

HONORING THE EDMUND S. MUSKIE ARCHIVES AND SPECIAL COLLECTIONS LIBRARY

HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. MICHAUD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Edmund S. Muskie Archives and Special Collections Library at Bates College in Lewiston, Maine as it celebrates its twenty-fifth anniversary.

As a U.S. Senator from 1959 to 1980, Edmund Muskie established a legacy of environmentalism, fiscal responsibility and budgetary reform. Senator Muskie chaired the Environmental Pollution Subcommittee, the Intergovernmental Relations Subcommittee, and the Senate Committee on Budget. In 1963, Senator Muskie served as the chief sponsor of the Clean Air Act, the first major federal law aimed at air pollution control. Senator Muskie also served as the chief sponsor of the Clean Water Restoration Act in 1966.

Since its founding in 1985, the Muskie Archives has preserved and promoted the legacy of U.S. Senator, Secretary of State and Bates College alumnus Edmund S. Muskie. The Muskie Archives have served Bates students and researchers from across the United States and around the world. For the past ten years, the Edmund Muskie Archives and Special Collections Library has also been the repository of the Archives of the College. In this capacity, the library has preserved a collection of records that document that history of Bates College from its inception through its development into one of the country's premier liberal arts colleges.

The Edmund S. Muskie Archives and Special Collections Library at Bates College is a valuable asset to both the State of Maine and the country. Through exhibits, public outreach and educational programs, the institution ensures that the lasting work of Edmund Muskie is not forgotten.

I am pleased to share in the celebration as the Edmund S. Muskie Archives and Special Collections Library looks back on its twenty five years of history.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Edmund S. Muskie Archives and Special Collections Library.

IN HONOR OF SGT. RAYMOND JOSEPH DRENNAN

HON. JOHN H. ADLER

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. ADLER of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Sgt. Raymond Joseph Drennan, who is being honored with the Purple Heart that he earned while fighting the enemy at Okinawa on May 18, 1945. This honor is long overdue and serves as a reminder of the great sacrifices given by our military personnel from all generations.

Mr. Drennan served as a Sergeant in the 29th Battalion of the Marines 6th Division. He was under heavy duress while pinned in a fox-hole, and he was injured in the line of fire. Mr.

Drennan suffered an exit wound, but kept fighting with his battalion. The battle fought at Okinawa saw 62,000 American casualties: the bloodiest battle experienced in the Pacific war.

The men and women of our Armed Forces serve with an incomparable sense of duty. Mr. Drennan, like many men and women that wear the military uniform, served selflessly and with only his country's interest in mind. The Adler family, and families all across New Jersey, are eternally grateful for Mr. Drennan's service.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring this great American hero. Without his sacrifice, and the sacrifice of those like him, we would not share the freedoms that we have today. It is important to remember the duty laid upon our men and women in the military from past generations and those who will serve in the future.

HONORING THE BEAGLE FAMILY

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating the Beagle family as they are honored by the Genesee County Bar Foundation on October 7 in Flint, Michigan.

The Beagle family's contributions to the Flint community span the past century. Charles D. Beagle graduated from Minnesota Law School in 1904. After practicing law in the State of Washington, he moved to Genesee County in 1920. He was elected Genesee County Prosecutor in 1928. He served as president of the Genesee County Bar Association in 1937–1938. When he passed away in 1958, Charles Beagle had practiced law for 54 years.

His son, John S. Beagle, received his law degree from Washington and Lee University in 1936. He served as a Genesee County Assistant Prosecuting Attorney and a Michigan Assistant Attorney General. He enlisted in the Army at the beginning of World War II and served in the Navy Air Corps until his discharge. He joined his father and Van H. Stewart and formed the law firm, Beagle, Stewart and Beagle. He served on the governing body of the local bar. He retired in 1986 after 50 years of practicing law and passed away in 2000. The John S. Beagle Scholarship was established through his bequest to help Genesee County law students defray the cost of their schooling.

Duncan M. Beagle has carried on the tradition started by his grandfather and father. He received his Juris Doctor degree from the University of Detroit Mercy in 1975. He served as the youngest president of the Genesee County Bar Association in 1983–1984. He has served as the court administrator for 67th District Court, assistant prosecutor for Genesee County, Friend of the Court referee, and as a private practitioner. Appointed to the 7th Judicial Circuit Court in 1991, he continues to serve in this capacity.

Madam Speaker, I would like to extend my congratulations to Judge Beagle and the Beagle family as they are honored by the Genesee County Bar Foundation. The Beagle family represents the best traditions of service to community, their clients and the legal profes-

sion and I wish them the best in their future endeavors.

HONORING THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CITY OF MILAN

HON. JOHN D. DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the City of Milan and to commemorate its 125th anniversary, as it gathers to honor this occasion on Sunday, September 26, 2010. In 1885, only 48 years after Michigan became a state, the Village of Milan was chartered by the Michigan State Legislature. Soon after, the first elections were held and the Village of Milan had its first governing Board of Trustees. Milan was a village for over 80 years until November 6, 1967, when voters overwhelmingly approved the charter that established the City of Milan.

The City of Milan brings a rich history to the 15th Congressional District and it offers a unique blend of rural farms and modern industrialization. Milan is located partially in Washtenaw County and partially in Monroe County, surrounded by corn and soybean farms. In 1937, Henry Ford finished his creation of Ford Lake and officially opened a new power house which operated using coal and hydro power. The power house is now the current Milan City Hall, and Ford Lake was officially acquired by Milan in 1949. Even the wonderful park where the 125th anniversary celebration took place was used by Henry Ford to run a coil manufacturing plant and a paint creation facility for the Model T.

I am proud of the City of Milan's many contributions to Michigan's 15th Congressional District and I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the city on its 125 wonderful years of service to its citizens and the State of Michigan.

HONORING FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF MADISON

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the First Baptist Church of Madison, located in Morris County, New Jersey as they celebrate their 115th anniversary year.

In the spring of 1895, a small group of individuals began to organize in what was known as Odd Fellows Hall in Madison, New Jersey in an effort to create a Baptist Mission so they would have a place to gather and worship. Two years later, the Baptist Mission became the First Baptist Church of Madison, and members selected Reverend R.L. Harris to be its first pastor. As membership grew, land was purchased to build a larger place of worship. On the first Sunday of June 1901, a ground breaking service was held, and by February 1902 the church was completed at its current site.

In 2003, the Arthur D. Brown Enrichment Center was opened to provide a place for

meetings, offices, the Smith Library and personal meditation. The church is continuously renovating and improving their 105-year-old building. They plan to further expand their church by creating education facilities.

An important aspect of the First Baptist Church of Madison is their service to others. The church participates in a wide variety of missions to help those in need. They provide books to poor areas of Africa, visit residents in nursing homes, provide hygiene kits to the poor, assist in paying bills for those in need or aid and provide Thanksgiving meals. The First Baptist Church of Madison has always provided a warm welcome to new parishioners and visitors, and has done a commendable job serving the community.

Madam Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating the First Baptist Church of Madison as they celebrate their 115th anniversary.

HONORING MARY ANN SCHILLER

HON. RUSS CARNAHAN

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. CARNAHAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the career of Mary Ann Schiller with the Affton School District. She began working in the Affton School District as a high school senior in 1950 as an assistant to the superintendent's secretary. She attended Miss Hickey's Secretarial School in the evening while working as secretary to the principal at Reavis School during the day.

In 1960 she moved to the administration center to serve the assistant superintendent of elementary education. In 1970, Mrs. Schiller became the secretary to the superintendent (later administrative assistant) as well as secretary to the Board of Education, positions she held for 40 years. She has been the indispensable "right hand" to eight superintendents and a patient mentor to nearly 70 Board of Education members.

On June 15, 2010, the Affton School District's Board of Education unanimously voted to dedicate and rename the Affton School District Administration Center in her honor. On October 2, 2010 the administration center will be renamed the Mary Ann Schiller Administration Center.

Other honors for Mary Ann include: the recipient of the Service and Outstanding Achievement Recognition (SOAR) Award for 1996-97; named Affton Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year in 1999; and one of ten distinguished alumni inducted into the Affton Hall of Fame in 2005.

Mary Ann was also named by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education as a Pioneer in Education—an honor never before bestowed upon a classified school district employee.

Mary Ann Schiller retired on June 30, 2010 after 60 years of service to the Affton School District. I honor Mary Ann today for her outstanding public service; performing one of the most important tasks necessary for a successful and healthy nation: educating the young and preparing them to be productive and responsible citizens.

INTRODUCTION OF PILOT PROJECT FOR TOOLS NEEDED FOR FUNDING CHALLENGES

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, I rise to introduce legislation authorizing a pilot project to develop the tools needed by private industry, the IRS, and the Department of Transportation to meet our infrastructure funding challenges for the next century.

Nothing is more essential to restoring the economy, revitalizing our communities, and protecting our environment than the effort to rebuild and renew America. The U.S. faces steep infrastructure challenges. Our infrastructure inventory is in poor repair and much of it is outdated—not just decades, but often centuries old. Our effort to rebuild and renew that infrastructure is stalled because of a funding impasse. The Highway Trust Fund nearly exhausted its funding several times recently and it is clear that our existing funding mechanisms are insufficient to meet our current, much less future, needs. Congress must consider new revenue sources to meet our infrastructure challenges and must work with transportation users to find the most efficient means of raising this revenue.

Most of America's transportation investment ability is premised on the gas tax. This source is becoming obsolete as vehicles are increasingly efficient, making increased demands on our infrastructure while contributing fewer resources. The current revenue system generates only two-thirds of the revenue needed to maintain current levels of investment.

While Congress waits, others are seeking innovative solutions to this challenging problem: the Oregon Department of Transportation conducted successful tests of mileage-based revenue systems that seamlessly protected privacy while applying a user fee; two blue ribbon panels called for further exploration of such a system; and I have introduced prior legislation that would fund tests of such systems in each state. Under the Transportation Finance Innovation Demonstration Act, the concrete pumping industry has stepped forward to create a pilot project exploring how a mileage system would work in practice.

In an unintended consequence of the JOBS Act of 2004, concrete pumping trucks pay gasoline tax on 100 percent of their fuel consumption, even though 50 percent of their fuel is consumed at construction sites in stationary operation. Concrete pumping trucks already collect much of the necessary information about distance traveled and fuel consumption necessary for the function of a mileage-based fee. With a few minor hardware and software additions, concrete pumps nationwide could collect and transmit data to the IRS in a highly accurate and secure manner.

The legislation directs the Department of the Treasury to work with the Department of Transportation to establish a demonstration project providing a refund of gasoline taxes to concrete pumping trucks and the imposition of an off-setting mileage fee reflecting the distance the concrete pumping truck traveled on U.S. roadways.

ACKNOWLEDGING TAIWAN'S 99TH NATIONAL DAY ON OCTOBER 10, 2010

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise to acknowledge Taiwan's 99th National Day on October 10, 2010. Also known as Double Ten Day, this event marks the anniversary of the 1911 uprising that soon led to the establishment of the Republic of China.

I congratulate Taiwan, our good friend in Asia, on numerous successes in recent years. An economic powerhouse, millions of Americans have come to depend on Taiwanese products like notebook computers, and Taiwan serves as a major export market for a huge range of American products, from agriculture to raw materials to technology.

This past year has seen highly positive political progress between China and Taiwan, benefiting not only the entire East Asian arena but U.S. interests, as well. Taiwan's President Ma Yingjeou has established conciliatory and cooperative cross-strait relations, producing agreements in a variety of areas including transportation, tourism, agriculture, and trade and financial matters. For the first time in decades, the two great nations are pursuing productive, peaceful negotiations to ensure a better future for their citizens. I am pleased that these efforts have enabled Taiwan to play a greater role in international organizations, such as with Taiwan's participation as an official observer to the World Health Assembly. Such progress should not go unnoticed or unremarked upon.

Madam Speaker, each time I have visited Taiwan I have come away with a deep appreciation for the Taiwanese people's commitment to hard work, democratic traditions, environmental protection, and productive and peaceful international relations. I offer my sincere congratulations on their 99th National Day and look forward to celebrating the 100th next year.

HONORING THE STUDENTS AND FACULTY OF McCLURE JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL FOR RECEIVING THE BLUE RIBBON AWARD FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. LIPINSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the faculty, students, and parents of McClure Junior High School, a school of 541 students in Western Springs, Illinois. The school was awarded the prestigious Blue Ribbon Award by the U.S. Department of Education on September 9, 2010.

The Blue Ribbon Award program was founded in 1982 by the Department of Education to reward the most outstanding schools in the country. Out of the more than 132,000 eligible schools in the United States, only 304 earned the Blue Ribbon distinction in 2010.

McClure Junior High School has been identified as a "High Performing" school, meaning