

thank her service. May God bless her and her family in the same way that she has been a blessing to us all.

# RECOGNIZING THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE OUTBREAK OF THE KOREAN WAR

SPEECH OF

## HON. SCOTT GARRETT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 23, 2010*

Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, sixty years ago today, half a world away, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea invaded the Republic of Korea. Soon after, President Harry Truman committed American forces to assist the South Koreans. So began a struggle between those seeking freedom and those seeking to expand the dark shadow of communism. An estimated one hundred thousand Americans were wounded, fifty thousand killed, and five thousand missing in action during the conflict.

Korean War veterans are a unique class of Americans. Those who served their country during 1950 to 1953 were raised during the Depression and had experienced World War II, either in the military or on the home front. They grew up in a time of great patriotism—a time when words like duty, honor, and country carried great weight. When their tour of duty ended, most of them returned to the States with little fanfare, picked up their pre-war lives, and carried on.

In the eyes of history, the Korean War is often referred to as the "Forgotten War." But millions of Americans, including me, have not forgotten the heroism exhibited by the men and women who placed themselves in harm's way. Without their sacrifice, it is unlikely that South Korea would have become the free and prosperous nation that it is today. Therefore, I was honored to cosponsor H.J. Res. 86, which recognizes the 60th anniversary of the outbreak of the Korean War and reaffirms the U.S.-Korea Alliance. I'm pleased that this resolution recently passed the House by voice vote.

While we must not forget the past, we must also act swiftly and decisively in the present. In May, after the tragic sinking of the Cheonan, I cosponsored H. Res. 1382 to express sympathy for the families of those killed by North Korea, and solidarity with the Republic of Korea. As evidence of the U.S. commitment to defending the Republic of Korea, this Resolution passed with overwhelming bipartisan support. Tolerating continued North Korean hostility will only serve to weaken inter-Korean relations and result in the further destabilization of the region.

Despite the recently-renewed conflict, we should recognize that South Korea's progress is an encouragement and a model for other nations. After hostilities subsided in 1953, Korea was faced with the daunting task of recovering from the carnage and bloodshed of war. South Korea was an economically weak nation; in fact it was one of the poorest nations on earth. Yet today, the Republic of Korea has one of the most vibrant and successful export-oriented economies in the world. This historical record provides hope that, with our persistent efforts, both harmony

and prosperity are possible on the Korean Peninsula.

We must remember the brave men and women who sacrificed their lives so that South Korea could be the free and flourishing nation that it is today. In their honor, we continue the struggle for peace on the Korean Peninsula.

## HONORING MARGARET DUNNING

### HON. THADDEUS G. MCCOTTER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 24, 2010*

Mr. MCCOTTER. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor and acknowledge Miss Margaret Dunning, a remarkable Michigan citizen, upon her one hundredth birthday on June 26, 2010.

Miss Dunning was born on June 26, 1910, in Redford, Michigan to Charles and Bessie (Rattenbury) Dunning. Although Margaret was given little chance of survival when her mother experienced complications during her birth, Margaret has not only survived but thrived. Margaret attended the old Plymouth High School which now houses Central Middle School graduating in 1929. After attending the University of Michigan for two years, Margaret went on to study at the Hamilton School of Business in Ypsilanti.

Miss Dunning was employed at the Phoenix Mill Ford plant during the 1930s and also worked as a bank teller and assistant cashier in local Plymouth banks. Having devoted her time to the American Red Cross during World War II, Miss Dunning purchased Goldstein's Apparel in 1947 and renamed the store Dunning's, selling it after 20 years. Margaret still resides in the home on Penniman built by her mother.

Margaret Dunning's love of her community led her to become a major benefactor when the Plymouth Historical Society expressed their desire to build a permanent home. As the result of her generosity, a 15,000 square foot building now stands at the corner of Main and Wing in her beloved Plymouth. Miss Dunning championed the Plymouth Historical Society again when they expanded their museum and is a permanent member of the Historical Society's Board of Directors. She also was instrumental in the construction of the Dunning-Hough Library.

Margaret Dunning still enjoys a love of travel, particularly to Europe. She has a notable collection of classic cars stored in her garage, which she has affectionately dubbed Gasoline Alley. Margaret selects one of her prized automobiles every August to drive in the Woodward Dream Cruise.

Madam Speaker, for one hundred years Miss Margaret Dunning has graced the world with her kindness, hard work, and community spirit. Miss Dunning's attributes her longevity to enjoying and participating in the beautiful world around her. Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Miss Margaret Dunning upon reaching her one hundredth birthday on June 26, 2010, and to honor her commitment to her community and her country.

## IN HONOR OF BILL RAMSEY

### HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 24, 2010*

Mr. FARR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a modern agriculture pioneer, Mr. Bill Ramsey of Salinas, California, on the occasion of his recognition by the Grower-Shipper Association of Central California with its E.E. "Gene" Harden Award for Lifetime Achievement. Bill is a quiet, unassuming, and humble man. One would know by looking at him that he is a giant among men for his business and civic leadership.

Beginning in the 1960s, when he assumed key leadership positions within the Mann Packing produce company, Bill helped lead the growth of the U.S. fresh produce industry. Alongside his business partner and friend, the late Don Nucci, Bill helped expand the U.S. market for broccoli and all manner of value added and ready to eat fresh produce. If you have ever eaten broccoli, you can credit Bill's leadership with helping to get it to your plate fresh, safe, and at a reasonable price.

Mr. Ramsey's peers in the agricultural industry have recognized him in several ways. Mr. Ramsey served as both the Chairman of the Board of Western Growers Association and as President of the Grower-Shipper Association of Central California. Mr. Ramsey has also been honored as the Salinas Jaycees Outstanding Young Farmer, as well as receiving the Harden Award which recognizes leadership qualities, devotion to the betterment of the agricultural industry, community service, and those with a high level of ethics and integrity.

Mr. Ramsey's devotion to his community goes well beyond the agricultural aspects. His contributions to the community of Salinas include being the President of the Salinas City School District Board of Trustees, Founder and Chairman of Valley of the World Awards for the National Steinbeck Center, Director of the California Rodeo, Distinguished Fellow (Agriculture) of CSU Monterey Bay, YMCA, Boys & Girls Club, Sun Street Center, and Salinas Rotary (Rotarian of the Year). Bill Ramsey has also honored his country by serving in the United States Navy.

Madam Speaker, I hope my fellow members of the House will join me in honoring Bill Ramsey for his many contributions to the agricultural industry, his local community, and his country. And while Bill will not hesitate to credit those around him for his success, it is appropriate that our Nation recognize what an important contribution that he has made to our health, economy, and culture.

## TRIBUTE TO MONSIGNOR PAUL V. GARRITY

### HON. JOHN F. TIERNEY

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 24, 2010*

Mr. TIERNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments of Monsignor Paul V. Garrity. For the past eighteen years, Monsignor Garrity has served as the pastor of St. Mary's Church in Lynn, Massachusetts. During those years, his contributions,

not only to St. Mary's but to the city itself, have been numerous.

Monsignor Garrity grew up in Somerville, Massachusetts. He is a graduate of St. John's College. In 1973, he was ordained a priest in the Archdiocese of Boston. Prior to coming to St. Mary's, he served parishes in Billerica and Malden. He was also Director of the Catholic Center and was Campus Minister at the University of Massachusetts at Lowell.

In 1992, he was appointed pastor of St. Mary's in Lynn. Since then, he has transformed the parish into a vibrant, welcoming and diverse community. He has breathed new life into the St. Mary's community and engaged support from hundreds of volunteers.

During his tenure both a Haitian Community and a Congolese Community were established at St. Mary's parish. A strategic plan for St. Mary's High School was completed that led to a \$10 million capital campaign and the opening of the William F. Connell Center—a new state of the art academic building, the refurbishment of the school campus and the doubling of enrollment.

Monsignor Garrity's vision led to the conversion of a large, old convent building on the St. Mary's campus into 32 units of much-needed low income elderly housing with a service plan that is modeled like an assisted living arrangement. He was an advocate for the conversion of property located at the closed St. Jean Baptiste parish into low income housing to provide affordable home ownership opportunities.

At the request of Cardinal Sean O'Malley, he is currently serving on three Archdiocesan task forces: the Improved Financial Relationship Committee (IFRC), the Clergy Fund Review Committee and the Elementary School Task Force. Monsignor Garrity is a regular panelist on the RUACH Program, an inter-faith dialogue program on local cable TV and is active in ecumenical and interfaith activities in the Greater Lynn community. His Holiness, Pope John Paul II, named Monsignor a Prelate of Honor with the title of Very Reverend Monsignor in 1998, and Monsignor Garrity was made a Knight of the Holy Sepulcher in 1999.

Through his work, Monsignor Garrity has made a difference in the lives of so many in Lynn, and he will leave behind him an indelible imprint on the community.

I join my friends in the greater Lynn community and the St. Mary's parish family in extending my best wishes to Monsignor Garrity as he embarks upon his next assignment hoping that he understands that he will always be welcome "home" to St. Mary's and Lynn whenever he ventures this way.

#### COMMENDING KATHY DIXON AND RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF FOSTER CAREGIVERS

**HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 24, 2010*

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise to commend the heartfelt commitment of Kathy Dixon and foster caregivers for their tireless, selfless efforts to transform the lives of children who need another chance in life. Foster parents like Kathy wrap the necessities

of life in the warm heart of family, providing the opportunity for children and young adults to recover from their pasts and reclaim their lives. Foster caregivers remind us that the act of building a quality life for others is truly a remarkable and honorable achievement. All children deserve the best shot at life. Foster caregivers are those who have determined that the best shot does not end with heartbreak, but ends instead with the resolution to succeed.

I received letters from two of Kathy Dixon's foster children, Tynequa and Tony Wardlow. Kathy represents the very best in foster parenting, a courageous woman who has devoted her heart and soul to caring for young children who needed someone to care for and nurture them. As Tynequa writes, "She took me in when I had nowhere to go." Tony says that, "she is the one who picks me up when I fall." He writes that he prayed God would send him a mother who "would hold on to me like someone with a big heart." God, he said, sent him Kathy, "and so much more." Tynequa insists that Kathy has not only saved her life, but also has taught her "to stand up for what I believe in, have faith in myself, be responsible and respectful, get my education, don't be fake, don't have low self-esteem, don't buy friendship, and most importantly, don't give up on hope." I cannot imagine a greater gift in this world than what Kathy has given to her children.

I am pleased to work with many foster care organizations in my district in South Florida. Just recently I met with a group of foster youth—in their late teens and early twenties now—who came to Washington, DC as part of the Broward County Trip of a Lifetime, an annual effort to bring these young adults to our nation's capital to meet their congressional representatives and learn how our government works. I take enormous pride in the opportunity I had to sit down with these young men and women and hear their stories and hopes and dreams for the future. Several of these youth have children of their own now and are working hard to impart to their children the wisdom, love, and affection given to them by their foster families. And it is because of the support they had from their foster families that these youth now dream of becoming engineers, entrepreneurs, social workers, nurses, and much else. In South Florida, organizations like Forever Family have proved enormously successful at changing lives, finding stable homes for children and young adults in need, and setting hundreds of young people on the right path in life.

Madam Speaker, American society is forever indebted to the hard work, deep commitment, determined sacrifice, and unconditional love demonstrated by people like Kathy Dixon. She is an inspirational role model, not just to myself or any one of us here in Congress but, more importantly, to her own children, who recognize the transformation she brought about in their lives. As Tony writes, "God has blessed me with so many gifts that I will never forget."

IN RECOGNITION OF MS. BEVERLY TERRY'S DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITY AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE MSU EXTENSION IN OAKLAND COUNTY

**HON. GARY C. PETERS**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 24, 2010*

Mr. PETERS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Beverly Terry, Executive Director of the Oakland County Michigan State University Extension Office, on her retirement from the MSU Extension service. As a Member of Congress it is both my privilege and honor to recognize Ms. Terry for her many years of service and her contributions which have enriched and strengthened our community.

Ms. Terry's career began over 30 years ago when she joined the MSU Extension as the Presque Isle 4-H program assistant. She put her bachelors degree in community development from Central Michigan University and a masters degree in community services from Michigan State University to good use during her tenure with MSU Extension. Through her hard work, ingenuity, and dedication Ms. Terry eventually rose to the position of Executive Director of the Oakland County MSU Extension Office, serving the second largest county in the State of Michigan. As Executive Director, she has worked with her staff to develop and enhance critically important lifestyle and skill development programming.

Michigan State University Extension's mission is to help people improve their lives through an educational process that applies knowledge to critical issues, needs, and opportunities. Ms. Terry has been a tireless advocate and coordinator of this mission. She has overseen and advanced a variety of critical human services programs in Oakland County including 4-H youth development, the master gardener program, the family nutrition program, and the citizen planner program, just to name a few. Under Ms. Terry's leadership, these programs have prospered in the face of a challenging economy with uncertain funding.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today to honor Ms. Beverly Terry for her many contributions to our community and her leadership at the MSU Extension. I wish her many more years of health and happiness.

#### HONORING DIVISION I STATE CHAMPION GIRLS' SOCCER NOVI HIGH SCHOOL

**HON. THADDEUS G. MCCOTTER**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 24, 2010*

Mr. MCCOTTER. Madam Speaker, today I rise to acknowledge the Division 1 State Champion Girls' Soccer Novi High School. On June 19, 2010, the Novi Lady Wildcats sealed a 2-1 victory over Plymouth, marking the 4th Division 1 State Championship under the Head Coach Brian O'Leary since 2005.

After having amassed a division record of 8-1-1 and sharing the Kensington Lake Athletic Association's Central Division title with the Northville Mustangs, the Lady Wildcats