

DIXIE-NARCO ADDS JOBS

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 4, 2010

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, Dixie-Narco, Inc. is a company in South Carolina's Second District that produces vending machines. In late 2007, Dixie-Narco Company was acquired by Crane Corporation and they make 65 percent of all of the vending machines in North America.

I want to thank Dixie-Narco for their economic commitment to our great state and I look forward to working with them to continue to grow jobs in South Carolina. I have enjoyed working with business, state and local officials to help secure these jobs led by Eric Fast, President, CEO, and Director of Crane Company, Marty Martin of Barnwell County Development Commission, Mayor Tommy Rivers of Williston, Danny Black and Kay Maxwell of Southern Carolina Alliance, and Joe Taylor of the State Department of Commerce. But mostly, I want to thank the employees at Dixie-Narco's Williston facility for their strong work ethic—which led to the company's expansion from 500 employees to now nearly doubling.

100 millions Americans use vending machines each day and companies like Dixie-Narco are revolutionizing the industry. They offer substantial design improvements for increased volumes, dependable reliability, and increased productivity.

We appreciate Dixie-Narco adapting to this changing economy and working to promote this green industry that doesn't require customers to drive from the workplace or school for products.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September 11th in the Global War on Terrorism.

TRIBUTE TO WILLIAM EDWARDS

HON. DAVID G. REICHERT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. REICHERT. Madam Speaker, today I rise to speak about a young man in the Eighth Congressional District who earned recognition as a semifinalist in this year's Intel Science Talent Search.

Intel's Science Talent Search is our country's oldest and most prestigious pre-college science competition, and attracts some of the brightest students across the nation. Intel provides each semifinalist with a \$1,000 award and does the same for each individual school represented.

William Edwards, a student at Bonney Lake High School and a resident of Lake Tapps, WA, earned his place on this prestigious list along with 299 other innovative and inventive minds from around our Nation. It is a thrill to congratulate a hard-working and intelligent young man, William, for standing alongside the best our Nation has to offer in the fields of math, science and technology. William serves as an example of excellence, and encourages a spirit of curiosity and innovation that we must continue to foster among young people across this great nation.

The competition encourages students to tackle the challenging scientific questions of both the present and the future. I thank Intel for its leadership in this endeavor and congratulate their success in this annual competition.

HONORING THE LIFE OF THE REVEREND FATHER JOSEPH W. KUKURA**HON. STEVEN R. ROTHMAN**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ROTHMAN of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life of Father Joseph Kukura, President of the Catholic Health Care Partnership of New Jersey, who passed away on February 1, 2010.

Fr. Kukura was a scholar, an ethicist, a trusted counselor, a generous and intelligent man of faith, and a friend to many. As a parish priest at Corpus Christi in Hasbrouck Heights, as director of the Bergen County Catholic Youth Organization and through his role with the Catholic Health Care Partnership of New Jersey he served the people of my district and the entire state of New Jersey for many years. He will be greatly missed.

Madam Speaker, I know that my colleagues will join with me in honoring the life of this special man. We should all be so fortunate to leave such a wonderful legacy. I enter his obituary, which appeared in the Newark Star-Ledger on February 3, 2010, into the RECORD.

[From the Newark Star-Ledger, Feb. 3, 2010]

Rev. Joseph W. Kukura, 69, formerly of Hasbrouck Heights, a priest of the Archdiocese of Newark for 43 years, entered eternal life on Feb. 1, 2010. Rev. Kukura was the current president of the Catholic Health Care Partnership of New Jersey in Princeton, where he served for the past 10 years. "Father Joe," as he was affectionately known, was a graduate of St. Peter's Prep High School in Jersey City, and attended Seton Hall University and the Catholic University in Leuven, Belgium. Father Joe was ordained into the priesthood on June 24, 1967. As a young priest, he served at Corpus Christi R.C. Church in Hasbrouck Heights for five years, focused on youth and family ministry, and soon gained a large and faithful following in the parish. As director of the C.Y.O. in the early 1970's, he initiated powerful and popular retreat programs for high school youth. He also served as a member of the team ministry at St. Joseph's R.C. Church in Oradell. Father Joe then entered the doctoral program in moral theology at Catholic University in Washington, D.C. From there, he joined the faculty at Immaculate Conception Seminary, where he taught Christian Ethics for 15 years. He left the seminary to serve for 10 years as vice president for pastoral services at the Catholic Health Association, a national organization of Roman Catholic hospitals, headquartered in St. Louis, Mo. Father Joe returned to New Jersey in 1994, and continued his service through the Catholic Health Care Partnership of N.J., where he provided ethical consultation to New Jersey's Catholic hospitals. Father Joe served in various parishes as a visiting weekend priest, including Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha in Sparta, St. Pio in Lavallette and St. Aloysius in Jackson. He maintained contact with many of his former

parishioners, officiating at their weddings, baptizing their children, burying their loved ones, and attending special events. Always there when needed, his generous and loving spirit drew people close to him and his Christ-like example drew them closer to God. His motto was "it's the little things that count" and he lived it by his thoughtful and loving presence in the lives of those who shared his love and became his "parish." Father Joe was the loving son of the late Anna and Joseph Kukura of Bloomfield, and a dear friend to many.

HONORING THE WORK OF POLLY DYER, A WASHINGTON STATE ENVIRONMENTAL LEADER**HON. JAY INSLEE**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 4, 2010

Mr. INSLEE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Polly Dyer for her more than fifty years of leadership and hard work improving and protecting the environment of our nation.

Polly, along with her husband John, played a leading role in the passage of the 1964 Wilderness Act, which preserved millions of acres of land throughout the nation—the equivalent of almost 10 percent of Washington's land mass. She has made a special contribution to the protection and enhancement of the Olympic National Park and to the underwater domains of the Pacific Coast National Marine Sanctuary. Her efforts directly contributed to the development and preservation of the North Cascades National Park. She had a major role in the creation of the North Cascades Conservation Council, the Puget Sound Alliance, and was a key player in the formation of the Puget Sound Water Quality Authority.

My family and I have hiked the trails and slept under the stars on land she fought hard to save for future generations. We know and honor the great heritage she is preserving for our nation.

Polly Dyer has mentored, inspired and nurtured several generations of wilderness leaders in Washington State. On and off the trail, in and out of the halls of Congress, Polly Dyer is the exemplar of a wilderness leader. Thank you, Polly Dyer, for everything that you have done.

RECOGNIZING THE TRANSPORTATION TRADES DEPARTMENT, AFL-CIO ON ITS 20TH ANNIVERSARY**HON. FRANK A. LoBIONDO**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 4, 2010

Mr. LoBIONDO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Transportation Trades Department, AFL-CIO as it marks its 20th anniversary as an advocate for our Nation's transportation workers. TTD serves an important role in helping policymakers and the American public understand the critical need to improve transportation and to support the men and women who help keep our Nation moving.

As the Representative for the 2nd Congressional District of New Jersey, transportation is

one of my top priorities. My State's transportation needs are growing and ever-changing. I frequently hear my constituents speak of their frustration at the steep personal and financial costs of transportation delays and inefficiencies. Our Nation's quality of life and our economic vitality are closely linked to the quality of our transportation networks. As Ranking Member of the Subcommittee on Coast Guard & Maritime Transportation, I know how important it is to have safe and secure ports and waterways. It is critical that our Nation invest in this vital part of our economy, and that the men and women who work in the maritime industry are given the respect and support that they need to carry out their important work.

I am proud to work closely with TTD in pursuit of these shared goals. TTD is a serious, substantive organization—one truly committed to achieving results, not scoring political points. TTD understands that the transportation needs of our Nation know no partisan boundaries, whether it is average Americans traveling or commuting to work, or businesses needing reliable delivery of goods and services. Our entire Nation, regardless of region and local leadership, stands to gain from a safer, more modern transportation network, run by experienced, well-trained workers. TTD recognizes this and helps guide our shared bipartisan commitment to sensible transportation policies.

I congratulate TTD for its many accomplishments during its 20-year history. Transportation workers are at the core of our Nation's economic engine, and they have a well-respected voice and ally in the Transportation Trades Department, AFL-CIO. I look forward to continuing to work closely with them in the years to come.

FAFSA SEASON

HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 4, 2010

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to draw attention to the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, FAFSA, which helps make college a possibility for many young Americans.

The 2010–2011 form is now available and has been improved by eliminating 22 questions and 17 Web screens from the overall application.

These improvements—which will lessen obstacles for accessibility and financial aid—will help achieve President Obama's goal of generating the highest number of college graduates by 2020.

The Student Aid and Fiscal Responsibility Act which I proudly supported, further enhances FAFSA and brings us a step closer to wards accomplishing the President's goal.

Every student, regardless of their parents' economic status, should be able to attend college.

For years I have teamed up with schools and stakeholders to sponsor "FAFSA Nights" for parents and students; in my district.

This year I will hold a total of three "FAFSA Nights" in my district. The first two events drew close to 500 people and we anticipate that over 300 will attend the third event.

I encourage my colleagues to hold similar events.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. J. GRESHAM BARRETT

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 4, 2010

Mr. BARRETT of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, unfortunately, I missed the following recorded votes on the House floor on Tuesday, February 2, 2010 and Wednesday, February 3, 2010.

For Tuesday, February 2, 2010, I would have voted "Aye" on Rollcall vote #26 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H.R. 4495), "Aye" on Rollcall vote #27 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 957), "Aye" on Rollcall vote #28 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 1014).

For Wednesday, February 3, 2010, I would have voted "No" on Rollcall vote #29 (on ordering the Previous Question to H. Res. 1051), "No" on Rollcall vote #30 (on agreeing to H. Res. 1051, which provides for consideration of H.R. 4061), "Aye" on Rollcall vote #31 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 1043), "Aye" on Rollcall vote #32 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 901), "Aye" on Rollcall vote #33 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 1044), "Aye" on Rollcall vote #34 (on agreeing to the Hastings (FL) amendment to H.R. 4061), "Aye" on Rollcall vote #35 (on agreeing to the Flake amendment to H.R. 4061), "Aye" on Rollcall vote #36 (on agreeing to the Dahlkemper amendment to H.R. 4061), "Aye" on Rollcall vote #37 (on agreeing to the Cuellar amendment to H.R. 4061), "Aye" on Rollcall vote #38 (on agreeing to the Connolly (VA) amendment to H.R. 4061).

TRIBUTE TO THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS AS THEY CELEBRATE THEIR 90TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 4, 2010

Ms. DeLAURO. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to extend my sincere congratulations to the League of Women Voters as they celebrate their 90th anniversary. This is a remarkable milestone for this outstanding organization and I am glad to have this opportunity to pay tribute to their many invaluable contributions.

Founded in 1920, just before the 19th Amendment was ratified, the League of Women Voters was designed to help women carry out their new responsibilities as voters—to engage them in government and to encourage them to use their newfound rights to shape public policy. Though they encourage their members to be political themselves, this grassroots organization has a long and proud history of nonpartisanship which has allowed them to play a unique role in our communities and the national debate. At its core, the League has always been about educating voters and sharing with them how their voice can impact public policy at every level of government.

What began as a "mighty political experiment" has grown into one of the most re-

spected and dynamic advocacy organizations in the country. With more than 900 state and local leagues—represented in each of the fifty states as well as the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, and Hong Kong—the League continues to build on the successes of the past. Through its grassroots citizen network, the League and its members are making innumerable contributions to our communities. Whether sponsoring local candidate forums or weighing in on the issues facing our nation, the organization is remaining true to its most basic purpose—to make democracy work for all citizens.

Though it grew out of the women's suffrage movement, over its ninety year history the League of Women Voters has grown into an advocacy organization for all of America's citizens. It has remained committed to ensuring that Americans fully participate in the political process and use their power as voters to effect meaningful change in public policy. It is organizations like the League of Women Voters that make our nation—our democracy—so strong.

Today, as they reflect on the ninety years that have passed, the League of Women Voters can be proud of all that they have accomplished. I wish them all the best as they celebrate their 90th anniversary and extend my deepest thanks and appreciation to the organization and its thousands of members for their dedication, commitment and good work.

THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE IMMACULATA CATHOLIC CHURCH IN CINCINNATI

HON. JEAN SCHMIDT

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 4, 2010

Mrs. SCHMIDT. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the 150th Anniversary of the founding of the Immaculata Catholic Church in Cincinnati.

On December 9, 1860, Archbishop John B. Purcell celebrated the Immaculata Church during a special High Mass. This first mass marked the fulfillment of a heavenly promise that Archbishop Purcell made as a passenger aboard a ship sailing through a storm. As the storm raged, he promised to build a church on the most prominent point in Cincinnati.

While most Catholic churches were built by local communities, the Immaculata Church was quite different. Archbishop Purcell actually purchased the land, donated the stone, and supervised construction from start to finish. And, just to be certain that his promise was fulfilled, he urged parishioners to walk up the hill where the church was being built, and pray for its success along the way.

In 1970, the Immaculata Parish joined together with neighboring Holy Cross Parish. While the parish's name changed to Holy Cross Immaculata, its traditions continued. Each year, an estimated 10,000 individuals walk up the church's steps on Good Friday, stopping to say a prayer on each step.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in celebrating the 150th Anniversary of the Immaculata Church and wish the parish continued success in the future.