

Treaty. This measure insures the rights and protections of private and public sector interests against a government taking arbitrary action that would disrupt or threaten global energy security. The thousands of United States investors who became shareholders in the Russian oil company, YUKOS, lost everything when the Russian government seized the company's assets.

Finally, Russia has not honored its pledge to amend its federal laws to guarantee protections of intellectual property rights and enforcing such laws consistent with international standards. I would note the frequent Western media reports on cases where Russian authorities have seized the assets of certain companies, many with foreign investors, utilizing executive decrees, court orders, and extradition requests to assume ownership or control over Russian enterprises. Some foreign investors have been compelled to surrender their equity shares in Russian companies without proper due process and compensation only to have Western courts, in a series of cases, issue rulings in favor of such companies.

Madam Speaker, we appreciate that our economy is truly global and American and Western investments are essential in Russia and throughout Eurasia, given their abundant natural resources, and urge that all countries can mutually commit to an economic relationship that is based on mutual trust, the rule of law and market forces that are free of arbitrary or capricious government activity.

RAISING CAIN

HON. STEVE KAGEN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 20, 2008

Mr. KAGEN. Madam Speaker, this poem was written by Albert Carey Caswell, a member of the Capitol Guide Service in honor of SSG Michael Cain of Berlin, WI.

Staff Sergeant Cain is a disabled veteran currently undergoing treatment at Walter Reed Army Medical Center. I met Staff Sergeant Cain at Walter Reed on November 18, 2008, while visiting another wounded soldier. I am proud and happy to submit this poem, written in his honor.

RAISING CAIN

A young man lies face down . . .
Right between life and death, as found . . .
Clinging to life, as now . . . with one leg
lost . . .
When, we hear a sound . . .
For it's his heart, as we watch what is lost,
as now is found . . .
Which will not let him go, which will not let
him down . . .
As all inside of his fine soul, is so is now . . .
As he raises his head up high, Raising
Cain . . .
As he brings such tears to eyes . . . as he
astounds!
What will we raise in these our days?
To what heights and mountains, will we so
climb?
All in our lives and times . . .
All in what we've so lost, and gained . . .
All in that great heartache and pain, has
made . . .
To lie face down . . . upon battlefields of
honor . . .
As Michael you were bound . . .

While, all in the midst of hell . . . as the
dark evil lie all around . . .

As your fine heart so chose, so chose to
swell . . . swell somehow . . .

To cheat death, with what you have so
left . . .

All in uniform, so brilliant now . . .
When right there, on that edge of death . . .

As you so looked down . . .
To see what you had so left . . .

As your once strong leg was gone . . .
As your life so hung in the balance now . . .

As you were the one who so raised his
head . . .

Whose fine heart so began to pound!

Raising Cain . . .

His Daddy raised a Hero, his Momma did the
same . . .

All in their hearts of love, which now so re-
mains!

A Wisconsin Man . . .

Who love's his Packers . . .

County music, and his Momma understand!

There's a lot of Brett in this man . . .

And there's a lot more of Michael, in Brett
which stands . . .

As a winner . . .

And a simple man . . .

Who wears his heart on his sleeve, time and
again . . .

With a heart of courage full . . .

This American Jewel . . .

Beating proud, for that old red white and
blue . . .

And most of all, he's a family man . . .

As we watch, and see . . .

All that a heart can be . . .

As he fight's the good fight . . .

As Michael's Raising Cain . . .

Building where not lies left . . .

As our world he'll bless . . .

To come back from the dead . . .

Back from that dark abyss, abyss of
death . . .

To go off to war . . .

As one fine fighting machine sure . . .

As an Army man . . .

Who to courage ran . . .

All in what he gave up . . .

All in what he must endure . . .

And if I ever raise a son . . .

I but hope and pray . . .

That he could but be, like this fine one . . .

The kind who will teach us, who will reach
us . . .

Who to hearts will all so beseech us . . .

All in how life is won . . .

As Michael Cain, was raised this one . . .

In honor of Michael Cain on your 27th
birthday . . . your friend Bert—Albert Carey
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RECOGNIZING FIRE SERVICE SPECIALIST RODERICK R. MENO, GUAM'S 2008 FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 20, 2008

Ms. BORDALLO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize, congratulate and commend Fire Service Specialist Roderick R. Meno on being named Guam's Firefighter of the Year for 2008.

Roderick, a native son of southern Guam, grew up in a family of outstanding firefighters: his father, retired Deputy Fire Chief Frank C. Meno; his brothers, Fire Specialist Frank R. Meno, Fire Captain Kurt R. Meno, Fire Fighter II Brian R. Meno; and nephew Fire Fighter I Joshua R. Meno. This exposure, from his

early youth, to a family of dedicated public servants imbued in Roderick an instinctive desire to serve the public, and protect life and property as his father and siblings did before him.

Roderick's upbringing in the closely knit village of Inarajan also inculcated in him the spirit of community and volunteerism. From his father, a recognized Chamorro master builder, he learned skills as a general overall handyman, a skill he unhesitatingly used to assist his fire precinct in the operations and maintenance of its fire station. He used these skills to perform renovations of the station control room, improving working conditions for his fellow firefighters. His skills as a carpenter and do-it-yourselfer enabled him to perform modifications to the sleeping quarters of his fellow firefighters, rendering those quarters more comfortable and organized. When he saw a need and he knew he had the skills to accomplish the work, he did not hesitate.

And just as his spirit of volunteerism motivated him to apply his skills to work he could perform, Roderick did not hesitate to use his own resources to accomplish these tasks. Roderick would begin projects knowing that financial support from the government may not be available. He used his own tools and when he needed materials and parts, rather than waiting for the cumbersome government procurement process, he used his own finances to purchase parts and materials.

And Roderick did all of this, ever mindful of, and never neglecting, his duties and responsibilities as a firefighter. As his father and brothers before him, Roderick Meno was always ready to serve and protect. For these attributes that have characterized our Nation's outstanding firefighters, Roderick Meno joins his father and brothers, and America's firefighters whose dedication to purpose and spirit of community make them outstanding role models for all citizens in all roles of life. Fire Service Specialist Meno, thank you very much.

TRIBUTE TO MARTHA FRANCO

HON. JOHN T. DOOLITTLE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 20, 2008

Mr. DOOLITTLE. Madam Speaker, in my years of public service, I have benefitted from the efforts of many capable employees on my staff who have come and gone. Yet there has always remained one constant in my office, Martha Franco, and for that I am truly grateful.

Martha was born in Mexico and grew up in Colusa, California. As a naturalized citizen, she is a model example of someone who made the efforts required to become a U.S. citizen and has gone on to contribute to our country through public service.

Martha first came to work for me in 1984 when I served in the California State Senate. When I was elected to Congress in 1990, Martha became my Executive Assistant and Office Manager. She has worked for me in Washington and in California, and this year I named her as my Deputy Chief of Staff.

Martha's loyal presence has meant so much to my wife, Julie, to me, and to our entire organization. The people who call upon our office have appreciated seeing a familiar face

through the years, and I have appreciated having someone who knows the many people who have been important to us throughout my career. Martha's unsurpassed character and dedication have allowed me to trust her with confidential and sensitive materials and to do so with great confidence.

Martha's spirit is demonstrated by her commitment to family as well. She cares for her father at home and is a wonderful aunt to her many nieces and nephews. I know she is looking forward to spending even more time with her large family as she begins a new chapter in her life.

While our work together will soon end, Martha will always remain an important person in our lives. As she looks to new opportunities, I wish Martha all the best, and look forward to her continued friendship in the years to come.

THE LOSS OF LES HIRSCH

HON. KATHY CASTOR

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 20, 2008

Ms. CASTOR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the death of Les Hirsch. Mr. Hirsch made an indelible mark on my community in Tampa Bay.

Over the 50 year period that Mr. Hirsch lived in Tampa, he took on a few different roles. In 1960 he became a stockbroker. Many of the brokers still practicing in my community got their start when Mr. Hirsch hired them. Former employees describe him as "upbeat, with a very sharp mind" and "a mentor, inspiration and a role model." And through his love of politics, he inspired one of them to seek public office. Mr. Hirsch helped on his successful campaign for City Council in 1991.

In the late 1970s, Mr. Hirsch was appointed to the Tampa Port Authority and then to the Tampa Sports Authority. When Tampa hosted its first Super Bowl in 1984, Mr. Hirsch contributed to the effort to secure our city as the location. As we ready our city to welcome Super Bowl fans again this season, I regret that we won't have his expertise this time around.

Madam Speaker, Mr. Hirsch's death on October 31st marked a great loss to his wife Gail, his sons, Rabbi David Hirsch and his wife, Margot, and Andrew Hirsch and his wife, Tricia, his daughter, Beth Hirsch, and his six grandchildren, as well as the entire Tampa Bay area.

A TRIBUTE TO THE EXEMPLARY HISTORY OF PUBLIC EDUCATION IN THE TOWN OF KILLINGLY, CONNECTICUT

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 20, 2008

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the exemplary history of public education in the town of Killingly, Connecticut.

This year, the town of Killingly celebrates the 300th anniversary since its incorporation in 1708. Equally inspiring, it celebrates the 150th anniversary of its public education system. The development of public education in Kill-

ingly has been a microcosm of the region, the state of Connecticut, and country as a whole—it is a model of progress.

From a time when providing free education to the public was a visionary innovation to a time when teacher shortages plagued the country when teachers were drafted to serve in World War II, Killingly's education system persevered and thrived.

The mission outlined by the town of Killingly for its school system includes as a high priority fostering citizenship in our Nation's next generation. Moreover, Killingly's contribution to citizenship is not confined to the classroom. I was proud to see pictures of the high school marching band in a Veterans' Day parade. Killingly's commitment to community and progress is certain to continue to energize its education system for another 150 years.

I am pleased to see Killingly's strong commitment to education, evolving over many generations. I know Connecticut will continue to benefit from Killingly's progress for generations to come.

RECOGNITION AND THANKS TO MICHAEL J. CRONIN

HON. JOHN B. LARSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 20, 2008

Mr. LARSON. Madam Speaker, I rise to thank Michael Cronin for his three years of dedicated service to the House as Office Director of the Office of the Historian. Michael first came to the House in 1986 as an intern and then upon graduation from college, joined the office of former Rep. Timothy J. Penny of Minnesota. He left Capitol Hill in 1990 but returned in 2005 to serve as Office Director for the reestablished Office of the Historian, under the direction of Dr. Robert Remini and Dr. Fred Beuttler. This month, Michael will continue his service to the People's House as the Administrative Director of the Office of the Inspector General.

Madam Speaker, we, as Members, are indeed fortunate to have the services of talented individuals like Michael Cronin. I know I join the Historian of the House, Dr. Robert V. Remini, and the staff of the Office of the Historian in wishing him my best as he begins this new position.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF KENNETH T. JONES, JR.

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 20, 2008

Ms. BORDALLO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to join the people of Guam in mourning the death of a great son of America and community leader in the Pacific where, for the last sixty three years, he lived, worked and built a business empire. Born in the small town of Willow Springs, North Carolina, on November 22, 1917, Kenneth T. Jones, Jr. will be remembered for his contributions to our community.

"Ken", as he was fondly known to his family, friends and associates, was the consum-

mate business adventurer, always searching for new opportunities and always willing to venture into new endeavors where he sensed success was certain. That business sense convinced him that prospects would arise on Guam, a small Pacific island he temporarily visited as a Navy Chief Petty Officer with the 25th Seabees during World War II. Hearing the slogan, "Guam, Crossroads of the Pacific", Ken instinctively saw great future potentials for those who were willing to work hard and had the spirit to succeed.

Ken befriended Segundo "Sy" Leon Guerrero, a young Guamanian he met during his short stay on the island. Ken and Sy had many discussions about the future and planned for Ken's return to Guam when they would become business partners. But even while he was waiting for the opportunity to return to the island, Ken would purchase small items to send to Sy who sold them from his small Quonset hut in Sinajana, which would eventually become the first Town House Department Store under the partnership called Jones and Guerrero Company Incorporated, immediately coined "J & G" throughout the Pacific.

Under the Chairmanship of Ken Jones, J & G rapidly expanded into several areas where Ken felt there was a need on island. After Town House and upon his return to Guam in 1946, J & G Repair Shop opened, a natural fit for Jones who was an automotive mechanic in the Seabees. Other businesses quickly followed: from companies which supplied construction materials, built modular homes and a residential subdivision (Jonestown) to the bottling of soft drinks (Pepsi Cola Bottling Co.) and J & G Payless Supermarkets. To supply his many companies, Ken established Pacific Navigation Company, agents for ocean going freight liners calling ports in Australia, Asia, the Philippines, China and other islands in Micronesia.

Ken's business acumen motivated him to build Cliff Properties Development, one of the island's first hotels; and the Guam Hilton Hotel, Guam's first major chain hotel. Ken Jones' business interests and ventures were not confined to Guam. Ken built and operated the Royal Taga Hotel, the first hotel in Saipan, CNMI, as well as the Bar K cattle ranch in Tinian, CNMI. He operated thoroughbred race horse ranches and stables in Australia and the bluegrass country of Kentucky. He also built and operated a considerable shopping mall in his home state of North Carolina. Ken Jones' success as a businessman created within him a sense of philanthropy to which he devoted much personal time, effort, energy and considerable financial resources. These include leadership roles and membership in such organizations as the American Red Cross; the American Cancer Society; the Guam Chapters of the American Boy and Girl Scouts; the Guam Vocational Rehabilitation Workshop; the Boards and Trustees of several private schools, including St. John's Episcopal School, the Academy of Our Lady of Guam; the Guam Lytico-Bodig Association; the Make-a-Wish Foundation; and the American Heart and Lung Association.

Ken's efforts and successes as a premier businessman have always been recognized by the people of Guam and the entire business community of the Pacific Basin. This recognition culminated in his induction into the Guam Business Hall of Fame on May 2, 1992. In