile into the limelight. These incidents include, but are not limited to, the 1982 shooting of President Ronald Reagan, the 1994 fatal shootings of a Metropolitan Police Department, MPD, sergeant and two FBI agents inside police headquarters, and hundreds of homicides during the 1990s when the District of Columbia was the Nation's murder capital.

Public Information Officer Gentile was promoted to the rank of sergeant on November 15, 1982, and remained assigned as the Public Information Officer because of his invaluable knowledge and years of experience. Sergeant Gentile proudly served as the MPD spokesman for 34 years, during the tenure of eleven chiefs of police. He also participated in ten Presidential inaugurations and served during the 1968 riots, the 1972 May Day demonstrations, the 1982 Air Florida crash and subsequent fatal Metrorail crash, the 1991 Mount Pleasant Riots, and the 2000 IMF demonstrations.

In December of 2006, then-Chief Charles H. Ramsey awarded Sergeant Gentile with a medal and dedicated the public information office in his name. In October of 2007, Chief Cathy L. Lanier presented Sergeant Gentile with a Distinguished Service Award for 40 years of dedicated and loyal service.

A tireless performer and distinguished law enforcement professional, Sergeant Gentile deserves the admiration of all who come into contact with him. Thank you, Sergeant Gentile, for your exceptional service to the Metropolitan Police Department, the Congress, the District of Columbia, and the American people, and congratulations on achieving this important milestone.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PAUL W. HODES

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 25, 2008

Mr. HODES. Madam Speaker, due to a misunderstanding on the floor I missed one vote in a series of votes on Thursday, February 14, 2008. As a co-sponsor of the bill, I would have voted "yes" for the following vote: H. Res. 963—Supporting the goals and ideals of National Salute to Hospitalized Veterans Week, and for other purposes.

A TRIBUTE TO ABE AND DONNA LEE GOLDSTEIN

HON. C.A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 25, 2008

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Madam Speaker, I rise before you today to honor Abe and Donna Lee Goldstein for their contributions to the Cub Scout program. Growing up in Wilmington, DE, Abe belonged to the Civil Air Patrol. He attended the University of Delaware

and earned a bachelor's degree in geology and a master's degree in geophysics. After marrying Donna Lee, the two moved to Maryland to raise their new family.

When their oldest son Greg joined the Cub Scouts as a Tiger, the Goldsteins became active members in Maryland's Pack 880. Donna Lee served as the Pack's Den Leader and Song Mistress, while Abe took on the responsibility of being the Committee Chair. Even after their oldest son, Greg, had bridged out from the Cub Scouts and 3 years before their youngest son, Max, could become a Tiger in the Pack, Abe and Donna Lee continued their involvement, opening their personal workshop for the scouts' Pinewood Derby clinics and assisting with the building of the new race track. For his years of consistent dedication to the program, Abe was recently named Cub Master of Pack 880.

The Cub Scout program gives adults the opportunity to have a positive influence on children's lives. People like the Goldsteins have helped sustain the Cub Scout program throughout its history, encouraging more families to become involved. By donating their time, resources, and talent to this worthwhile program, the Goldsteins have enriched the lives of countless children in the Cockeysville community.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you join with me today to honor Abe and Donna Lee Goldstein. Their commitment and dedication to the scouting program through the years is truly commendable. The impact of the Goldsteins' contributions will affect the youth of their community for years to come. It is with great pride that I congratulate Abe and Donna Lee Goldstein on their exemplary involvement in the Cub Scout program.

H.R. 1528: NEW ENGLAND NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL DESIGNATION ACT

HON. NANCY E. BOYDA

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 25, 2008

Mrs. BOYDA of Kansas. Madam Speaker, we heard a lot of debate recently that focused on the threat of passing the New England National Scenic Trail Designation Act. The other side of the aisle attacked the bill with the proclamation that private property owners would have their land seized by the Federal government. This clearly wasn't the case. As stated before, the bill only allowed the National Park Service to purchase land from willing sellers. But in the spirit of that debate, I'd like to take a moment and discuss eminent domain.

I know that myself, the constituents of the Second District of Kansas, nearly every American has the same feelings towards eminent domain. No one wants a federal official knocking on their door asking for their keys and telling them to "pack up and move." Our founding fathers created this country to throw off such tyrannical uses of power by the Government, and we must continue that legacy today.

State, local and Federal Government has a duty to its citizens to preserve their right to private property and use eminent domain only in the rarest of circumstances when it is absolutely necessary. Those occasions should be few and far in between. And in every cir-

cumstance, the Government must look at all options and alternatives to seizing someone's home, business and livelihood. We must ensure proper compensation to private property owners, and not force our citizens into untenable situations.

What was truly upsetting about our debate was the other side of the aisle throwing out this term, getting the American people in an uproar, with no factual basis that eminent domain would be used. It would seem that the Minority's only goal is to further divide this country and make the passage of legislation impossible. We have seen this time and time again. The Minority would rather sit in their corner making baseless attacks against good legislation when they should be fulfilling their constitutional role as Representatives, as leaders, and work with my colleagues to do what is best for the country.

I was pleased to see both sides coming together to quickly pass an important economic stimulus package, but more cooperation is needed for children's health insurance, the Farm Bill and this year's upcoming appropriation process. I hope in this new session we see more of what we saw during the passage of the economic stimulus bill, and not a return to the same old politics that plagued our Chamber last year.

MS. KAITLYN MULHOLLAN TOP YOUTH VOLUNTEER OF ARIZONA PRUDENTIAL SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY AWARD

HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 25, 2008

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Ms. Kaitlyn Mulhollan, who has been selected to receive the Prudential Spirit of Community Award as Arizona's Top Youth Volunteer. The Prudential Spirit of Community Award, which honors young people for outstanding acts of volunteerism, was created in 1995 to emphasize the importance our nation places on service to others, and to encourage all young Americans to contribute to their communities.

A senior at Corona del Sol High School, Kaitlyn has helped build 10 houses for needy families over the past five years as a volunteer with Habitat for Humanity, and now serves as a team leader for the local Habitat chapter. After working on her first house when she was only 13 years old, Kaitlyn has shown up early every Saturday morning when projects are under way. As a team leader, Kaitlyn has the responsibility of guiding and assisting many small groups of volunteers on the construction site. In addition, Kaitlyn has worked tirelessly to educate others about Habitat for Humanity's mission, even recruiting friends and classmates to join the effort. She has also persuaded her employer, California Pizza Kitchen, to provide meals for construction volunteers.

As a state honoree, Kaitlyn will join youth from across the country here in Washington DC in May. Kaitlyn should be proud of her accomplishments. Again, I congratulate Kaitlyn on her award and thank her for a job well done.