

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 29, 2009*

Mr. GERLACH. Madam Speaker, unfortunately, on Monday, October 26, 2009, I missed two recorded votes on the House floor. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall 814 and "yea" on rollcall 815.

Additionally, I missed three recorded votes on Tuesday, October 27, 2009. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall 816, "yea" on rollcall 817, and "yea" on rollcall 818.

## HONORING THE LATE ANGELA R. COPPOLA

### HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 29, 2009*

Mr. HIGGINS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the late Angela R. Coppola, housewife and mother, and lifelong resident of Buffalo, New York. Mrs. Coppola was a homemaker who raised 10 children and was active in many community organizations. Angela Coppola passed into the arms of the Lord on July 18, 2009 at the age of 83.

Born Angela Sapienza on August 21, 1925 on Busti Avenue, on Buffalo's west side, she was the daughter of an immigrant from Sicily, Leonard Sapienza. Her father was born in the town of Ventimiglia di Sicilia, near Palermo Sicily, in 1894—and immigrated to Buffalo with his parents in 1900 at the age of 6. Mrs. Coppola graduated from Nardin Academy in 1942. She then earned an associate's degree from St. Mary's Business School in 1944. She married Joseph R. Coppola, also from Buffalo, in 1947 at Holy Angels Church. They had 13 children in 10 years—8 sons and two daughters: Michael, Leonard, Joey, Jack, the late Mary, Peter, Paul, Robert, Richard, and Donna.

Angela Coppola's life revolved around her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. They are her lasting legacy. At the time of her death, Angela had 31 grandchildren, and 7 great-grandchildren, with another on the way. The names of her grandchildren are as follows: Jennifer, Jill, Michelle, the late Joseph, Jeffery, Jamel, Christopher, Jacqui, Juliangela, Tommy, Katherine, Natalie, Eric, Bryan, Lindsey, Maria, Christine, Peter, Jr., Mark, Michael, Joseph, Laura, Robin, Kaitlin, Anthony, Janine, Nicholas, Elizabeth, Robbie, Christopher, Sarah, and Rebecca Angela. The names of her great-grandchildren so far are as follows: Serena, Arabella, Ryan, Miranda, Zachary, Hailee, and Nina Marie—with one due January 1, 2010.

Over the years, Angela Coppola was active in the Altar and Rosary Society of Christ the King Catholic Church in Snyder, the Seton Guild, the Women's Committee of the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra Society and the Canisius College President's Council, among other organizations. She was one of the first in the Buffalo area to lecture for Weight Watchers. She also demonstrated T-Fal cookware in local department stores.

In November, 2008, Mrs. Coppola was honored to receive the Ernestine Nardin Distinguished Service Award at the President's Reception, Nardin Academy in Buffalo, NY. Mrs. Coppola was a frequent spectator at her children and grandchildren's sporting events over the years. In 2000, Christ the King School in Snyder presented her a trophy as Fan of the Millennium-Year.

Mrs. Coppola's husband, Joseph R. Coppola, Ph.D., died in 2003 after 56 years of marriage. Angela is survived by 3 younger brothers: Joseph, Nicholas and Leonard Sapienza, all residents of Buffalo, N.Y.

Madam Speaker, I thank you and our colleagues for providing this opportunity for me to honor the legacy of a dedicated Western New Yorker, and I know that you and all of our colleagues join with me in paying tribute to Mrs. Coppola's service and to her memory.

## EARMARK DECLARATION

### HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 29, 2009*

Mr. CASTLE. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding funding for Delaware included as part of the final conference report for the FY 2010 Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, H.R. 2996:

Name of Project: Johnson's Corner Sanitary Sewer District Project, Sussex County, DE

Requesting Member: MICHAEL N. CASTLE

Bill Number: H.R. 2996

Account: EPA-STAG

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Sussex County Council

Address of Requesting Entity: 2 The Circle, Georgetown, DE 19947

Description of Request: \$300,000 to construct wastewater collection and transmission facilities to serve the Johnson's Corner Sanitary Sewer District, located near the Assawoman Bay in Sussex County, DE, which is one of Delaware's inland bays. The purpose of the project is to eliminate failing septic systems and extend wastewater service to over 400 residences, and reduce harmful nutrients from entering the Bay.

Name of Project: Turkey Run Interceptor Improvements, New Castle County, DE

Requesting Member: MICHAEL N. CASTLE

Bill Number: H.R. 2996

Account: EPA-STAG

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: New Castle County

Address of Requesting Entity: 87 Reads Way, New Castle, DE 19720

Description of Request: \$300,000 to make capital improvements to the Turkey Run Interceptor sewer project. Funding will assist in accelerating the schedule of this critical project so as to provide protection for public health and the environment from problems caused by this failing sanitary sewer interceptor.

Name of Project: Prime Hook National Wildlife Refuge

Requesting Member: MICHAEL N. CASTLE

Bill Number: H.R. 2996

Account: USFWS—Land Acquisition

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Prime Hook National Wildlife Refuge

Address of Requesting Entity: 11978 Turkle Pond Road, Milton, DE 19968

Description of Request: \$1,000,000 to support the President's FY2010 Budget request of \$1,000,000 from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Land Acquisition, to acquire a 108-acre tract adjacent to the Prime Hook National Wildlife Refuge in Milton, Delaware. This project would protect a mix of wetlands and upland habitats and provide excellent endangered Delmarva fox squirrel habitat. The tract also provides important access for the Refuge for both recreation and management uses into an area of the Refuge that currently lacks access.

## HONORING THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SIERRA BOOSTER

### HON. TOM McCLINTOCK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 29, 2009*

Mr. McCLINTOCK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor The Sierra Booster, published in Sierra County, California. The newspaper was first published in October 1949 by Hal Wright and his wife Allene. For over 50 years, Mr. Wright served his community through the continued publication of the Sierra Booster. Following her father's passing in July of 2000, Hal's daughter, Jan, took over the newspaper. For the past decade, Jan has continued her family's legacy as well as The Sierra Booster's commitment to serve the eastern Sierras.

Madam Speaker, The Sierra Booster exemplifies the ideal of a free press, one of this nation's greatest freedoms. Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the Sierra Booster for its 60 years of continued service and wishing the newspaper continued success in the future.

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HONORING THE SANDY GROUND  
HISTORICAL SOCIETY FOR THEIR  
CULTURAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO  
STATEN ISLAND, NEW YORK

**HON. MICHAEL E. McMAHON**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 29, 2009*

Mr. McMAHON. Madam Speaker, I would like to honor the Sandy Ground community in Staten Island, New York. It is the oldest community established by free slaves in North America, and still thrives today.

After slavery was abolished in the State of New York in 1827, freedmen from all over the state, as well as far away as Maryland and Virginia, settled in the area known since colonial times as Sandy Ground, which was located in the area around what is now the intersection of Bloomingdale and Woodrow Roads in Rossville.

These early settlers were also skilled in the oyster trade, and brought this knowledge with them to Staten Island. Oyster harvesting was a major business on Staten Island during the 19th Century and was conducted mainly on the island's south shore. Sandy Ground also served as an important stop on the Underground Railroad, and is the oldest continuously settled free black community in the United States.

The Sandy Ground Historical Society, which preserves the history and physical surroundings of the Sandy Ground community and maintains a museum and library, was organized on February 28, 1980. The Museum and library contain letters, photographs, film, art, rare books, quilts and other archaeological artifacts. The Museum also possesses a rare surviving can of Tetttersalve, a beauty product manufactured by Harlem businesswoman Madame C. J. Walker, and a letter from W.E.B. DuBois.

The museum also sponsors arts-and-crafts sessions, a musical heritage series, a lecture series presented in Staten Island schools and churches, and a traveling lecture series to institutions around the country. The African-American quilt-making tradition is also continued through quilting workshops.

The Sandy Ground Historical Society has graciously lent us a quilt that we have hung proudly above the entryway to my personal office in Washington. The quilt depicts the history of strawberry farming on the land, which starts with two brothers named Moses and Silas Harris. They bought property circa 1850 in what is now Sandy Ground, with the intention of farming on it. Upon inspection of the land, they noted that the soil was sandy, but they found a plant that grew well in sandy soil: strawberries. They became so successful at growing strawberries that the town was first called "Harrisville," which later became Sandy Ground. Today there is a street in the Sandy Ground community called Harris Lane, named after the Harris Brothers. Wild strawberries still grow on the few open plots of land that are left in the area.

Sandy Ground is an important historical landmark, an asset to Staten Island, and an asset to the United States of America.

IN MEMORY OF MR. DAVID W.  
TROUTMAN

**HON. TIM RYAN**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 29, 2009*

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Madam Speaker, it is with deep sadness that I inform the House of the death of Mr. David W. Troutman of Akron, Ohio.

David (Dave) William Troutman, 67, passed away on October 26, 2009.

Dave was born on February 16, 1942 in Wooster, Ohio to George and Ruth Troutman. Most important to Dave was his beloved family.

He is survived by his lovely wife of 40 years, Janet L. Troutman. He was a loving and devoted father to Michael (Danielle) Troutman and DeAnna (Thomas) Donaldson; a doting grandfather to his precious grandchildren, Luke Donaldson and MacIntyre Troutman. He is also survived by his sisters, Hannah Onderack and Florence (James) Castner through whom his family legacy extends through his nieces and nephews, Alicia, Nicholas, Jennifer, Daniel, Katie, Chelsea, Aleem, and Sofia.

Dave's life was dedicated to serving his community, state and country. His accomplished career in law enforcement spanned over 40 years. He served as a soldier in the U.S. Army Reserve, Summit County Sheriff Deputy for 10 years, Barberton Chief Probation Officer for seven years, Summit County Sheriff for 14 years and finally served as U.S. Marshall for nine years at the request of then President Bill Clinton. From his early years attending high school in Barberton, Ohio and college at Miami (Ohio) University, Dave was committed to serving his community and helping others. Throughout his lifetime, he served in numerous appointed and elected public offices to include Coventry Township Trustee, Coventry Country Parks and Recreation Board Member, Summit County Sheriff, OPOTA Council Member, Ohio Organized Crime Commission Member, Ohio Athletic Commission Member and Kiwanis to name but a few. His leadership role in so many offices was not for public recognition as is typical of so many, but for his belief that he could serve others from such a position and lead others to public service. Because of his generosity and outstanding servitude, an exhaustive list of recognition and awards were bestowed upon him including the Cliff Skeen Award and Sheriff of the Year.

To have known Dave was to know a man of integrity, honesty and service. His love for people and community was shown daily as he always helped others when often no one else would. To say Dave personally touched the lives of thousands would be an understatement. His legacy of service and love for others and his lifelong example of honesty and integrity is priceless and inspiring to so many. How would Dave have us honor such a lifetime of example? By following that example and becoming great through helping others. Dave will be missed, loved and never forgotten. Ohio has truly lost one of its most beloved sons. We love and miss you Dave!

EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 29, 2009*

Mr. ADERHOLT. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 2996, the Department of Interior, EPA Appropriations Bill:

Requesting Member: ADERHOLT

Bill Number: H.R. 2996

Account: STAG Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Project

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Fayette County Commission

Address of Requesting Entity: Fayette County Commission, 103 1st NW, Fayette, AL 35555

Description of Request: "Fayette County Reservoir \$6,000,000" The funding would be used for the construction of a water reservoir located in Fayette County that will serve as a water source for an area where residents are suffering from poor water quality. This project will provide a dependable supply of water to the 120,422 residents of Fayette and surrounding counties. Taxpayer Justification: This project will provide a dependable supply of water to the 120,422 residents in Fayette County, Marion County, and Walker County.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE DEDICATION AND SUPPORT OF OUR  
MILITARY FAMILIES

**HON. JEFF MILLER**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 29, 2009*

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, it is with great honor that I rise today to recognize the dedication and support of our military families, servicemembers, and the veterans who went before them.

When a servicemember joins the military, it is not a just a job; it is a family commitment to our country. As our country continues to deploy overseas, we see the impact it has on family members at home. The month of November is designated as Military Family Month. This observance provides an excellent opportunity to show support for our servicemembers and families as we pause and reflect on the contributions, support and patriotism they exhibit each day.

Military families continuously undergo tremendous challenges and it only begins when they find their loved ones deployed for long periods of time. During frequent moves, they effortlessly relocate their belongings, find new schools for their children, navigate the complex options for medical care, and solve myriad other challenges. They are truly resilient and strong.

It is an honor for me to convey my heartfelt appreciation for the service and support of some particular events in Northwest Florida in the coming weeks that will honor our veterans and educate our children about their heroism and sacrifice. On November 4, Blue Angels Elementary School will partner with the History Channel's Take a Veteran to School Day to