

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN HONOR OF WILLIAM COBLENTZ

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Ms. PELOSI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to William Coblentz, a legendary San Franciscan, a great American and citizen of the world who passed away on September 13th. Bill's leadership on many of our most important physical and cultural landmarks profoundly shaped the city's landscape and character, and his impassioned defense of human rights and intellectual freedom helped to define our ideological heritage. He was a visionary whose work helped make San Francisco the international city it is today.

A native of San Francisco, Bill was born in 1922 and attended Lowell High School and the University of California, Berkeley. After studying law at Yale, he returned to join a small real estate practice in San Francisco. He would remain at this firm for more than 55 years—guiding it to become one of the biggest and most influential in the city.

As a partner at the firm, now known as Coblentz, Patch, Duffy & Bass, Bill helped shape many of San Francisco's most significant post-war building projects, such as Yerba Buena Gardens, AT&T Park, the Fillmore Auditorium, Levi Plaza, and Mission Bay. He was a highly respected attorney and influential political leader, both as special counsel to California Governor Pat Brown and to San Francisco Mayor Joseph Alioto.

Beyond his professional accomplishments, Bill inspired others with his profoundly compassionate soul. Bill loved people, and those of us who were fortunate enough to know him will always remember the warmth and ease of his friendship. He believed in the value of every individual, and generously gave his time and energy to those from all walks of life. An example of this can be seen during his service on the Airport Commission, when he would volunteer as a janitor for the day on Christmas so that a custodian could spend that time with his family.

His courage and vision were perhaps most evident in his leadership on the University of California Board of Regents, where he served as a member from 1964 to 1978 and as chairman from 1978 until 1980. As a Regent on a conservative board, he pressed the university to fight apartheid in South Africa and to uphold the right of controversial thinkers Angela Davis and Eldridge Cleaver to teach in the University of California system.

Bill's combination of legal expertise and warm egalitarianism drew some colorful, high profile clients. In the sixties, he worked with Bill Graham on the Fillmore Auditorium, and soon found himself connected to the vibrant San Francisco rock scene. He gave personal and professional legal advice to groups as the Jefferson Airplane, Santana, and the Grateful

Dead, and in doing so was an unlikely contributor to one of the major cultural movements in San Francisco's history.

San Francisco has lost a beloved son. I hope it is a comfort to his wife Jean, his sister Lolita Erlanger, his children Wendy and Andy, and his four grandchildren that countless San Franciscans join them in mourning Bill's passing.

SMALL BUSINESS JOBS ACT OF 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. LAURA RICHARDSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 23, 2010

Ms. RICHARDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 5297, the "Small Business Lending Fund Act of 2010," which will generate small business growth and job creation by providing tax relief, enhancing loan accessibility, and cutting inefficient bureaucratic red tape. H.R. 5297 will create 500,000 jobs without adding a dollar to the deficit and is one of the most crucial steps in our recovery.

I thank Chairman FRANK for his leadership in shepherding this bill to the floor and for his tireless commitment to reenergizing our economy by providing relief for struggling small businesses.

Madam Speaker, small businesses are the engine of the American economy. They created two-thirds of all new jobs over the last 15 years and currently account for half of all private sector employees, 44 percent of total U.S. payroll, and 97 percent of our Nation's exports. The 16,300 small businesses in my district are vital to our local economy. Ensuring that they have the credit they need to grow is one of my top priorities.

Many small businesses in my district are ready to make investments, hire new workers, and help grow our economy out of this recession. But because of tight lending standards and a lack of credit, they are being prevented from growing to their full potential and making the investments that our economy needs. Since the financial crisis began in 2008, the number of small business loans is down nearly 5 million.

This bill takes unprecedented steps to cut taxes and provide credit for small businesses. It gives small businesses \$12 billion in tax cuts by: (1) extending bonus depreciation, (2) allowing for 100 percent exclusion of capital gains on investments in small business, and (3) doubling the deduction for startup expenditures.

The bill also creates a \$30 billion Small Business Lending Fund to provide community banks with capital to increase small business lending. The fund is limited to the smallest banks (those holding \$10 billion or less in as-

sets) with key performance-based standards to incentivize those lenders to extend new credit to small businesses.

Madam Speaker, the bold actions taken by Congress and the Administration thus far have stopped the downward spiral caused by years of economic mismanagement. They prevented the Bush recession from becoming a second Great Depression. H.R. 5297 will generate the job creation and economic growth that will mark the next phase of our recovery. I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting H.R. 5297, loosening the credit squeeze, and freeing thousands of small businesses to put us back on the road to prosperity.

RECOGNIZING THE METTAWEE COMMUNITY SCHOOL PENNIES FOR PEACE PROGRAM

HON. PETER WELCH

OF VERMONT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2010

Mr. WELCH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize an extraordinary group of students at the Mettawee Community School in West Pawlet, Vermont.

I would like to commend the Mettawee Community School for its effort, inspired by Greg Mortensen's Three Cups of Tea, to collect pennies to help build schools for children halfway around the world. The pennies collected by students at Mettawee were donated to Mortensen's "Pennies for Peace" charity, which helps support education for children in rural Pakistan and Afghanistan. I am immensely proud of the students and teachers of Pawlet and Rupert for organizing this project.

Through a selfless commitment to supporting opportunities for children whom they have never met, Mettawee's students learned about the importance of giving to others, the invaluable nature of education, and the consequences of conflict. They learned that not all the world's children have the chance to attend school, and of the need to fight extremism and intolerance with education and opportunity.

The initiative was spearheaded by Mettawee Community School third graders Sydney Badger, Trinity Delano and Isabelle Desroches, with the help of teacher Nancy Bryant. Together they organized a collection of 47,700 Pennies for Peace. The pennies will go to children in Pakistan and Afghanistan, and these funds have the potential to change lives by providing access to learning opportunities and by ending isolation and cycles of ignorance.

I would like to thank the students of Mettawee Community School for their hard work and dedication to the cause of bringing education to boys and girls in Pakistan and Afghanistan through Pennies for Peace.

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COMMEMORATING THE 99TH NATIONAL DAY OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA

HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2010

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the National Day of the Republic of China also known as Taiwan's National Day. October 10, 2010 marks the 99th anniversary of the establishment of the Republic of China and commemorates the 1911 Wuch'ang uprising ultimately leading to the collapse of the Qing dynasty. This day is also known as the "Double Ten" Day where 23 million people in the Republic of China along with Taiwanese from across the world celebrate their new-found democracy.

In recent months Taiwan has experienced a number of achievements, including the signing of an Economic Cooperation Framework Agreement with mainland China and participating as an observer in the World Health Organization's annual meetings in Geneva. Currently, Taiwan is requesting that the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) consider accepting Taiwan as an observer in the organization as Taiwan is a major international hub connecting Northeast Asia, Southeast Asia, and North America. Each year, over 1.54 million flights pass through the Taipei Flight Information Region (FIR) and it would be beneficial for ICAO. The safety and security of each passenger is of paramount importance to everyone concerned. Yet Taiwan is excluded from the activities of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) to consider opportunities where Taiwan can participate in the Multilateral "public key directory" (PKD) consultations.

As a fellow democratic ally of the United States, we must further support and encourage Taiwan's growing global participation. Again, I wish the people of Taiwan everywhere a blessed day of celebration and reflection.

HONORING THE GREATER HAZLETON AREA POLONAISE SOCIETY'S CELEBRATION OF POLISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH AND THE REVEREND LOUIS S. GARBACIK

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2010

Mr. KANJORSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask you and my esteemed colleagues in the House of Representatives to pay tribute to the Greater Hazleton Area Polonaise Society and its annual celebration of Polish American Heritage Month.

The Society will mark this year's Polish American Heritage Month with its 33rd annual Polish American Heritage Ball on October 17, 2010 in Hazleton, Pennsylvania.

The Greater Hazleton Area Polonaise Society's mission is to preserve the culture and customs brought to Northeastern Pennsylvania by their ancestors over a century ago.

Over the past 33 years, each October the Society has celebrated the history of their ancestors who traveled to the United States, and the lasting impacts they made throughout Northeastern Pennsylvania and its mining industry during the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

This year's event will also honor the late Reverend Louis S. Garbacik, who served as Chaplain of the Greater Hazleton Polonaise Society for over 23 years. He passed away on January 1, 2010.

Reverend Garbacik was born in West Hazleton in 1928.

He graduated from Hazle Township High School in 1946 before attending St. Mary's College in Michigan.

Following graduation from St. Mary's College in 1950, Reverend Garbacik enrolled at SS. Cyril and Methodius Seminary in Michigan. He was officially ordained to the priesthood at St. Gabriel's Church in Hazleton in 1954.

Over the past 50 years, Reverend Garbacik led congregations throughout Northeastern Pennsylvania.

He first was assigned to Gate of Heaven Church in Dallas before being assigned to Maternity of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Wilkes-Barre.

In 1977, Reverend Garbacik was named pastor of Holy Child Parish in Nanticoke, Pennsylvania, and in 1983 he also became administrator of Ascension Church in Mocanaqua, Pennsylvania.

From 1986 through his retirement in 2006, Reverend Garbacik was pastor of St. Stanislaus Roman Catholic Church in Hazleton. In 2006 he was appointed pastor emeritus.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring the Greater Hazleton Area Polonaise Society and its celebration of Polish American Heritage Month. For over 30 years, the Society has worked to preserve and promote the rich Polish American history in Northeastern Pennsylvania, and this year they will pay special tribute to one of the Society's most dedicated leaders.

HONORING THE LIFE OF COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR WAYNE A. FAUSZ

HON. GEOFF DAVIS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2010

Mr. DAVIS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, today I pay tribute to Command Sergeant Major Wayne A. Fausz, of Florence, Kentucky, who lost his life on August 10, 2010, in an automobile accident in North Carolina.

He was the Command Sergeant Major of the 1st Attack Reconnaissance Battalion, 82nd Combat Aviation Brigade, 82nd Airborne Division.

Command Sergeant Major Fausz is survived by his mother, Darlene Hinkle of Union, Kentucky and his father, David Fausz, Sr., of Independence, Kentucky.

In addition to being an outstanding father to his two children, Nathaniel and Autumn, he was a dedicated husband to his wife, Natasha.

Command Sergeant Major Fausz was deployed twice to Iraq and once to Saudi Arabia.

His military awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit and Bronze Star Medal.

Today, as we celebrate the life and accomplishments of this exceptional Kentuckian, my thoughts and prayers are with Command Sergeant Major Wayne A. Fausz's family and friends.

We are all deeply indebted to Command Sergeant Major Wayne A. Fausz for his service and his sacrifice.

HONORING DR. DENNIS E. MURRAY

HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2010

Mr. SHUSTER. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize the work of Dr. Dennis E. Murray and the positive impact he's had on education as Superintendent of the Altoona Area School District in Altoona, Pennsylvania for the last 25 years.

At a time in our country when many public school systems have been under attack for not making the grade, Altoona has experienced steady growth and achieved tremendous accomplishments under Dr. Murray's effective leadership.

Recently, U.S. News and World Report named Altoona Area High School as one of America's best high schools.

Dr. Murray is an innovator who has challenged his district to be on the cutting edge of technology and educational programs. He is also a pragmatist who's helped modernize its buildings and facilities efficiently for the district's taxpayers.

Most important, Dr. Murray has never forgotten his roots in education that began 47 years ago as a classroom teacher. His emphasis on hiring excellent teachers and providing students with the necessary tools for a solid education means that Altoona's graduates are among the best prepared for the future in our great Nation.

Dr. Murray will be honored on October 6, 2010 by the Altoona Kiwanis Club as its Distinguished Citizen of the Year. I congratulate him on this recognition and I ask to place his long list of accomplishments into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. I would like to thank him for his continued stellar service to the local Altoona area community.

DR. MURRAY'S LIST OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR THE RECORD:

Dr. Murray received a B.S. in education from Slippery Rock University in 1963 and an M. Ed. in educational administration from Duquesne University in 1965. He earned his Doctor of Education degree in elementary education and educational psychology from Penn State in 1973.

He has been honored with many prestigious awards including the Educational Leadership Award from Phi Delta Kappa; the Distinguished Educator Award from the Tri-State Study Council of the University of Pittsburgh; the Excellence in Education Award from the Penn State University College of Education; the Exemplary and Innovative Educational Leadership and Management Award from the Pennsylvania Department of Education; the Excellence in Administration Award from the Pennsylvania School Study Council; the Blair Bedford Central Labor Council AFL-CIO Person of the Year Award; and an honorary doctorate from St. Francis University in 2008.