

HONORING KATHRYN WINTER OF
NAPA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 21, 2010

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize my friend Kathryn Winter on the occasion of her retirement as executive director of Fair Housing Napa Valley in Napa County, California. Kathryn's leadership will be truly missed by her colleagues, the people of Napa County, and all of the organizations around Northern California that heavily relied on her immense knowledge and experience in public service.

Mrs. Winter is a native San Franciscan who graduated from Lowell High School. She received her bachelor of arts degree from the University of California, Berkeley and her masters from Stanford University. Mrs. Winter has dedicated her life to serving her community. She began her career of public service as an English instructor on the Navajo and Hopi Indian reservations, Napa Valley College and Hillsdale High School in San Mateo, California. Prior to her current position, she served honorably as a town councilmember in Yountville, California and as a Napa County supervisor. She also brought her talents to the Governor's Office of Planning and Research.

In her 6½ years as executive director of Fair Housing Napa Valley, she has worked tirelessly to eliminate housing discrimination and ensure equal housing opportunity for all people through leadership, education, conciliation, outreach, advocacy and enforcement. Under Kathryn's leadership, Fair Housing Napa Valley emerged as a powerhouse in the local non-profit community. She raised over \$1.8 million, expanded the program from one to five staff members, doubled caseload and tripled revenues.

Madam Speaker, it is my distinct pleasure to recognize Kathryn Winter for her many years of service to Napa County, California, and to thank her for her many contributions to our community. I know she will continue to make the Napa Valley a better place during this next phase of her life. I join her husband Mick, her daughter Joanna and our colleagues in wishing her the best as she moves on to future challenges.

SUPPORTING SOCIAL SECURITY

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 21, 2010

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Madam Speaker, as we approach the 75th anniversary of Social Security, I rise today to reaffirm its promise as an economic lifeline to millions of senior citizens and those with disabilities, and to preserve it for future generations.

More than 50 million Americans depend on Social Security benefits to make ends meet. For many, it is their only source of financial security during these tough economic times. Seniors have worked all their lives and made contributions to the Social Security program. However, we should not threaten their benefits to reduce the federal deficit and pay for the

policies of fiscal irresponsibility that President Obama inherited. Fixing this budget mess should not come at the cost of hurting Social Security beneficiaries.

Our Republican colleagues have once again advanced a proposal to partially privatize Social Security that puts the financial security and stability of America's seniors at risk. Seniors cannot afford to have their retirement security gambled away on the volatile stock market. At the same time Washington Republicans want to repeal the Wall Street reform legislation, they are pushing for a risky plan that would funnel billions of dollars of America's Social Security retirement savings to Wall Street.

Madam Speaker, we have a choice to make. We can take the path that jeopardizes the Social Security program and the benefits it provides, or we can take the road that preserves the retirement benefits that seniors have paid for, earned and need. Let's choose the right path and make sure that Social Security continues to provide seniors with the same financial stability, reliability and security as it has for the past 75 years.

**HONORING THE EFFORTS OF THE
YOUNG ARTISTS FROM THE
WORD OF FAITH CHRISTIAN
SCHOOL**

HON. HEATH SHULER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 21, 2010

Mr. SHULER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the students from the Word of Faith Christian School in the small rural community of Spindale, North Carolina. These students have produced an impressive collection of approximately 300 pieces of art depicting World War II and the legacy of the Holocaust. Their work has been displayed in several exhibitions in North Carolina. After reviewing the work, Michael Berenbaum, the Founding Director of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, stated that he "was profoundly impressed by their quality, their diversity, their integrity and their passion. I have never seen such work from students of their age."

From July 19 to July 22, these students will feature their work at the Christians United for Israel Summit, which is to be held at the Washington Convention Center. I would like to recognize these students and the Word of Faith Christian School for their tremendous artistic accomplishments, their dedication to the preservation of history, and for their unwavering support of Israel.

HONORING DENNIS CUPP

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dennis Cupp, the former Chief of Police in Moberly, Missouri, who retired after 30 years of service to the city.

Over the course of his storied career, Lieutenant Colonel Cupp has compiled an impres-

sive resume of accomplishments and accolades. Lt. Colonel Cupp has received training from a number of prestigious institutions including the Harry S. Truman Police Academy, the University of Missouri, and the Missouri Police Chiefs Association. It should also be noted that Lt. Colonel Cupp graduated from the 127 class of Police Management School, School of Police Staff & Command, which is nationally recognized.

Lt. Colonel Cupp is the regional vice president of the Missouri Police Chiefs Association. He is a member of Missouri and International Association of Chiefs of Police. He also serves the community in other ways as well. He has recently served in the role of region 4 coordinator for the Law Enforcement Torch Run for the Special Olympics.

In closing, Madam Speaker, I ask all my colleagues to join me in congratulating Lt. Colonel David Cupp for his service to the city of Moberly and the State of Missouri.

**PREVENTION OF INTERSTATE
COMMERCE IN ANIMAL CRUSH
VIDEOS ACT OF 2010**

SPEECH OF

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2010

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H.R. 5566, the Prevention of Interstate Commerce in Animal Crush Videos Act of 2010. This bill will ban the sale and distribution of so-called animal crush videos. In reality, they are shocking displays of animal cruelty.

This bill was introduced in response to the Supreme Court's decision in *U.S. v. Stevens* to strike down a previous law that banned these videos, as unconstitutional. The sponsor of the new bill, Congressman Gallegly, worked with law and constitutional scholars to ensure that this bill is narrowly tailored to be able to survive strict First Amendment scrutiny while still banning the sale and distribution of these horrific videos.

Additionally, for the opponents out there who incorrectly object to the bill on the grounds that it may restrict hunting and fishing rights, the bill clarifies that depictions of hunting, fishing, trapping and common animal husbandry practices are exempt.

As many of my colleagues know, I have had a lifelong love and compassion for animals of all kinds. That is why I am simply shocked at the cruelty exhibited in these videos. What upsets me more is that there is an audience out there that enjoys the brutality depicted in these videos.

I supported the original legislation that banned the depiction of animal cruelty in the 106th Congress. Today I want to strongly add my support to H.R. 5566, the Prevention of Interstate Commerce in Animal Crush Videos Act of 2010.

Mr. Speaker, it is past time that this inhumane and cruel practice is once and for all put to an end.

IN HONOR AND RECOGNITION OF
MR. ANTHONY ZIELINSKI

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 21, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of Mr. Anthony Zielinski, devoted and much-loved father, son, brother and friend, whose public service continues to raise the Parma community onto a platform of strength, viability, unity and opportunity.

Mr. Zielinski grew up in the City of Parma and continues to call Parma his home. He attended Parma public schools and graduated from Cleveland State University with advanced degrees. His public service reflects integrity, expertise, dedication and most importantly, it consistently reflects heart, compassion and sincere concern regarding the needs of others.

Because of his vision and leadership, Parma has resources and opportunities for residents of all ages. Mr. Zielinski served as councilman in Parma's Ward 8 neighborhood for nearly 8 years. As councilman, he served as Majority Leader and Finance Chairman, working energetically on behalf of residents and creating strong partnerships between the public and private sectors. He served on the City of Parma's Zoning Board of Appeals, and was appointed to the position of Treasurer of the City of Parma in 2005, and elected to serve another term in 2009.

His outstanding work as Treasurer is framed by integrity, expertise and dedication to protecting the public trust by making wise investments to obtain the highest return on taxpayers dollars. In addition, Mr. Zielinski has a rare ability to bring people and departments together—unifying the community for the common good—with a special commitment to the children of Parma. He led several student-government programs, and was instrumental in organizing the Leadership for Tomorrow Program, which allows every fifth grade student to experience, in person, the workings of city government. Though humble, Mr. Zielinski's volunteer efforts have been noticed by others. He was named the Parma Democrat of the Year; and was honored as the Pride Award Recipient by the Parma Chamber of Commerce.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honor and recognition of my friend, Mr. Anthony Zielinski. Mr. Zielinski's work and approach to city government continues to create strong bonds between residents and city hall. He is a role model as a man, a father, a son, and a friend. It is Mr. Zielinski's warmth, heart, honesty and willingness to help others that enriches and strengthens the lives of all us—his family and friends in Parma, Ohio and throughout our community.

RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT
OF ROBERT F. LARK AS THE
CHAIRPERSON OF THE MERCER
COUNTY DEMOCRAT COMMITTEE

HON. JASON ALTMIRE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 21, 2010

Mr. ALTMIRE. Madam Speaker, it is my privilege to recognize Robert F. Lark on the

occasion of his retirement as Chairperson of the Mercer County Democrat Committee. Bob served faithfully as Chair since 1988. His 22 years at the post makes him the longest serving Chairperson in the Committee's history.

Bob comes from a family of committed public servants and knows the value of giving back to his community. His grandfather served as a Precinct Committeeman in the 1930s and 1940s and his mother was also a Precinct Committeewoman in the 1950s and 1960s.

During his time as Chairperson, Bob helped encourage the formation of the Democrat Women and Young Democrats organizations in Mercer County and was enormously successful in registering voters across western Pennsylvania.

A lifelong Democrat, Bob worked for fairness in elections and voting and was not afraid to make his voice heard if he felt that an individual of either party was engaging in misconduct. His dedication to being a responsible citizen was evident in his service to the Mercer County Democrat Committee and to Pennsylvania.

Bob's commitment to his country extended beyond his service as chairperson, however. As a teacher for 40 years, Bob prepared future generations for life beyond the classroom. His work with students through the years is equally commendable.

Bob believed that one must be judged not by the promises a person makes, but by the promises a person keeps. Madam Speaker, Bob Lark was a man who kept his promises to his fellow Democrats in Mercer County and I am pleased to honor him for his efforts.

WE CAN HELP PROGRAM

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 21, 2010

Mr. QUIGLEY. Madam Speaker, as we talk about the need for job creation it is critical that we remember why America needs work.

Jobs are a means to provide for individuals and families, for food and shelter, and for a sense of security and peace of mind.

But work is only half the equation—a paycheck is needed to fulfill the other.

Which is why I stand in full support of the Department of Labor's "We Can Help Program."

This public service campaign strives to educate America's workforce about employer abuses and workers' rights.

It will also add 250 investigators to the department's wage and hour division.

Efforts like this will go a long way toward recovering at least some of the \$19 billion of wages that are never paid to workers across the country every single year.

In the midst of a tough economy, it is vital that Congress do everything in its power to make sure every American who wants a job can find a job.

But we must remember that there are many already on the clock who need our help, too.

DALLAS' CHAPTER OF TOP LADIES
OF DISTINCTION INC. CELEBRATES
45TH SAPPHIRE ANNIVERSARY

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 21, 2010

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, on June 12, 2010 the Dallas Chapter of Top Ladies of Distinction, TLOD, recognized their 45 years of outstanding service in the greater Dallas community. Founded in the Lone Star State of Texas, the mission of the organization is to enhance and enrich lives of youth and adults through national and community based programs and projects. The organization is comprised of 4,600 members spread among 104 chapters across the Nation, with each chapter respectively sponsoring Top Teens of America.

Top Ladies of Distinction collaborate with various organizations to help build a better community and increase awareness. To illustrate, some organizations include: Ronald McDonald Houses; National Alzheimer's Awareness; HIV/AIDS Awareness; Top Ladies of Distinction Literacy Program; and Sickle Cell Research.

At the anniversary celebration the women were graced with the presence of Mrs. Jackie Pope, Top Ladies of Distinction's National president, along with Ms. Bobbie Moorehead, Top Ladies of Distinction's fifth past National president. Also joined in the celebration was Ms. Sharon Beard, the current National recording secretary.

Top Ladies of Distinction 2010 honorees for 30 to 46 years of service included: Mrs. Nita Moorehead; Mrs. Opel Jones; and Mrs. Elinor Jackson.

Top Ladies of Distinction 2010 honorees for 25 to 29 years of service included: Mrs. Dorothy Lee; Mrs. Orvee Seward and Mrs. Harriet Tripp.

Top Ladies of Distinction 2010 honorees for 20 to 24 years of service included: Mrs. Pauline Dixon, Ms. Hertha Echols, Mrs. Orethann Price, Mrs. Martha Smith, and Mrs. Harnell Williams.

Madam Speaker, I congratulate Top Ladies of Distinction on this memorable moment in the history of their organization. These Ladies represent resourceful woman power; all of whom work for the betterment to serve others.

**HONORING THE LIFE OF JOHN
ANTHONY BRUZZONE**

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 21, 2010

Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today in memory of John Anthony Bruzzone, a devoted family man, member of the United States Army, successful Santa Clara County entrepreneur and a valued leader in our community. Sadly John passed away on June 30, 2010.

John, was a skilled businessman and entrepreneur, starting in 1947 with The Pied Piper Exterminators, Western Roofing Supply, and most recently Hollister Motor Sports. In 1974,