

TRIBUTE TO RALPH J. GOLZIO

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2010

Mr. PASCRELL. Madam Speaker, I would like to bring your attention to the extraordinary life of Mr. Ralph J. Golzio. A lifetime resident of New Jersey's Eighth Congressional District, Mr. Golzio celebrates the milestone of his 101st birthday on October 20, 2010. The Italian-American community recognized Mr. Golzio by holding a dinner in his honor on October 17, 2010.

Ralph Golzio was born to Italian-American parents John and Caroline Golzio on October 20, 1909, in my hometown of Paterson, New Jersey. In 1928, his family moved to a larger property in Wayne, New Jersey, where his mother opened the family home to boarders to help make ends meet. Ralph worked at the house, waiting on patrons and hunting to provide food. These experiences inspired in him a lifelong passion for the outdoors.

In 1929, Ralph enrolled at Stevens Institute of Technology. While there, he briefly played lacrosse and baseball for his school before graduating with a degree in Mechanical Engineering in 1932. He returned to Stevens in 1937 for graduate work in ballistics and internal combustion engines. Ralph went on to found Engineering Associates in 1947, enjoying a long and distinguished career as a consulting engineer until his retirement at the age of 78 in 1987.

Ralph's intellectual curiosity persists to this day, as he continues to study nuclear physics, quantum physics, and astronomy in his spare time.

As a Project Engineer at Wrights Aeronautical Company, Ralph met and married his beloved wife Betty. Ralph and Betty shared many interests and passions together, raising two wonderful daughters in Totowa, New Jersey, where Ralph resides to this day. Ralph and Betty shared 43 happy years together before her passing in 1984.

Ralph has always maintained a sunny outlook and an active lifestyle, truly living up to his motto of "play as hard as you work to achieve balance of mind and spirit." His many hobbies have included hiking, climbing, hunting, archery, skeet shooting, speed skating, and snow shoeing. More recently, he cruised through the Caribbean at the age of 92.

The job of a United States Congressman involves much that is rewarding; however, I especially appreciate learning about and recognizing individuals like Ralph J. Golzio.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you join our colleagues, Ralph's family and friends, and the Italian-American community in honoring Mr. Ralph J. Golzio on the occasion of his 101st birthday. His story should be an inspiration for all Americans to live life to the fullest, and he continues to serve as a source of pride and admiration for those who have been touched by him.

CALLING ON TURKISH-OCCUPIED
CYPRUS TO PROTECT RELIGIOUS
ARTIFACTS

SPEECH OF

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2010

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to convey my opposition to H. Res. 1631, which passed by a voice vote on September 29, 2010.

Unfortunately, I was not able to come to the floor of the House to personally express my concerns that this resolution will be against the interest of the America's Foreign Policy. I have always been and will continue to be a strong advocate for religious freedom, and human rights around the world, but this resolution, while cloaked under the mask of religious freedom is actually a direct attack towards our NATO Ally, Turkey and the Turkish Cypriots.

The United States has supported the many efforts by international organizations who have long been engaged in the efforts to bring about a negotiated compromise to the dispute in Cyprus. Moreover, the current Greek and Turkish Cypriot Leaders are currently engaged in peace talks.

Instead of helping to solve the problem between Greece and Turkey, two NATO Allies, this resolution could harm those careful negotiations. This Congress should be supporting the efforts to find a mutually agreed resolution between the parties instead of passing one-sided resolutions.

I urge this Congress to take actions to ensure that an accord is achieved that would lead to an independent government with both Greek and Turkish Cypriot governmental engagement, and I oppose H. Res. 1631 since it may harm the United States Foreign Policy in that region.

RECOGNITION OF MEDGAR EVERS
COLLEGE**HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Medgar Evers College in Brooklyn, New York, on the occasion of its 40th anniversary.

Founded as a senior college in 1970 by a group of educators and community leaders, Medgar Evers College provides a broad range of education opportunities for inner-city and non-traditional students within The City University of New York.

The college is named for the slain civil rights leader Medgar Wiley Evers, the Field Secretary for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) who was slain by an assassin's bullet on June 12, 1963 in his native state of Mississippi as he toiled tirelessly to overcome racial segregation and secure voting rights for African Americans. It is that same indomitable spirit that drove Medgar Evers to pursue justice that drives Medgar Evers College to pursue excellence.

Medgar Evers College continues to advance under the leadership of President Dr. William

Lawrence Pollard, providing higher education to more than 7,000 students during its Fall and Spring semesters.

Madam Speaker, please join me in saluting the outstanding contributions Medgar Evers College has made to the Borough of Brooklyn and our Nation on the occasion of the celebration of its 40th Founders' Day on September 28, 2010.

RECOGNIZING CLAIRE HARRISON
FOR TWENTY-NINE YEARS OF
SERVICE TO THE EASTERN MU-
NICIPAL WATER DISTRICT**HON. DARRELL E. ISSA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2010

Mr. ISSA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the honorable civil service of Claire Harrison for her twenty-nine years of service with the Eastern Municipal Water District (EMWD) of California.

Joining the water district team in 1981, Ms. Harrison has been instrumental in working on critical projects for EMWD. She spent the last twelve years of her career in Legislative Affairs where she successfully managed that department and the federal legislative program. As a result, her leadership and direction secured federal support for desalination and recycled water infrastructure that dramatically improved the water supply reliability for southwestern Riverside County.

Ms. Harrison embodies EMWD's mission and values of providing superior services to the community in an effective, proficient manner. As a leader in water management, she has made a remarkable impression on the community EMWD serves.

Having worked with Ms. Harrison on water needs for the 49th District of California, she is a true professional that deserved recognition for her nearly three decades of invaluable contributions to the water industry.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to please join me paying tribute to Ms. Harrison's dedicated and loyal service to the Eastern Municipal Water District.

HONORING THE MASSAPEQUA
FIRE DEPARTMENT'S 100TH AN-
NIVERSARY**HON. PETER T. KING**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KING of New York. Madam Speaker, this weekend I had the privilege of joining in celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the Massapequa Fire Department. Founded on September 25, 1910, the Massapequa Fire Department has a long history of dedicated volunteerism and service to the Long Island community including Massapequa, Massapequa Park, and East Massapequa.

The Massapequa Fire Department provides around-the-clock fire protection and emergency medical services to approximately 19,000 homes located within its district, responding to an average of 2,400 alarms annually.

As Ranking Member of the Committee on Homeland Security and Chair of the Congressional Fire Services Caucus, I am proud to support our nation's firefighters in Congress. These brave men and women risk their lives day after day to protect our communities and save the lives of others. Through Federal programs such as the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program and the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response Program, we can do our part in ensuring that these heroes get the equipment, vehicles, training, staffing and other resources they need.

I hope that this milestone in the Massapequa Fire Department's history reminds us of not only the traditional role that firefighters have always played in protecting our communities, but also how their role has changed since September 11, 2001, because now they are also faced with an increasingly complex and dangerous job of preparing for and responding to acts of terrorism. We must do all that we can to support them in their mission.

I want to thank Massapequa Fire Chief Peter Anglim for his leadership and service, and all of the firefighters, both active and retired, who have proudly served the Massapequa community. Congratulations on 100 years of dedicated service.

CONGRATULATING INTERNATIONAL PAPER FOR BEING NAMED A TOP 100 CORPORATE CITIZEN BY THE CORPORATE RESPONSIBILITY OFFICER ASSOCIATION

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2010

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate International Paper for being named a top 100 Corporate Citizen by the Corporate Responsibility Officer Association. This prestigious award is recognized as one of America's top three most-important business rankings. The recipients of this award exhibit praiseworthy commitment to their shareholders, the environment, their communities, their workforces and compliance with the law. International Paper, headquartered in Memphis, Tennessee, demonstrates each of these qualities, is a strong financial performer and job creator in the community.

Founded in 1898, International Paper has been at the forefront of the pulp and paper market for over 100 years and is the largest such company in the world. International Paper has operations in all corners of the globe, including North America, Europe, Latin America, Russia, Asia and North Africa. Its current Chairman and CEO, John V. Faraci, along with its 60,000 employees have continued to lead International Paper into the ranks of top performing, socially responsible companies.

International Paper has upheld a commitment to service, environmental protection and, most importantly, a high standard of ethics throughout its company. Quoting their Code of Business Ethics, "International Paper is comprised of good citizens, protecting employee health and safety, and managing natural resources responsibly." International Paper's philanthropic organization, the International

Paper Foundation, supports non-profit organizations within with a specific focus on environmental education and literacy. Since 1995, the International Paper Foundation has awarded more than \$50 million in grants to projects, namely its Coins for Kids program, a first-of-its-kind partnership with the World Food Programme to help fight childhood hunger worldwide.

Through its commitment to international excellence in the fields of ethics, financial performance, social responsibility, and environmental protection, International Paper has built a distinguished name of which they can be justly proud. Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in congratulating International Paper for receiving this prestigious recognition.

HONORING THE VETERANS OF OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES, DETACHMENT 101

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2010

Mr. ISRAEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Veterans of Office of Strategic Services, Detachment 101, for their service to our country during World War II and their post-war humanitarian work in service to their former allies in Burma. The Veterans recently held their annual reunion here in Washington, D.C. and I am honored to recognize them.

As the prototype for what would eventually become the Central Intelligence Agency, the Office of Strategic Services, OSS, was revolutionary in its operations during World War II. OSS Detachment 101 was created in 1942 and would be one of five such detachments created for field operations in support of the war.

Detachment 101 served in the China-Burma-India theater and in addition to gathering strategic and tactical intelligence, they were charged with the responsibility of planning, coordinating, and conducting guerrilla attacks against the occupying Japanese forces and recruited almost 11,000 indigenous Kachins for assistance. Their unorthodox methods laid the foundation not only for the modern-day intelligence community, but also for our Special Operations Forces. Because of their valor, courage, and heroic work, OSS Detachment 101 was awarded the Presidential Distinguished Unit Citation in 1946.

But their work in Burma did not stop with the end of the war. Veterans and their families have given back to the Kachins in Burma they recruited and relied upon. They founded and helped to finance Project Old Soldier, through which they have trained Kachin villagers in substituting poppy crops with corn, buckwheat, potatoes, and other vegetables since 1996.

Further, Detachment 101 Veterans were concerned over the quality of health of Kachin veterans, and so through private funds they set up a weekly visiting nurse service in Burma, which is normally a luxury. Additionally, Detachment 101 has started the 101 Schools program in 2004 and has opened seven schools in Burma to teach Kachin children mathematics and English language skills at no charge to the families. Detachment 101 Veterans have continued to oversee the fund-

ing and supervision of these schools. Finally, Detachment 101 Veterans have arranged for the translation and printing of village health care books into Jingpaw, the Kachin language, as well as the disbursement of textbooks to Kachin school children.

OSS Detachment 101 veterans have continued their service to our country off the battlefield and have upheld the American values for which they fought. It would have been easy to return to their normal lives; instead, they have kept their Kachin brothers in their hearts and have worked to share some of America's prosperity with those who have helped protect it.

RECOGNITION OF THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF BILL VOIGT TO NATIONAL VETERANS DAY

HON. SPENCER BACHUS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2010

Mr. BACHUS. Madam Speaker, as we honor our veterans on Veterans Day 2010, it is an appropriate time to commend the service of Colonel Bill Voigt for his dedicated work as the President of National Veterans Day in Birmingham.

Birmingham, Alabama is the proud birthplace of Veterans Day. National Veterans Day in Birmingham is recognized by the U.S. Veterans Administration as the oldest largest observance of its kind in the nation. As the organizing director for more than 20 years, Colonel Voigt has honored and built on this legacy which has become the model for paying tribute to our troops in uniform and esteemed veterans for their service and sacrifice for the cause of freedom. The annual parade in downtown Birmingham attracts more than 5,000 participants and 20,000 spectators, and the associated luncheons and dinners have provided a forum for recognizing our nation's most prominent patriots. The success of National Veterans Day in Birmingham every year can be traced to the leadership of Colonel Bill Voigt.

Colonel Voigt has spent his career serving his nation in the military as well as the State of Alabama. His family's roots are in Walker County and, while born in California, he was raised here at home. He attained his undergraduate degree at Auburn University and his Masters of Business Administration at University of Alabama at Birmingham. Colonel Voigt was a member of the Alabama Air National Guard for over 30 years and served in the United States Air Force Reserve as well. His many community awards and accolades include his selection as a permanent Member of the Alabama Senior Citizens Hall of Fame and his service on the Board of Directors of Birmingham Honor Flight.

Colonel Bill Voigt has devoted his life to his family, his country, and our brave men and women in uniform. As he retires as the President of National Veterans Day in Birmingham, we properly take pause to salute him for his selfless dedication to the United States of America, his concern for the well-being of our troops and veterans, and the enduring qualities of duty, honor, and service that he has exemplified with such distinction in our Birmingham community.