

IN RECOGNITION OF PEARL ROAD
AUTO PARTS AND WRECKING

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 18, 2009

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of Pearl Road Auto Parts and Wrecking of the Old Brooklyn neighborhood of Cleveland, Ohio, as they become the first business ever in the City of Cleveland to implement wind technology by constructing a wind turbine at their place of business. Pearl Road Auto Parts and Wrecking, owned by the Kaplan family for four generations, will generate nearly 100% of the electricity needed to run their business from a wind turbine. I also rise in honor of Susan Spear and the entire staff of EcoWatch Ohio, who collaborated with the Kaplans to make this project become a reality.

The wind turbine will be set upon a 140-foot tower, capturing the north coast drafts high above Pearl Road near Interstate 480. For years, current owners Myron Kaplan, and his sons, Jon and Kevin, worked toward realizing their vision of constructing a wind turbine on the property. Their innovative ideas are part of the legacy of the Kaplan business and for nearly eighty years, the owners of Pearl Road Auto Parts and Wrecking have been leaders in implementing environmentally progressive practices, including solid waste reduction, fuel reduction and other recycling programs.

Moreover, the Kaplan family of Pearl Road Auto Parts and Wrecking is active in community programs and events, and has reflected an unwavering commitment to the betterment of the Old Brooklyn neighborhood. As leaders in community arts as well, from 1980 to 1990, residents gathered free of charge at the Auto Parts lot as Kaplan family hosted live theater, musical and poetry performances.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of the Kaplan family, the entire staff of Pearl Road Auto Parts and Wrecking, and EcoWatch Ohio, for their collective vision and persistence in being the first ever to construct a wind turbine to run a business, inspiring others to follow in their path. Whether catching gentle breezes or gale force winds rushing south across Lake Erie, the wind turbine holds the promise of clean power, renewable resources and endless possibilities in alternative energy programs and job development throughout our community and our nation.

WEBCASTER SETTLEMENT ACT OF
2009

HON. JAY INSLEE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 18, 2009

Mr. INSLEE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to thank Chairman Conyers and my colleagues on the Judiciary Committee for reporting the Webcaster Settlement Act of 2009, a bill I introduced to clear the path for private negotiations to determine the royalty rates for the use of music over Internet radio.

The Copyright Royalty Board (CRB) is a government body tasked with determining roy-

alty rates for the use of music over Internet radio. In 2004, the CRB was tasked with determining a rate structure at the direction of Congress, and released its decision in March of 2007. The rate structure determined by the CRB substantially increased royalty fees that webcasters would be forced to pay.

Since the CRB is authorized to set and establish a royalty rate structure, stakeholders need Congressional authority to forge an agreement that the government would adopt. H.R. 2344 provides that critical authority, and allows private groups 30 days from enactment to work out a settlement amongst themselves to replace the rate structure established by the government.

Webcasters and copyright holders, including those in Washington State, like Washington's 101, WebRadioPugetSound, WildMixRadio Network.com, and Hollow Earth Radio need this legislation so they have the freedom to negotiate and craft a fair royalty rate structure for all impacted parties. Currently, Internet radio pays 47% of its annual revenue in royalty fees, a rate that will eventually crush the industry.

An estimated 42 million people tune to Internet radio on a weekly basis. Internet radio offers consumers not only entertainment value, but it serves niche markets and allows access to independent labels and artists, diversifying programming. Webcasters in Washington State allow small, local, Northwest bands an opportunity to have their music heard across the country. This bill will allow small webcasters serving those markets to continue to compete and be an outlet for minority voices.

I urge my colleagues to consider this important bill, and to help keep the music playing online.

IN HONOR OF THE SURVIVORS
AND VICTIMS OF THE PONTIAN
GENOCIDE

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 18, 2009

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the survivors and victims of the Pontian Genocide of 1915–1923. On May 19 we remember the treacherous actions of those who murdered hundreds of thousands of Pontian Hellenes and destroyed their communities, and we remember the survivors and the fallen.

Nearly a century ago, there were large communities of Hellenes living across the Ottoman Empire. In a few short years, these communities were destroyed, and hundreds of thousands of lives were taken at the order of the Ottoman government. Hellenic Pontians had lived along the southeastern coast of the Black Sea in what is now northern Turkey for more than three millennia. The perfidious decision to destroy these peaceful communities resulted from the fear that foreign populations under Ottoman rule would join with their mother countries and destroy a crumbling empire.

During a bloody eight year reign of terror, the Ottoman government orchestrated the killing or displacement of hundreds of thousands of Greeks, Armenians and Assyrians who had been living in the Pontus region. Thousands of

people were murdered outright. The rest were uprooted and forcibly marched across the Anatolian border, without food or other provisions, to the Syrian border. Mass rapes and abductions of women and children also occurred. More than half of the Pontian population perished from violence, starvation or disease.

Roughly 400,000 Pontians refugees survived the onslaught and fled to Greece, Russia, and the United States. Despite the huge number of people who died or were displaced, most of the world paid no attention to their suffering. The fact that so many people could be murdered or removed from their homes without facing any consequences empowered future genocidal regimes to take similar actions.

One of the greatest tragedies of genocide is that the aggressors often succeed in eliminating the memory of those who fled. Few Americans today know about the Pontian Genocide. We have an obligation to honor the memory of those who died and teach our children about those dreadful times in hope that they will never be repeated. On May 19th, 2009, on the annual day of remembrance, members of the Pan-Pontian Federation will pay solemn homage to the victims. Although the genocide almost caused the extinction of the Pontian people, their traditions and culture still resonate today.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the Pan-Pontian Federation as they honor the sacrifices and memory of their noble ancestors. I commend the Pan-Pontian Federation in their efforts to preserve Greek culture and history. May the victims of the Pontian Genocide rest in peace.

IN MEMORY OF JUDGE JIM
HUDSON

HON. MIKE ROSS

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 18, 2009

Mr. ROSS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Jim Hudson of Texarkana, Arkansas, who passed away on May 3, 2009, at the much too early age of 56. As a man of faith, a devoted husband and father, and a committed statesman, his life and legacy is an example to us all.

As a circuit judge for the 8th judicial district south serving Miller and Lafayette Counties since 1991 and as a former prosecuting attorney, Jim was one of the most fair-minded and selfless people I have had the pleasure to know. Arkansas lost a true public servant with Jim's passing and he will be deeply missed.

I knew Jim my entire adult life and was proud to call him my friend. His steadfast commitment to justice and his devotion to his community made Jim a person many of us looked up to and respected, as we witnessed Jim help countless individuals and families throughout his career in public service. He was so respected in his profession that both Arkansas's U.S. Senators Blanche Lincoln and Mark Pryor recently selected Jim as a possible nominee to fill a U.S. district judge's position in the Western District of Arkansas, a position for which he would have been perfectly suited.

Jim's cheerful personality was contagious and he was liked by all he encountered. In

fact, over the course of Jim's difficult five-week struggle with post-surgical complications, a website updated daily with information regarding his progress was visited more than 60,000 times.

As a respected jurist, Jim's greatest legacy is to the legal profession where he had a coveted grasp of complex legal issues and a commitment to helping troubled youth find their way. He also mentored numerous young lawyers and jurists that now practice across the region, passing on his knowledge and teachings that exemplified his fairness and passion for law. His legacy will live on for decades in our region's legal system through the many lives and careers he touched.

My thoughts and prayers and those of every Arkansan are with Jim's family during this difficult time, especially to his wife, Kathy; his two daughters, Sarah and Claire Hudson; his stepmother, Jane Hudson; and, his grandson, Jaxson Hudson.

Jim left us much too early and those of us who knew him will always remember the laughter and lessons he shared with us all. We too often forget how much one person can make a difference in this world and Jim's life and legacy is an example of how one man can better the lives of so many, the profession he cared so deeply about and the church, community and state he called home.

DOÑA STOREY, PRESIDENT AND
CEO, QUALITY TECHNICAL SERVICES,
INC., VIRGINIA BEACH, VA

HON. GLENN C. NYE

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 18, 2009

Mr. NYE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor America's entrepreneurs, those distinguished individuals who support our communities, drive innovation, and keep our nation strong. Small businesses bring fresh ideas to the table, develop the resources to meet the demands of an ever-changing world, and make a meaningful impact on our neighborhoods. Entrepreneurs are responsible for providing 60 to 80 percent of all new jobs, giving them the potential to propel rapid economic growth and expand ever-developing fields. Some of the country's largest companies began as start-ups in small offices, homes and garages exploring these new fields. Limited only by their imagination, these firms performed cutting-edge work in emerging industries that have become the very foundation of our society.

As our nation and the world face the most difficult economic conditions in decades, entrepreneurs have the potential to lead us back to prosperity. The resiliency and adaptability shown by small businesses in past recessions demonstrate their capability to meet the challenges standing in their way and emerge

stronger than ever. America's small businesses will drive the economic recovery from this downturn and our economy will emerge stronger than ever. Times may be tough, but America's entrepreneurial spirit is tougher.

To recognize the monumental achievements of our nation's small firms, the Small Business Administration (SBA) has declared May 17–23 as the 46th Annual National Small Business Week. The House Small Business Committee is celebrating all our country's hard-working entrepreneurs by saluting the Heroes of Small Business, those men and women who have shown the strength, leadership, and resourcefulness that keeps our economy moving forward.

I ask that you, Madam Speaker, and the entire U.S. House of Representatives join me in recognizing and thanking Ms. Doña Storey for her tremendous accomplishments on behalf of small businesses. Ms. Storey is president and CEO of Quality Technical Services, Inc. (QTS), a minority and woman-owned small disadvantaged business. Founded in 1980, QTS provides strategic management consulting and manages multiphase, multi-location interior design projects. QTS counts among its clients some of the nation's largest corporations such as Time Inc. and Johnson & Johnson, and has contracted with federal, state and local governments.

Ms. Storey has garnered several accolades for her entrepreneurial success and contributions to the business community, including being named by the Small Business Administration in 2007 as Virginia's "Women in Business Champion of the Year." She participates in speeches and mentoring programs to educate other entrepreneurs about navigating the government contracting process, and is the creator of an online guide that provides information on how to succeed in the federal marketplace.

Madam Speaker, Ms. Storey has exemplified the remarkable accomplishments of which America's entrepreneurs are capable. This week, she will testify before the House Small Business Committee to share her story. I ask that you and the entire U.S. House of Representatives join with me in honoring her for the extraordinary work she has done for the small business economy. Her efforts demonstrate that if given the right resources, America's small businesses can be the catalysts that lift our economy from the current downturn and put us on the road to recovery.

25TH ANNIVERSARY OF FATHER
AVED TERZIAN

HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 18, 2009

Mr. MCGOVERN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 25th anniversary of Fa-

ther Aved Terzian serving at the Parish of the Armenian Church of Our Saviour.

Father Aved was born in Istanbul in 1956. He grew up in the church and decided to study divinity after high school. The person who really influenced his life was His Beatitude Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Armenian Patriarchate of Jerusalem, and it was at his invitation that Father Aved came to America in February of 1975. In 1984, "Deacon Onnig" was ordained by his spiritual mentor Patriarch Torkom Manoogian. Following the tradition of the Armenian Church, the Patriarch named him Aved.

As the longest serving Armenian priest in Worcester, Father Aved has played a vital role in the promotion of Armenian culture, bringing the community together for Genocide Commemorations, Joint Christmas Eve Services, and the Greater Worcester Armenian Chorale. He has maintained a positive relationship with the Armenian Church of Our Saviour's neighbor, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, giving commencement prayers and providing crisis counseling.

In 1984, he participated in a Task Force to introduce holocaust studies to the Worcester Public Schools Curriculum. He has worked on the Community Partnership for Police and Clergy, the City Manager's Coalition on Bias and Hate, the Diocesan Council Governing Body, the St. Nersess Seminary Board, and as an advisor to the Dean of Clark University.

Father Aved was instrumental in coordinating efforts to renovate the Armenian Church of Our Saviour, an ambitious project that included the Church Sanctuary, Sunday School, Church Hall, Cultural Center and an elevator to accommodate the handicapped and elderly. During his tenure, Memorial Endowment Funds were established as a means to generate income for the church.

Looking back over the past twenty-five years, Father Aved believes one of his greatest accomplishments has been to bring the parishioners, "the backbone of his ministry," to work together in serving the church. Father Aved is thankful that the people of Worcester have accepted him, and been generous with their love and respect. When asked how he came to serve the Armenian Church as a priest, Father Aved referred to his calling as a process of getting closer to God, one that unfolded within him. Being a priest has been very rewarding for Father Aved. It is not a job, but a life he has chosen. As a representative of Christ, he is able to give people comfort, and lift their spirits when they are faced with life's challenges. He is, in his own words, a "wounded healer."

Madam Speaker, I commend Father Aved Terzian for his commitment to the Parish of the Armenian Church of Our Saviour for 25 years. The Parish celebrates this Silver Anniversary milestone with Der Hayr, his wife Yeretzgin Vivian and sons Onnig and Raffi. I ask my colleagues in the House to join me in paying tribute to this remarkable man.