

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE
OF MR. JOE HUBBARD

HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. COSTELLO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the exemplary life of Mr. Joe Hubbard, a tireless advocate and dedicated servant for people in need.

For 50 years in the East St. Louis community, Joe Hubbard has been the person that people turn to when they have nowhere else to turn. When a single mother needs shelter and food for her children; when a family has seen all their possessions destroyed in a fire; when an unemployed father has lost all hope of finding a job; or when an elderly person comes to the end of life with no family or friends to see them through their final days, there has been one response—call Joe Hubbard.

Joe Hubbard learned about families in need the hard way. His father experienced a debilitating workplace injury when Joe was young, forcing his family into financial hardship and requiring them to accept assistance from others. No doubt this early experience, in concert with Joe's deep Christian faith and the example of some compassionate mentors, played a significant role in setting him on his life's mission of helping those less fortunate.

As a young man, Joe became involved with the St. Vincent de Paul Society and began to expand his work with the poor through that organization. Realizing the need to provide an organizational foundation to capitalize on Joe's dedication and energy, the Catholic Diocese of Belleville began Catholic Urban Programs with Joe as Coordinator, a position he has held to this day.

There are those who say that Joe Hubbard can accomplish more with one phone call than others could with a week's work. In the past 50 years, Joe has developed many contacts and knows how to pull the right resources together to solve a problem. But Joe Hubbard is not just a high-level administrator. Joe goes into the broken homes and squalid apartments to deliver assistance. He visits the sick and elderly and those in prison. He delivers the food and clothing to families. He holds the hands of people as they lay dying, listening to their final words and seeing to it that they are laid to rest with dignity.

Joe Hubbard has received many accolades for the work he has done ministering to the poor and needy in his community but that has never been what drives him. Joe's faith, his family and many friends and service to his fellow man are important to him. Joe has been quoted, "When you are created in the image and likeness of God . . . We all have a common bond of love." This statement probably best explains what has kept Joe Hubbard doing God's work for his fellow man for these past 50 years.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in an expression of appreciation to Mr. Joe Hubbard for a lifetime of compassionate care and to wish him the very best in the future.

CONGRATULATING JOSEPH A.
PAGLIANITE ON RECEIVING THE
ITALIAN AMERICAN ASSOCIATION
OF LUZERNE COUNTY'S
LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. KANJORSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask you and my esteemed colleagues in the House of Representatives to pay tribute to Mr. Joseph A. Paglianite, this year's recipient of the "Lifetime Achievement" award from the Italian American Association of Luzerne County.

The Italian American Association of Luzerne County will hold its 33rd annual Columbus Day Dinner Dance in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania on October 10, 2010.

The Association currently has over 200 members.

Each year, the Association honors one of its members with its "Lifetime Achievement" award. Members meeting broad criteria are nominated and the award is ultimately selected by the Association's Board of Directors.

This year's recipient is Joseph A. Paglianite of Dallas, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Paglianite was born in Wyoming, Pennsylvania on October 13, 1925. He is the son of Antonio and Mary Paglianite.

Mr. Paglianite graduated from Wyoming High School before working as a welder and inspector in the aircraft manufacturing industry.

After a short time working in the aircraft manufacturing industry, Mr. Paglianite was motivated by his Uncle's pizzeria to change careers and enter into the pizza business. In 1953, he opened Joe's Pizza in Harveys Lake, Pennsylvania.

By 1960, with the help of his brother-in-law, Mr. Paglianite had transformed Joe's Pizza into Grotto Pizza, and they opened their first restaurant in Delaware. Over the next few years, Grotto Pizza's success in Delaware led to more locations throughout the state.

In 1988, a fire destroyed the original restaurant in Pennsylvania. Mr. Paglianite and his family rebuilt a new 650-seat restaurant on the original site, and two more restaurants in Edwardsville and Wilkes-Barre quickly followed.

Today, along with the three locations in Northeastern Pennsylvania, there exist eighteen Grotto Pizza restaurants in Delaware.

Mr. Paglianite's success as an entrepreneur has been an inspiration throughout Northeastern Pennsylvania.

This year, the Luzerne County Community College will open the Joseph A. Paglianite Culinary Institute. Mr. Paglianite has donated over one million dollars to LCCC for the development of the new Culinary Institute and a scholarship program for first-year culinary students.

Mr. Paglianite is a member of the Plymouth Rotary Club and a member of the Gate of Heaven Roman Catholic Church in Dallas.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating Joseph A. Paglianite on this auspicious occasion. His hard work and generosity will continue to live on in northeastern Pennsylvania for generations.

HONORING U.S. MARINE CORPORAL
AARON HOWELL

HON. DUNCAN HUNTER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. HUNTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a true American hero, United States Marine Cpl Aaron Howell from Potsdam, New York. On April 22, 2010, during a mortar attack in Afghanistan, Corporal Howell lost both his legs and most of his fingers on one hand. Close to death, he somehow summoned the will to live. His life and his experiences are an inspiring lesson to us all about the selfless sacrifice and courage of the men and women serving in the military today. As Corporal Howell meets his latest challenge to rebuild his life, we know that this Marine will climb the next mountain and, with his courage and can-do attitude, will serve as an example to us all. I ask that this poem, written by Albert Carey Caswell, in the honor of Corporal Howell's extraordinary courage, be placed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

HOWELL?

Howell does one go off to war?
Howell do you walk though the valley of death, and yourself ignore?
Howell do you come back from the dead, and rebuild your life again once more?
Howell do you wake up and see your fine legs, and part of your strong hands so gone?
Howell do you find the courage, the strength to somehow move on?
Howell, do you raise your fine head up so high, and want to live, with tears in eye?
For only such things in a magnificent heart of courage so lie!
For only such things our Lord God up in Heaven, the courage so gives!
That against all odds, tells you I still have so much more to this our world to give!
For only such beauty, but comes and so emanates . . . from a heart where faith and courage live!
Yea, you Marine . . . who upon battlefield of honor were so bravely and so heroically seen!
As with your Brothers In Arms, who but did so such many most magnificent things . . .
Living and dying for each other, all in that most heroic hue of green . . .
All in that great glory and high honor, of being a United States Marine . . .
And when on that morning you awoke, all in your tears as you began to choke . . .
As it was when your fine heart so spoke!
Don't give in, don't give up . . . finding hope!
Just Howell, did you find the strength to cope!
Bringing the Angel's up in Heaven to tears, emote!
Just Howell, do you wake on each new morn . . . as oh Howell, you inspire us all with your life so worn!
As you Teach Us . . . as You So Beseech Us . . . as upon our souls your faith adorns!
For you are but the kind of Son, every Father on earth would wish for one!
As you make us understand just Howell Heaven is won!
And Howell against all odds, Thy Will Be Done!
Now, I know Howell!

IMPROVING ACCESS TO CLINICAL TRIALS ACT OF 2009

SPEECH OF

HON. EDWARD J. MARKEY

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 23, 2010

Mr. MARKEY of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, many years ago, I had the good fortune to meet Joey O'Donnell. Joey was the son of my close friend from Malden, Massachusetts, Joe O'Donnell. Joey was a brave and resilient child despite suffering from Cystic Fibrosis, CF, a cruel disorder that robs the body of the ability to breathe normally and leads to other debilitating health problems. As a result, CF typically cuts lives tragically short.

In 1986, Joey passed away when he was only 12-years-old. Because of Joey and the tireless work of his father Joe and mother Kathy, who encouraged me to intensify Government efforts to combat CF, I decided to found the Bi-Partisan Cystic Fibrosis Caucus in Congress. Our goal has been to raise awareness and build momentum towards a cure for CF, ALS, Parkinson's, Huntington's and other rare disorders.

I was pleased to partner with my colleague, Representative CLIFF STEARNS (R-FL), in passing the Improving Access to Clinical Trials Act and sending it to the White House to be signed into law. This bill will open up participation in clinical trials for diseases like CF to low-income and other patients. The bill excludes from the income caps set for the Supplemental Security Income and Medicaid programs the compensation that these patients receive for their participation in clinical trials for rare diseases. The legislation will ensure that this modest compensation will not affect eligibility for these programs.

Patients will no longer have to choose between their health benefits and the promise of a clinical trial. If we want to increase the chances of finding cures to diseases like Cystic Fibrosis, we also need to increase participation in these trials. The Improving Access to Clinical Trials Act gives low-income individuals a higher probability to help advance medical science, and helps save lives in the process, hopefully including their own.

The bill we passed yesterday and the law that President Obama will enact with his signature is really "Joey O'Donnell's Law". He inspired it, and his name will forever be associated with it. Joey died before his time, but his impact will be timeless. I salute my friend Joe O'Donnell and his wife Kathy and send my best wishes to the entire O'Donnell family. I also want to recognize my friend Bob Coughlin, President and CEO of the Massachusetts Biotechnology Council, for his tireless work to help find cures to CF and other rare disorders. This new law will offer hope to families around the country and bring us closer to the day when we consign these devastating diseases to the history books.

TRIBUTE TO SHERIFF LARRY WILLIAMS

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. CLYBURN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a tremendous public servant, whose heart was bigger than his six-foot-seven-inch frame. Sheriff Larry Williams served the citizens of Orangeburg County as a law enforcement officer for 33 years. We have lost this beloved lawman, but his influence and compassion for the people he served will live on.

Larry Williams was born in Bamberg County in 1956, to the late George Williams and Willie Mae Carson Williams. He was educated in the public schools of Branchville, and went on to attend South Carolina State University. He later earned his bachelor's degree from Claflin University in Criminal Justice with a minor in Sociology. Sheriff Williams gave back to his alma mater, joining the faculty as an adjunct professor of criminology and forensic science.

His career in law enforcement began as a police officer in the City of Orangeburg Police Department in 1977. After two years, he became a residential deputy with the Orangeburg Sheriff's Department. He quickly rose through the ranks to become a supervisor, and in 2000, he was elected Sheriff.

He received numerous recognitions for his dedicated service. In 2003, the South Carolina Sheriff's Association selected him as Sheriff of the Year, an outstanding accomplishment for a first term Sheriff. That same year he was recognized as an innovative Sheriff of Homeland Security. He also received recognition from the U.S. Marshals Service for his commitment to Operation Intercept.

Sheriff Williams established himself as a formidable lawman, who was well respected for his efforts to reduce the crime rate in Orangeburg County. His effectiveness won him the prestigious Strom Thurmond Award for Excellence in Law Enforcement and the Regional Organized Crime Institute's 2007 Gold Medalion Award for Excellence in Law Enforcement. That same year, he was selected as the Orangeburg County Community of Character Award winner for the character trait of "Citizenship."

In 2008 Sheriff Williams received the Criminal Justice Award from the South Carolina Victim Assistance Network. In 2010, the Orangeburg County Sheriff's Department under his leadership was a finalist in the Crime Victims Services Award from the National Sheriffs' Association. He was also recognized with the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal by the Battle of Eutaw Springs Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution in 2010.

Sheriff Williams always worked to improve his service as a law enforcement official. In 2002, he graduated from the 82nd session of the South Carolina Sheriff's Institute of Longmont, Colorado. Then in 2009, he completed the 62nd session of the Law Enforcement Executive Development Seminar.

He served 3 years as a Crime Victim Services committee member for the National Sheriffs' Association. He was also a member of the South Carolina Association of Countywide Elected Executives, the executive board for

the Salvation Army, the South Carolina Law Enforcement Officers Association, the Palmetto State Law Enforcement Officers' Association, and Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. He volunteered his time with the United States Youth Games of South Carolina.

A man of faith, Sheriff Williams was a member of Canaan Baptist Church in Branchville and an honorary member of First Nazareth Baptist Church in Columbia.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you and my colleagues join me in recognizing this giant in the law enforcement community. Sheriff Williams was an extraordinary advocate of his beloved Orangeburg County and a wonderful role model for young people. He made a lasting mark on his community, our state and our nation. We all owe him a tremendous debt of gratitude, and we can best honor his memory by immortalizing his commitment to public service.

TRIBUTE TO RETIRING COLONEL ERIC N. SINGLE

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. SKELTON. Madam Speaker, it has come to my attention that Colonel Eric N. Single is retiring from the United States Air Force after 29 years of distinguished service.

Colonel Single received his commission in 1981 through the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps program at Auburn University, AL. He graduated from pilot training at Williams Air Force Base, AZ in 1983, and has extensive experience in the B-52G, B-52H and B2 bombers as an aircraft commander, instructor and evaluator. In 1991, Colonel Single deployed in support of Operation Desert Storm, flying 26 combat sorties in the B-52 over Iraq and Kuwait. He graduated from the U. S. Air Force Weapons School in 1992 and was selected as initial cadre for the B-2 program.

In 1998 Colonel Single took command of the 393d Bomb Squadron at Whiteman Air Force Base, MO, where he led the B-2 through its combat debut in the skies over Kosovo. Colonel Single not only led his Squadron to success in Operation Allied Force, he acted as flight lead and Mission Commander on the very first B-2 combat mission earning him a Distinguished Flying Cross and a place in aviation history. His courageous flight proved once and for all the true value of stealth and long range strike.

After his historic flight Colonel Single served on the Joint Staff in the Force Integration Branch. He went on to command the 5th Operations Group at Minot Air Force Base, ND and the 40th Air Expeditionary Operations Group on Diego Garcia, BIOT. Prior to his current assignment in Air Force Global Power Acquisition, Col Single served as the Vice Commander, 509th Bomb Wing, Whiteman Air Force Base, MO.

Colonel Single is a Command Pilot with over 5200 hours. He has been awarded the Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster; Distinguished Flying Cross with oak leaf cluster; Defense Meritorious Service Medal; Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters; Air Medal with three oak leaf clusters; Aerial