

The result? Property tax assessments in San Mateo County are fair and governments receive a reliable stream of revenue for essential services.

Warren Slocum celebrated the right of all adults to marry, and was a leader in ensuring that the courthouse door was open for those who wished to formalize their relationships. In San Mateo County, we proudly welcome into our hearts all those who Warren's office welcomed into its lobby.

During his tenure, Warren's office has been called the "Office of the People," and rightly so. His career of excellence in public service has been a living tribute to the mission of delivering smart, efficient, and accessible government to the people of California.

Madam Speaker, Warren Slocum is a remarkable Californian: he's a husband, a father, a veteran, an innovator, and a devoted public servant. It is indeed fitting that he receives special recognition for his retirement as the Chief Elections Officer & Assessor-County Clerk-Recorder on November 18, 2010.

GENE ROSSI REMEMBERED

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2010

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition Gene Rossi. A long-time personal friend, a model citizen and a beloved father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, Mr. Rossi will be truly missed by the many people whose lives he has touched. Born on May 12 1926, Mr. Rossi was part of our greatest generation and his life story embodies that to the fullest. Gene's accomplishments began early, notably at Warren G. Harding High School where he was the senior class president and captain of the basketball team, an All-Ohio selection that year.

It was not long after Gene was leading his high school basketball team that he was fighting for our freedom as an Army soldier in the Battle of the Bulge. Returning after the conclusion of World War II, Gene received an honorable discharge from the U.S. Army and returned to Warren, Ohio where, throughout the 1940s, he worked as a timekeeper for Mullins Manufacturing, played semi-pro basketball with the Warren Coaches and later graduated from Youngstown College with a B.S. degree in business administration.

It was 62 years ago this September that Gene and his wife, Ginny, were married in 1948.

A veteran of war, a college graduate, and a newlywed, Gene in 1950 founded Warren's Rossi Insurance Agency, from which he never retired. His accomplishments in the insurance business included those of trustee of the Independent Insurance Agents of Ohio and president of the Trumbull County Independent Insurance Agents. His membership in the Trumbull County Association of Life Underwriters included more than 50 years of service as a respected agent of the Equitable Life Assurance Society.

Gene loved sports—baseball, basketball, football, tennis and golf. It is in sports where he distinguished himself as a 1992 inductee into and trustee of the Warren Sports Hall of Fame. In 1999, he received the Man of the

Year Award from the Mahoning Valley Chapter of the National Italian-American Sports Hall of Fame.

Gene's membership in local clubs and organizations included BOE Lodge 295, American Legion Post 278, VFW Post 1090, Knights of Columbus 620, where he was past Grand Knight, Buckeye Club, Trumbull Country Club and Notre Dame Subway Alumni.

A member of Blessed Sacrament Parish, Gene's faith was paramount. For his devoted participation, he received the honor Cross Pro-Ecclesia Et Pontifice (Cross for the Church and Pontiff) in 2000, served on the Youngstown Diocese Financial Advisory Board and was a member of the Board of Trustees of the Oblate Sisters of the Sacred Heart.

A man who could have hung his hat up time and time again after service to his country, family, and community, Gene never stopped giving back. Gene loved and served his community and was noted numerous times for his efforts. In 1986, he served as president of the Warren Area Chamber of Commerce and was recipient of its Distinguished Citizen award. In 2001, he was named president of the Mahoning Valley Economic Development Corp. and was recipient of its Person of the Year award. In 2006, he was an inductee into the Warren Harding Distinguished Hall of Fame. Gene also served as a trustee for the St. Joseph Development Foundation, YSU Foundation and CSC, Copperweld, Scholarship Foundation.

On August 17, 2010, at the age of 84, Gene Rossi passed away from complications of prostate cancer. He is survived and sorely missed by the family he devoted so much of his life to, his wife of over sixty years, Ginny; their four sons and daughters-in-law, Michael and Rosanne, E. Jeffrey and Carol, Dennis and Luann, and Gregory and Leslie, all of Warren; 13 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; sisters, Mary Louise Rose and Elaine Wallace; and brother, Anthony G. (Marilyn) Rossi.

It is hard to sum up the life of a man like Gene Rossi—a man who truly lived the American dream. He bore the hardships of the Great Depression, fought in one of the deadliest battles in American history, and returned home to spend a lifetime of devotion building a wonderful family and a successful business all while being a man of faith and a pillar in his community. Madam Speaker I want to thank Gene Rossi, for his service to his country abroad, his service to his community at home, and for his dear friendship.

CALLING ON JAPAN TO ADDRESS CHILD ABDUCTION CASES

SPEECH OF

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2010

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I would like to submit the names of the children abducted to Japan whose left-behind American parent has contacted me directly.

M.B., abducted to Japan July 21, 1995

E.B., abducted to Japan July 21, 1995

Ezra Lui, abducted to Japan November 13, 1999

Kaira Kelly Litwiller, abducted to Japan June 10, 2003

Takoda Tei Weed, abducted to Japan January 16, 2004

Tiana Kiku Weed, abducted to Japan January 16, 2004

Kento Didier Touboule, abducted to Japan October 15, 2005

Mary Victoria Lake, abducted to Japan August 2005

Kai Hachiya, abducted to Japan December 28, 2006

Masahiro Brown, abducted in Japan since April of 2007

David N. Gessleman, abducted to Japan May 13, 2007

Joshua K. Gessleman, abducted to Japan May 13, 2007

Kaya Summer Xiao-Lian Wong, abducted to Japan August 2007

Wayne Kosaku Sawyer, abducted to Japan December 15, 2008

Yuuki Patrick McCoy (Kojima), abducted in Japan August 17, 2008

Keisuke Christian Collins, abducted to Japan June 16, 2008

Sean Hillman, abducted to Japan July 5, 2008

Kana Sugiyama-Gomez, abducted to Japan April 10, 2008

Joe Yamada, abducted to Japan September 1, 2008

Grace Danielle Starr, abducted to Japan January or February 2009

Brian Senna Starr, abducted to Japan January or February 2009

"Mochi" Atomu Imoto Morehouse, abducted to Japan June 23, 2010

Mr. Speaker, the United States is currently seeking the return of at least 136 abducted American children.

RECOGNIZING COUNCILMEMBER BOB CAMPBELL ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE VISTA CITY COUNCIL

HON. DARRELL E. ISSA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2010

Mr. ISSA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the public service of Councilman Bob Campbell on the occasion of his retirement from the City of Vista. I commend Councilman Campbell's distinguished career and offer my thanks for his more than 20 years of dedicated public service to the City of Vista.

As a native Californian, Mr. Campbell received an undergraduate degree from Stanford University and a graduate degree from the Graduate School of Business Administration at the University of Washington. He also served eight distinguished years in the U.S. Coast Guard and Coast Guard Reserve.

Prior to joining the City of Vista, Mr. Campbell worked with newspaper publishers for sixteen years before starting his own computer systems consulting firm, Buena Vista Services, Inc., in 1980. It was in 1985 that Mr. Campbell began serving as Chairman of a city panel. Under Councilman Campbell's leadership, the panel's redevelopment plan was successfully approved by voters in 1987.

As Vista's Economic Development Director for nearly 10 years, Councilman Campbell's leadership resulted in the attraction of more than 500 firms and commercial and retail

projects to the City. In 1998, Councilman Campbell also formed and spearheaded the San Diego North Economic Development Council (EDC) where he served for three years.

In 2002 Mr. Campbell became a Vista City Councilmember. In this position Councilman Campbell fought for the construction of the new Vista Civic Center and two new fire stations. Councilman Campbell also worked tirelessly with Mayor Morris Vance and the City Council to lead the initiative in converting Vista into a Charter City to gain maximum local authority.

Councilman Campbell has remained an active community leader having participated on the Board of Directors for the Vista Chamber of Commerce, the Vista Boys' Club, the Vista Rotary Club, the Economic Development Association, the Boy Scouts of America and the Vista YMCA.

I offer Councilman Campbell my congratulations and may he enjoy a rewarding retirement with his family.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to please join me in honoring Councilman Bob Campbell and his 20 years of admirable public service to the City of Vista.

IN HONOR AND RECOGNITION OF THE POLONIA FOUNDATION OF OHIO, INC. AND THE ANNUAL PU- LASKI DAY OBSERVANCE

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of the Polonia Foundation of Ohio as they unite the community in remembrance and celebration of General Casimir Pulaski, for his legacy of courage and selfless dedication to the people of Poland and the people of the United States of America.

Born on March 4, 1747 in Warzka, Poland, General Pulaski achieved great military success in Poland with his focused leadership and brilliant strategies in fighting the Russian domination of Poland. By 1777, General Pulaski had become one of the most renowned cavalrymen in Europe. While in Paris that year, he was actively recruited by Benjamin Franklin to assist in the American quest for liberation.

Sympathetic to the American cause, General Pulaski sailed to America and was made head of the newly formed American cavalry during the Revolutionary War. General Pulaski's deep level of commitment to the American cause was framed by energy and style. He reportedly wore a plumed hat, flashing saber, and an elaborate uniform, and spent his own money to feed and equip his troops. General Pulaski was involved in many significant battles during the Revolution. His ultimate stand took place in Savannah, Georgia in October 1779, where he led a valiant charge against British artillery. General Pulaski was shot and died a few days later.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and remembrance of General Casimir Pulaski, who made the ultimate sacrifice in his valiant fight to secure the ideals of the American Revolution. An American hero,

General Pulaski's life and legacy serves as a significant reminder of the vital contributions and great achievements by Polish immigrants within our Cleveland community, and throughout America.

REMEMBERING JOHN KURZWEIL

HON. TOM MCCLINTOCK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2010

Mr. MCCLINTOCK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember the life of John Kurzweil, whose passing is a great loss for California and our country. I can only hope that his passion and love for his family, his country and life in general will endure among the countless lives he touched. It was my privilege to know him, my joy to work with him, and today it is my honor to celebrate his life.

John's longtime friend and colleague Bill Saracino offered a moving tribute in John's memory:

JOHN KURZWEIL: THE PASSING OF A PATRIOT
(By William Saracino)

America lost a true patriot and conservatism lost a fierce warrior and leader on November 9th with the passing of John Kurzweil.

While known to most as the publisher and editor of the California Political Review magazine, John's political involvement dates to the 1970s and Ronald Reagan.

Having just graduated from California State University Humboldt, John was appalled at the state of the country and the national Republican Party in 1974-75. Deciding to do something about it, he walked in an office of Young Americans for Freedom, volunteered to help, and worked the rest of his life advancing conservative ideas and strengthening the conservative movement.

John worked in both the 1976 and 1980 Reagan for President campaigns, as a media writer and spokesman and grassroots college organizer both in California and around the country. His work in 1976 took him to North Carolina, where he became a favorite of Senator Jesse Helms. John returned to the Tar Heel state in 1978 to help in Helms' first reelection campaign.

1980 also started John's association with State Senator H.L. Richardson, who made John the Press Director for the Law and Order Campaign Committee (LOCC). The Committee concentrated on publicizing and campaigning against the "soft on crime" philosophy that permeated California's judiciary at the time.

Before serving a stint as the Communications Director for the California Republican Party, John also was the Editor of Policy Digest for the Heritage Foundation and Senior Editor for the National Catholic Register.

It was then that he formed the California Public Policy Foundation and started publishing the California Political Review. The magazine has just celebrated its 20th anniversary of providing Republicans and conservatives in California with their only state-based source of news, opinion, practical politics and humor. The magazine became a staple in the Capitol and anywhere in California where politics was the topic.

Perhaps more important than any of the above, John was a faithful friend, mentor and helper to hundreds of those who have been and are leaders of the GOP and the conservative movement in the state, fulfilling Ronald Reagan's observation that there is no limit to what could be accomplished if you don't care who gets the credit.

ON THE OCCASION OF THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY'S 87TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2010

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, on October 29, 2010—while this House was in recess—the Republic of Turkey celebrated Republic Day, and observed the 87th anniversary of its founding. As a co-chair of the Congressional Caucus on Turkey and Turkish Americans, I take this opportunity to belatedly congratulate our Turkish friends and recognize the long-standing friendship between the United States and the Republic of Turkey.

For over fifty years, Turkey has stood shoulder-to-shoulder with the United States, making significant contributions to the peace, security, and prosperity of both its immediate neighborhood and the wider world. An ally in the global struggle against Communism during the Cold War, Turkey has and continues to contribute a great deal to our efforts in Iraq and Afghanistan as we act to secure those countries and give them the tools to chart their own courses and become constructive members of the community of nations.

Turkey's international contributions reflect the visions of its founder, Mustafa Kemal Atatürk, of a vibrant secular democracy. In times of great change and uncertainty, while there may be questions or differences of opinion about the threats we face, this should be seen as the actions of a mature ally. I do not believe that anyone can question Turkey's commitment to easing tensions, resolving some of the key issues of our time, and its friendship with the United States.

As new members of the Congressional Caucus on Turkey and Turkish Americans have come to discover, Turkish Americans are also playing an important role in strengthening the bonds between our two countries. Turkish Americans come from all backgrounds and make important contributions to all sectors of our society. Additionally, they are participating in greater numbers in the social, political, and economic aspects of our national life. I welcome this engagement, and know that it enriches us as a people.

Again, my congratulations to Turkey and all of its friends in this country on the observance of another Republic Day.

RECOGNIZING MILITARY MEDICAL AND AIR CREWS

SPEECH OF

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2010

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my support for H. Res 1605, a bill recognizing the service of the medical and air crews in helping our wounded warriors make the expeditious and safe trip home to the United States.

These physicians, nurses, technicians, and flight air crews represent squadrons of the Air Force Reserve, Air Force National Guard, and Air Force Active Duty. I thank my colleague,