

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. C.A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 31, 2009

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Madam Speaker, on Thursday, March 26, 2009, during the debate on the FLAME ACT, I inadvertently voted "aye" on rollcall 161, the Rep. Goodlatte Amendment. I meant to vote "no."

IN RECOGNITION OF DAVID WARREN

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, when David Warren came to the Richland County Public Library (RCPL) in Columbia, S.C., in 1979, he brought leadership and vision that would expand and transform the library and reintroduce it to the Richland community. Since that time, the RCPL has grown in size and scope—including the construction of a 242,000-square-foot Main Library, the expansion of five and the construction of 2 new branches, an increase in the circulation of materials to 3.3 million and the library's collection to over 1.3 million pieces.

As executive director of the Richland County Public Library, Warren has been recognized across the country and internationally for his leadership and strength in library management. His reputation as an innovator has led to numerous appointments with local, state, and national organizations. Under Warren's leadership, RCPL was named the National Library of the Year in 2001, bringing positive national attention to the Midlands and South Carolina. His vision and ability to think outside the box has enabled RCPL to set a new standard for public library systems in South Carolina and the Southeast.

Named Librarian of the Year by the South Carolina Library Association in 1991 and Public Administrator of the Year by the South Carolina Chapter of the American Society for Public Administrators for 1992/1993, Warren's leadership and commitment to his community has justly earned him this recognition and much appreciation from those who have benefited from his tremendous efforts.

I congratulate David Warren on his retirement and wish him many more years of success and service.

IN MEMORY OF JOHN WOODWARD, JR.

HON. ELTON GALLEGLY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GALLEGLY. Madam Speaker, I rise in memory of John Woodward, Jr., whose very life proved that one could be gentle, kind, civil and honest—and financially successful.

John Woodward became an entrepreneur relatively late in life. After serving in Guam and Okinawa with the U.S. Army during World

War II, John was drafted by Chrysler Corporation while he was still a business major at the University of Southern California.

He spent the next few decades working his way up the auto industry corporate ladder, including about a decade traveling around the country establishing dealership franchises. Then, in 1976, John and his wife, Nada, who he had met during World War II when she was an Army nurse, moved their family to Thousand Oaks, California, where he opened Westoaks Chrysler Dodge.

The dealership's motto was, "Where People Care." By all accounts, John made sure the dealership lived up to that motto right up until he sold it last year.

In addition to opening his own dealership, John also was instrumental in starting the Thousand Oaks Auto Mall. As an active member of the Thousand Oaks-Westlake Village Regional Chamber of Commerce, John led the fundraising drive for the Chamber's first building.

But John's civic mindedness did not end with business promotion. He believed in his community and worked tirelessly on its behalf. John was a key donor to the Community Conscience of Conejo Valley and supported a multitude of children's sports teams, civic groups and charitable organizations. Among his many accolades was being named the Chamber's Man of the Year.

My wife, Janice, and I were privileged to call him our friend.

Madam Speaker, John's wife of nearly sixty years died four years ago. Many were touched by their legacy of honesty and civility, but none more than their three children, Ginny, Nancy and John III; and their four grandchildren. I know my colleagues will join Janice and me in offering our condolences to John's family and all who knew him and called him a friend.

Godspeed, John.

HONORING ALLEN BUSHMAN

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Allen Bushman upon being named as a "Distinguished Life Member" by the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 9896. Mr. Bushman was honored on Saturday, January 31, 2009.

Allen Bushman was born in March 1930 in Fairview, Utah, and at age eighteen he enlisted in the newly formed United States Air Force. He completed his basic training at Lackland Air Force Base in Texas. He went on to serve in a variety of assignments, including an aircraft engineering mechanic for the B-29 and B-36 bombers and the KC-97 Stratotanker. These aircrafts were instrumental during the Korean War, completing missions from Japan and Okinawa to bomb targets in North Korea. After the war, Mr. Bushman completed Aircraft Maintenance Technician School and qualified as an Inflight Air Refueling Boom Operator. The Stratotanker was an aerial refueling tanker; it was vital to the Air Force as the B-47 became the primary bomber for world-wide strategic operations.

During the 1960s, Mr. Bushman completed courses at the USAF Advanced Flying School

and was selected for advanced training for the KC-135 and completed the Combat Crew Training Squadron Course. He also completed the Management Course for Air Force Supervisors and the Special Vehicle Repairman Course. Mr. Bushman was assigned as the boom operator on the KC-135 where he flew on missions from Okinawa and Guam, refueling the B-52 and other aircraft flying to and returning from missions over North Vietnam. During his twenty-two years of service he served with a number of wings and squadrons including 22nd Bomb Wing, 98th Bomb Wing, 111th Bomb Wing, 95th Bomb Wing, 90th Air Refueling Squadron, 99th Air Refueling Squadron and 924th Air Refueling Training Squadron.

Master Sergeant Bushman retired from the Air Force at Castle Air Force Base on February 28, 1970. He was awarded with the Air Force Commendation Medal for Meritorious Service, the Air Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Korean Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Air Force Good Conduct Medal, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award, National Defense Service Medal and the Air Force Longevity Service Award for his service during the Korean War, Vietnam War and the Cold War. Upon his retirement, he completed a two year business management course at Merced College and became a fence contractor. He is a life member of Chowchilla Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 9896, and a member of the Church of Latter Day Saints. He and his wife, Carla Gene, continue to live in Chowchilla, California; they have nine children, twenty-seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Allen Bushman upon being named as a "Distinguished Life Member" by the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 9896. I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing Mr. Bushman many years of continued success.

SPREAD THE WORD TO END THE WORD CAMPAIGN

HON. PATRICK J. KENNEDY

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 31, 2009

Mr. KENNEDY. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize and commend the efforts of the Spread the Word to End the Word Campaign; a grassroots organization founded by college and high school students toward promoting greater awareness and respect for people with intellectual disabilities.

Created by young people with and without intellectual disabilities, Spread the Word to End the Word promotes the undeniable truth that everyone matters, everyone is accepted and, most importantly, everyone is valued. Today, young activists across the country are leading local efforts to raise awareness and collect pledges from peers and the community to vow not to use the "R-word" and recognize March 31, 2009 as a national awareness day for The Spread the Word to End the Word campaign.

In 1966, speaking at the University of Cape Town in South Africa, my uncle, Robert Kennedy said, "Each time a man stands up for an ideal, or acts to improve the lot of others, or strikes out against injustice, he sends forth a

tiny ripple of hope, and crossing each other from a million different centers of energy and daring those ripples build a current which can sweep down the mightiest walls of oppression and resistance." It is with great honor that I am able to speak about this amazing group of young activists who are spreading hope each and every day; not just in their own communities but across the country, to those who suffer from intellectual disabilities and their families.

Too often the power of our words is underestimated and misunderstood. Today marks the culmination of a month long campaign to educate all of us about the positive and negative effects that our words can have. It is with great joy today, that I am able to use my words to support their courage and activism.

Thank you to all who pledge today to think of others before they speak and thank you to all who strive each day to promote universal human dignity.

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF LAREDO FBI SUPERVISORY SENIOR AGENT NORMAN A. TOWNSEND

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 31, 2009

Mr. CUELLAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Norman A. Townsend for his service to the people of the State of Texas and the nation as a whole. As he prepares to move forward with his career of public service with the FBI, we proudly honor him for his five years of service to the Laredo Resident Agency where he has served as a senior supervisory agent.

Mr. Townsend earned a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting and a Master's in Criminology from Central Oklahoma University in Edmond before he began his career with the FBI on July 5, 1977. He worked as a fingerprint examiner and an accounting technician in Oklahoma City before attending the FBI Academy in Quantico, Virginia in 1984. Later that year he was assigned as a special agent to the Houston Division in Beaumont, Texas where he performed a number of investigations and continued his dedicated service to the bureau.

On August 4, 2003, Mr. Townsend transferred to the San Antonio Division in Laredo, Texas where he worked as a Supervisory Senior Agent. For the past five years, he has served the community, the state, and our country under the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Laredo. He has supervised agents, task force officers, and support personnel as they conducted investigations on public corruption, white collar crime, and joint task force terrorist investigations.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring Norman Townsend for his five years of dedicated service to the FBI Laredo Resident Agency and his 31 years of service to the FBI as he prepares to move forward with his career in the bureau.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. J. GRESHAM BARRETT

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 31, 2009

Mr. BARRETT of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, unfortunately I missed recorded votes on the House floor on Monday, March 30, 2009. Had I been present, I would have voted "Present" on rollcall vote No. 163 (on motion to table H. Res. 295), "yea" on rollcall vote No. 164 (Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree to H.R. 20), "yea" on rollcall vote No. 165 (Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree to H.R. 479).

ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. MARION BERRY

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 31, 2009

Mr. BERRY. Madam Speaker, I rise here today to pay tribute to one of Arkansas's finest educational institutions, Arkansas State University. The University will commemorate its 100th anniversary this month. This achievement is a significant milestone for this school and all who helped shape its history.

On April 1st, 2009, the Jonesboro Community will gather at Arkansas State University to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the passage of Act 100, which established the first four agricultural schools in Arkansas. Over the past several decades, ASU has been the beneficiary of a foundation of excellence, built by the hard work and dedication from faculty, alumni, administrators and the community. Many individuals have invested in ensuring the success of the school, and thanks to their efforts we are also here today to thank them for their service.

To build a great school, time and patience are needed to attract and sustain a great faculty, develop a strong academic program, and foster an alumni network. The process is long and arduous, but Arkansas State University is resilient and continues to produce distinguished alumni and groundbreaking achievements year after year.

Arkansas State University with its first-rate, innovative style of education provides an unparalleled learning experience for their students. The growing strength of the school is demonstrated by the success of its students after they graduate and its world renowned reputation. Most importantly, the ideas and achievements from ASU's alumni will continue to transform and benefit our nation for generations.

I stand here today to ask my colleagues in the United States Congress to join me in congratulating Arkansas State University on this significant milestone. Arkansas State University has been powering the minds of its students for 100 years. The University has come a long way, has much to celebrate, and more successes to anticipate in the years to come.

RECOGNITION OF MICHAEL J. MANGINI'S E-911 INSTITUTE INDUSTRY PROFESSIONAL AWARD

HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 31, 2009

Mr. MCGOVERN. Madam Speaker, a week ago today, I had the privilege of attending the E-911 Institute's 6th Annual Honors Gala Dinner Program to present my constituent, Michael J. Mangini, with the organization's prestigious industry professional award. I am grateful to have had the opportunity to personally recognize the extraordinary contributions Michael has made to public safety during the course of his remarkable career. I respectfully request that my remarks from that evening be printed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD as a lasting and enduring tribute to this very special man. Thank you.

Good evening. I'm pleased to be here tonight with my colleagues for this occasion. I am proud to be a member of the E-911 Caucus and am very grateful for the important work that the E-911 Institute does on behalf emergency preparedness all across the country. I am especially honored to have been invited to present your association's prestigious industry professional award this year to one of the true unsung heroes of your profession and a constituent of mine from Hopkinton, Massachusetts, Michael Mangini.

To those of you not from Massachusetts, Hopkinton is best known as the starting place for the Boston Marathon. I can't drive 26 miles never mind run it but I wanted to share that fun fact with all of you nonetheless. Michael is joined here tonight by his wife, Susan; their daughter Christina; and his very proud parents, Mr. & Mrs. Mangini. I also want to point out Michael's friend and colleague at Plant CML, Paul Fahey, who nominated Mike for this award. Paul's parents are also constituents of mine from Worcester, Massachusetts so this is like an episode of "All in the Family" for me tonight.

In all seriousness, Michael Mangini is truly deserving of the honor you bestow on him tonight. He has devoted his entire professional career to improving emergency communications in both the public and private sectors. First, as Director of Technical Services for the City of Boston's Emergency Services Department, Michael earned the respect and admiration of the entire public safety community. His conscientious commitment to his job, his extraordinary expertise in the field and his unfailing professionalism garnered the attention of no less than the Governor of Massachusetts who asked him to serve as a founding member of the first state-wide emergency telecommunications board in 1991. As Chair of the Board's Standards Committee, Michael was principally responsible for the development and implementation of one of the largest and most successful E-911 programs in the nation. He served on the state's emergency telecommunications board for fully eleven years, and his contributions in that role have undeniably made the Commonwealth of Massachusetts a safer place to live for all of its citizens.

In addition to his service to the state, Michael has been an active member of the Association of Public Communications Officials (APCO) International since 1986 and is a past recipient of its highest honor, the Presidential Award. Michael has also been a member of the National Emergency Number Association (NENA) since 1987 and served as