

TRENT GASKILL

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 10, 2009

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Trent Gaskill of Kansas City, Missouri. Trent 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, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Trent has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Trent 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 Trent Gaskill for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

COMMEMORATING 100 YEARS OF
SERVICE OF ITASCA FIRE PRO-
TECTION DISTRICT NO. 1

HON. PETER J. ROSKAM

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 10, 2009

Mr. ROSKAM. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to rise today to recognize the Itasca Fire Protection District No. 1 in my Congressional District for their Centennial Celebration. This year marks 100 years of their loyal service to the community.

During the weekend of September 11th and 12th, the community will gather to recognize these heroic men and women, both past and present, who have served faithfully for a century. These firefighters and paramedics serve the families and businesses of Itasca, as well as those in surrounding communities.

Day in and out these men and women risk their lives to protect our communities. Their bravery and courage often goes unnoticed, but their efforts are very deserving of our recognition and admiration.

Fire Chief James MacArthur and the men and women of Itasca's Fire Protection District No. 1 reflect the pride and tradition of excellence that exists throughout the Fire Protection Community.

Madam Speaker and Distinguished Colleagues, please join me in celebrating this special occasion and the long years of service and commitment that it represents.

WIND ENERGY RESEARCH AND
DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 2009

SPEECH OF

HON. BETTY SUTTON-

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 9, 2009

Ms. SUTTON. —Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 3165, the Wind Energy Research and Development Act and would like to

commend Rep. Tonko for his work on this issue.

Wind power is one of our nation's fastest growing sources of energy. By 2030, the Department of Energy estimates that this industry will support 500,000 jobs in the U.S. and produce at least 20 percent of our nation's electricity.

And we must focus our investments, leveraging private dollars, to R & D areas that need to be improved. We must focus R & D to improve gearbox reliability and performance. We must focus R & D to make materials more reliable and more affordable. And we must focus R & D to utilize wind technology offshore.

In Ohio, we are on the verge of the first fresh water wind energy project in the United States. Our project could serve as a prototype for harnessing wind energy on similar bodies of water across the nation. By utilizing the wind over Lake Erie, we will find another use for our great natural resource.

We must pass the Wind Energy Research and Development Act today to harness wind energy's potential, both on shore and off, and move away from foreign sources of energy.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 10, 2009

Mr. GERLACH. Madam Speaker, unfortunately, on Tuesday, September 8, 2009, I missed three recorded votes on the House floor. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call 687, YEA on Roll Call 688, and YEA on Roll Call 689.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. WALTER B. JONES

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 10, 2009

Mr. JONES. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of HR 3326, Department of Defense Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2010.

Republican WALTER B. JONES

Project: U.S. Navy Cancer Vaccine Program
Recipient: OncBioMune, LLC, 17050 Medical Drive, 4th Floor, Baton Rouge, LA 70816
Account: Research & Development, Navy
Amount: \$3,000,000

Explanation: The U.S. Navy Cancer Vaccine Program was initiated in 2005 and was the first cancer vaccine program conducted at the Naval Health Research Center. It has received congressional appropriations beginning in FY06. Currently, U.S. military health authorities estimate that in the past year alone, \$42 million was spent on direct health care costs in the military healthcare system related to prostate cancer. Continued development of the vaccine through this project will save the lives of military personnel suffering from cancer as well as reduce health care costs in the military healthcare system.

Republican WALTER B. JONES

Project: North Carolina Counter Drug Task Force Growth

Recipient: North Carolina National Guard,
4105 Reedy Creek Road, Raleigh, NC 27607
Account: Drug Interdiction And Counter-
Drug Activities, Defense
Amount: \$1,000,000

Explanation: The National Guard Counter-Drug Program conducts a full spectrum campaign that bridges the gap between and among DoD and Non-DoD institutions in the fight against illicit drugs and transnational threats to the Homeland. The program includes support for analysis and interdiction support, law enforcement training and anti-drug education and awareness. Currently, the North Carolina National Guard is unable to fully support drug-law enforcement agencies in the State because the program funding has not maintained pace with inflation and pay increases. This appropriation will fund additional manpower and equipment to support the Drug Demand Reduction program, DEA case loads, and the Marijuana Eradication Program.

NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE
MONTH

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 10, 2009

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Madam Speaker, it is with great respect that I rise to celebrate National Hispanic Heritage Month and its 2009 theme—Embracing the Fierce Urgency of Now! From September 15, 2009, through October 15, 2009, the people of the United States will once again celebrate the histories, cultures, and traditions of our Hispanic American brothers and sisters. Since its inception as National Hispanic Heritage Week in 1968, which later became National Hispanic Heritage Month in 1988, Americans have taken this time to not only honor the rich culture and traditions of Hispanic Americans, but also to reflect on the countless contributions they have made that have led to improvements in their communities, and in turn, a better America.

As we reflect on the importance of the contributions that have been made by Hispanic Americans, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to one individual in particular from the First Congressional District who has represented the epitome of leadership and civil service within Northwest Indiana, the Honorable Lorenzo Arredondo, Lake County Circuit Court Judge. For over three decades, Judge Arredondo has presided over his courtroom, making him the longest serving elected State trial judge in the United States.

Raised in East Chicago, Indiana, Judge Arredondo has brought a very unique perspective to the courtroom. As a child in East Chicago, he grew up in a very diverse community, influenced by many ethnic groups, all living and working together. In East Chicago, a city centered around its steel mills, Judge Arredondo also learned the value of hard work, and of teamwork. This, no doubt, served him well in his later pursuits and has been a cornerstone of his remarkable career.

While serving on the bench for more than three decades is a truly amazing feat, it is Judge Arredondo's passion for and service to improving the justice system that makes his

tenure so impressive. His distinguished career includes service on the faculty of the National Judicial College and the Indiana Trial Advocacy College, on the board and executive committee of the American Judicature Society, as president of the Hispanic National Bar Association, and on the boards of the Indiana Judges Association and Judicial Conference. Not one to rest on his laurels, Judge Arredondo is currently vice-chair of the Indiana Supreme Court's Commission on Race and Gender Fairness, and he serves on the board of the Legacy Foundation. At home in Lake County, understanding the important role families play, Judge Arredondo has made great strides in improving opportunities for families, including the creation of the Family Division of the Lake County Court and the Domestic Relations Counseling Bureau, as well as the "Children's Room," which aims to reduce stress on children whose parents are attending court.

While his knowledge and experience have crossed all cultural and racial divides, Judge Arredondo's contributions to issues vital to the Hispanic population are unmatched. It is for this reason that he has been summoned on numerous occasions to the White House to share his experience and his knowledge. For his contributions, Judge Arredondo is one of only five individuals in the thirty-nine year history of the National Hispanic Bar Association to receive the prestigious Lincoln-Juarez Award. Additionally, Judge Arredondo has been awarded the Indiana Judges Association Award for excellence in public information, the Indiana State Bar Association's prestigious Rabb Emison Award, and the Sherman Minton Award for Judicial Excellence.

Madam Speaker, as we celebrate National Hispanic Heritage Month, let us pay tribute to leaders such as Judge Lorenzo Arredondo, who have contributed so much to the improvement of our communities and our nation. I respectfully ask that you and my other colleagues join me in commending Judge Arredondo for his lifetime of service to the First Congressional District. I am proud to serve as his representative in Washington, DC.

RECOGNIZING THE CONSECRATION OF THE FIRST ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH IN ARIZONA

HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 10, 2009

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the consecration of the first Armenian Apostolic Church in Arizona, which will take place Sept. 20 in Scottsdale, and to honor the many valuable contributions the Armenian community has made to our state.

The Armenian community first came together in Arizona in an organized way just over a half century ago, and it has grown and flourished ever since. The first Armenian clergy who visited Arizona performed their services in the homes of local residents while community members worked together to donate and save for a permanent worship center.

In 1963 the State of Arizona officially acknowledged the Armenian Apostolic Church of

Arizona. A few years later, a local Armenian family donated property in Scottsdale for the first church site. In 1992, the church established the Armenian Church Cultural Center and later the Eleanor Ordjanian Library on that site.

And on Sunday, Sept. 20, this inspiring story will culminate with the consecration of the first Armenian Apostolic Church, a new sanctuary that was made possible with the support and hard work of countless community volunteers.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing the contributions of the Armenian community to Arizona and in wishing them well on the consecration of their new sanctuary.

HONORING SUFFOLK COUNTY LEGISLATOR JOHN J. FOLEY

HON. TIMOTHY H. BISHOP

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 10, 2009

Mr. BISHOP of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor former Suffolk County Legislator John J. Foley, who passed away this week at the age of 90.

Mr. Foley served from 1976 to 1993 in the Suffolk County legislature, longer than any other Democrat. Before this, he served on the Brookhaven Town board from 1959 to 1967. In office and out, he fought to improve health care, education, and the environment in order to make life better for the Long Island residents he represented.

He was succeeded in the legislature by his son, Brian X. Foley, who said that his father's personal creed was "people not politics." Today, Brian carries on his father's work as a member of the New York State Senate.

A man of strong personal faith, John Foley believed that every person had dignity and sought to treat every person with respect. He believed that the government could play a positive role in the lives of individuals and communities.

Mr. Foley earned the respected of colleagues on both sides of the aisle in New York as he fought to increase funding for open space, health centers, community college, mental health and services for the disabled. In the 1980s, he was a delegate to the White House Commission on Aging. In 1990, he led the effort to save the county infirmary and replace it with a modern \$34-million nursing home, which was named in his honor. A strong supporter of education, he served for 25 years on the Eastern Suffolk Board of Cooperative Educational Services and was a trustee of Suffolk Community College.

John Foley served as a role model to me and so many others who have entered into public service. His voice will be sorely missed.

My thoughts and prayers go out to his family, his sons Brian, Dennis and Michael, daughters Mary Ann Hughes and Patricia Kuhn, 12 grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

HONORING WALLACE BAUMANN

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 10, 2009

Mr. DUNCAN. Madam Speaker, my hometown of Knoxville, Tennessee lost a great citizen and community champion recently.

Wallace Baumann was a longtime friend of mine and a tireless contributor to the arts in East Tennessee. His family is an institution in Knoxville, and the building that housed their business has been a fixture in downtown Knoxville since just after the Civil War, when Wallace's grandfather Captain W.W. Woodruff opened the hardware and furniture store.

The store remained open through most of the 20th Century, being passed down through the generations and standing out as a downtown staple even during difficult economic times. Although the business is now gone, the unique building which housed it remains with the family name still attached. I could not imagine downtown Knoxville without this landmark.

Wallace never stopped serving his Country or his Community during his 84 years. He served during World War II in the 10th Armored Division, surviving the Battle of the Bulge.

He was also a member of many boards and organizations throughout Knoxville, most notably serving on the Knoxville Symphony Society Board. Wallace could often be found at the Tennessee Theatre, and he even personally financed the restoration of the Theatre's historic organ.

Wallace's life is a living history of Knoxville, Tennessee that I hope will not soon be forgotten. Recently, the Knoxville Publication Metro Pulse wrote of this great loss to our community, recounting how Wallace was there to see John Barrymore and Glenn Miller perform at the Bijou Theatre and witness Ingrid Bergman plant a tree on Market Square.

Madam Speaker, in closing, I would like to call to the attention of my colleagues and other readers of the Record the article by Jack Neely in Metro Pulse, which is reprinted below. I thank Wallace Baumann for his dedication and love of East Tennessee, and I will greatly miss my friend.

[From the Metro Pulse, Aug. 19, 2009]

WALLACE BAUMANN, 1925-2009—A MEMORY OF
A SURPRISING PHILANTHROPIST

(By Jack Neely)

Wallace Baumann died last week. I'd seen him a few times this summer, and he seemed more or less the same as he did when I was first aware of who he was, sometime in the '60s. Cheerful, well-dressed, and with a cogent remark about the last issue of Metro Pulse.

He didn't look 84, or even 74, as several people have observed this week; some who hadn't known him for long had assumed he was 20 or even 30 years younger. Wallace may have been evidence of a paradoxical truth, that while young men look older when they wear a jacket and tie, old men look younger. I never in my life saw Wallace without a jacket and tie, and with prominent horn-rimmed glasses, he looked like an executive in one of those business-office comedies of the '60s. For the last couple of years, there's been a big portrait of him in the Tennessee Theatre in the landing of the right