

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN RECOGNITION OF JOANNA
SACCONE

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 30, 2010

Mrs. MALONEY. Madam Speaker, I rise to acknowledge the achievements of Joanna Saccone, an outstanding New Yorker who has distinguished herself through years of service to New York City and New York State. A respected, highly successful presence in New York politics for over thirty years, Joanna Saccone has worked tirelessly on behalf of the people of New York her entire adult life. Ms. Saccone is known for her indefatigable advocacy, her love of politics and her uncanny political sense.

A lifelong resident of Greenwich Village, Joanna Saccone has been deeply active in the political life of her community and her city. She first became active in politics during her time at the prestigious Maxwell School of Syracuse University in 1969. While earning a degree in International Relations, Ms. Saccone distinguished herself as a leader on campus, organizing her fellow students to protest the war in Vietnam. She cut her political teeth working on the successful Syracuse mayoral campaign of Lee Alexander, the first Democrat to win the mayoralty of Syracuse in fifty years.

Upon graduating in 1972, Ms. Saccone returned home to New York City, and joined the Village Independent Democrats, where she worked under the guidance of District Leader John LoCicero and worked to elect Village politician Ed Koch as Mayor of the City of New York. In 1983, along with Mayor Koch and others, she broke away from the Village Independent Democrats and helped establish the Village Reform Democratic Club, which continues to play an important role in New York City politics today.

In her professional life, Ms. Saccone worked in the New York City Economic Development Administration, focusing primarily on the City's budget and human resources. By 1976, she had transitioned to a position in the office of New York State Assembly Speaker Stanley Steingut. This began a 34-year career as an Assembly staffer, working under four Speakers in a variety of roles. Under Speaker Stanley Fink, she worked with House Operations, where she advised Democratic Assembly members on legislation, staffing, creation of newsletters and pamphlets, and media relations. She also assisted constituents who were having difficulty getting benefits to which they were entitled from State government. Speaker Fink appointed her the first Sexual Harassment Officer for the New York City region, an appointment he reportedly called "the greatest political appointment of his career." Under Speaker Mel Miller, she coordinated the first Employee Assistance Program, which aids employees on matters relating to alcohol and drug abuse and psychological ailments. She has continued her significant involvement in all

aspects of State government under current Speaker Sheldon Silver.

While government may have been her career, Ms. Saccone's passion has been politics. She has made a name for herself as a relentless campaigner, a resourceful networker, and an extraordinary strategist. As a sounding board, an adviser, and as a friend, there are few as adept as Ms. Saccone in navigating the complex path to victory. She has worked on many important city, state, and federal elections, including numerous judicial races. Indeed, few have her track record of success in helping judicial candidates navigate the intricacies of running a judicial race.

Throughout her busy career and political activism, Joanna has been a devoted and dedicated mother to her son, Phillip Anthony Saccone, whom she considers her greatest accomplishment.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my distinguished colleagues join me in recognizing the enormous contributions to our civic and political life made by Joanna Saccone, and congratulate her on the occasion of her retirement.

RECOGNIZING NEXTEER
AUTOMOTIVE

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 30, 2010

Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the workers, management and owners of Nexteer Automotive as the company transitions to its new partnership with Pacific Century Motors.

In 1906 the machining firm of Jackson, Church, and Wilcox developed a better quality steering gear for Buick Motors and began manufacturing the steering gear in Saginaw that same year. Four years later General Motors purchased Jackson, Church and Wilcox and renamed the company Saginaw Steering Gear Division. Over the years, Saginaw Steering Gear Division became Saginaw County's largest employer as the sole supplier of steering mechanisms to General Motors. The first power steering system, the first energy-absorbing steering column and the first adjustable steering wheel were developed and built by Saginaw Steering Gear Division. Saginaw Steering Gear became the Saginaw Division and later Delphi Saginaw Steering Systems. As Nexteer Automotive they persist in innovation, recently designing QuadraSteer and Active Steering drive train technology. Nexteer Automotive and Pacific Century Motors are starting a "New Beginning" that will allow Nexteer to advance its products in the global marketplace.

Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating the employees and management of Nexteer Automotive for their past achievements and as they embark upon a new international partnership with Pacific Century Motors. I welcome

this collaboration of ideas, diligence and enthusiasm and I hope their success in technological development will continue for many, many years to come.

HONORING THE LIFE OF GEORGE
BALTZER OSBORNE

HON. JIM MATHESON

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MATHESON. Madam Speaker, today I would like to honor an exemplary individual. As a young man, Mr. George Baltzer Osborne of the State of Utah valiantly sacrificed to serve his country during World War II. Born in 1920, we commemorated his 90th birthday on November 7. At this time, I'd like to recognize him and his comrades as members of "The Greatest Generation" and thank them most sincerely for their brave and selfless service.

Mr. Osborne joined the Marines during WWII and began an eventful history in the service as a CB operator. He trained at Camp Pendleton, where he was assigned to the 4th division and stationed in Hawaii. From there, he was sent to Iwo Jima. When his division landed, Mr. Osborne was an integral part of a group of eight Marines whose mission was to find high ground in order to radio ship's bombing orders. During his service, Mr. Osborne consistently put his life on the line. At one point, a grenade was launched into a foxhole he had just evacuated. Fittingly, Mr. Osborne was present on February 23, 1945, when the American flag was raised atop Mount Suribachi during the Battle of Iwo Jima. This timeless symbol represents our country's strength and more personally, Mr. Osborne's dedication.

Even after active military service, Mr. Osborne continued to serve his country. After being discharged, he worked three jobs so his wife could stay home and raise their 12 children. Mr. Osborne spent many years devoted to his work as an administrator at the VA hospital. He loves his family, which has grown to 21 children, 36 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren, and 3 great-great-grandchildren.

George Baltzer Osborne's sacrifice, bravery, and service to family, career, and country serve as hallmarks of a noble American life. We recognize him today and express our gratitude for his contributions to this great country, the United States of America.

TRIBUTE TO WENDELL L.
SAWYER, SR.

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay homage to the memory of a much-beloved

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member of South Alabama's business community, Mr. Wendell L. Sawyer, Sr., of Mobile.

Mr. Sawyer passed away on August 29, 2010, at the age of 73 after a battle with leukemia.

America is made great through the contributions of local community leaders, either in business or in public service, who give more than their share to better the lives of their fellow man. Wendell Sawyer was just such a person.

Born in Monroeville, Alabama in 1937, Wendell moved with his parents to Chickasaw in Mobile County where he grew up, graduating from Vigor High School.

A hardworking businessman with a friendly manner and generous spirit, Wendell labored in the retail furniture business for nearly 55 years. He began his career with Sokol Furniture in Pritchard, Alabama. When the business closed in 1970, he established his own store, Sawyer Furniture, which became an icon in the community and the flagship for a chain of five locations in the Mobile area.

Sadly, his Pritchard furniture store was lost to a fire earlier this year. But local residents and customers remembered Wendell as a special kind of businessman; a person who always treated others as best friends. He also helped those in need, returning the kindness that his community had bestowed upon him and his family for more than a half century.

Madam Speaker, Wendell Sawyer was a pillar of our community and his loss will be sorely felt. On behalf of the people of south Alabama, I offer condolences to his children, Wendell "Del" Sawyer, Jr., Dawn Sawyer Cooper, John H. Sawyer, and his grandchildren, Jaclyn Sawyer, Wendell "Trey" L. Sawyer, III, Jacob Cooper, Zachary Sawyer, Cameron Cooper, Rachel Sawyer, Rebecca Sawyer, Kristen Sawyer and Joshua Sawyer, as well as his brothers and sisters, Elaine S. Sanford, Terrill Sawyer, Norville Sawyer, Malcolm Sawyer, and Emily S. Blount. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE SERVICE
OF DR. ADEWALE TROUTMAN TO
LOUISVILLE

HON. JOHN A. YARMUTH

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 30, 2010

Mr. YARMUTH. Madam Speaker, I rise in recognition of a man whose service to my hometown has not just improved our community, but has literally saved lives. Since 2003, Dr. Adewale Troutman has led the Louisville Metro Department of Health and Wellness with an ambition only topped by his achievements. As he moves on from our community to pursue new opportunities, no one can doubt that his work has left our community healthier and stronger.

Locally and nationally, Dr. Troutman's name has become synonymous with the fight to achieve real health equity and better health outcomes for each and every one of our citizens. And, his legacy is visible in every corner of our community.

It's evident at Healthy Start, the Louisville program that has dramatically reduced infant mortality and provided exceptional care to expecting and new mothers under Dr. Trout-

man's watch. It's seen in the cleaner air in our public places, thanks to Dr. Troutman's fight for a public smoking ban. And it's found in his widespread efforts to reduce health disparities and ensure every citizen of Louisville has the opportunity to live a long, fulfilling life. Through that work and so much more, Dr. Troutman has played a critical role in establishing Louisville as a place where the health and well-being of every resident is a top priority.

Every American should aspire to make their community a better place. Along with his wife Denise Vazquez Troutman, and her service at Louisville's Center for Women and Families, the Troutmans have more than exceeded that goal.

We in Louisville will miss Dr. Troutman's service but will continue to benefit from his legacy for years to come. Though he and Denise are leaving our community, the thousands of children and families that now have better opportunities to be healthy and better chances to succeed in life will serve as long-standing reminders of their work.

Therefore, I ask my colleagues to join me today in recognition of the extraordinary work and dedication of Dr. Adewale Troutman to Louisville, Kentucky.

IN RECOGNITION OF ANDY PROZES

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 30, 2010

Mrs. MALONEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Global CEO of LexisNexis Andy Prozes as he announces his retirement from the company. Andy Prozes has been the global CEO for more than 10 years. During his tenure, Mr. Prozes has transformed LexisNexis into one of the largest, most technologically advanced information solutions companies in the world. Today, LexisNexis serves over one million users daily and has over 17,000 employees in over 100 locations around the world. LexisNexis' global headquarters is located in my district in Manhattan and employs over 800 people.

Mr. Prozes' positive impact on LexisNexis and the people who work there will be felt long after he retires. Mr. Prozes grew LexisNexis from \$1.7 billion in revenue in 2000 to over \$4 billion in 2009. In addition to serving corporate and legal clients, LexisNexis provides important information solutions to federal and state law enforcement agencies in New York and across the country to help them locate missing children, investigate crimes, and track down sex offenders and other criminals.

Protecting children is one of Mr. Prozes' passions. Under Andy Prozes' leadership, LexisNexis has donated information solutions to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) to help that organization accomplish its important mission. With the help of information provided by LexisNexis, NCMEC has recovered hundreds of missing children and reunited them with their loved ones.

Mr. Prozes has also been a leader in the battle against human trafficking—particularly with respect to the horrific practice of trafficking young boys and girls as sex slaves. Mr. Prozes is an active supporter of the Somali Mam Foundation, an organization dedicated to

combating human trafficking and assisting children and other victims of this despicable crime. This past October, the Somali Mam Foundation honored Mr. Prozes for his efforts on behalf of those who are unable to fight for themselves. He was also recognized by the Asian Woman's Center in October of 2009, for his leadership on this important issue.

Mr. Prozes has also been a vocal proponent of the Rule of Law and is a recognized leader within his industry for advancing the Rule of Law around the globe. LexisNexis, under Mr. Prozes' leadership, has provided thousands of hours of pro bono work to protect basic human rights and help society flourish through independent judiciaries and fair and equal access to justice for all.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating Mr. Prozes on his many accomplishments, and thanking him for the tremendous contributions he has made in promoting the Rule of Law and helping to combat human trafficking around the globe.

HONORING SPECIALIST JESSE A.
SNOW

HON. STEVE AUSTRIA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 30, 2010

Mr. AUSTRIA. Madam Speaker, while we can never fully express the depth of our appreciation for those who give their lives to protect our freedoms, I rise today to recognize and honor the life of Specialist Jesse A. Snow.

A 2003 Fairborn High School graduate and Army service member, Snow was killed while serving this country in Afghanistan on November 14, 2010. He gave his life, along with four other service members, in the defense of our freedoms.

Snow, 25, was full of energy and life. He had a kind spirit and he cared about everyone. He never let an opportunity pass by to make sure those around him were laughing and smiling. He is remembered by many as often telling jokes and expressing his personal care for others.

Snow was content with life but felt a calling to serve. Friends and family remember him as a noble gentleman who always placed others' needs in front of his own. In April of 2009 he joined the U.S. Army, as an infantryman assigned to the 1st Battalion, 327th Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), Fort Campbell, Kentucky.

He served with distinction and his awards and decorations include the National Defense Service Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Army Service Ribbon, the NATO Medal and Combat Infantryman Badge.

Survived by his parents, John W. Snow, Sr., and Janice Snow of Fairborn, and siblings, Snow is remembered as a loving son, brother and uncle. His devotion to his family, friends, fellow service members, and to this nation are honorable. A hard worker and a loyal patriot, he selflessly served this country with bravery and valor.

Thus, it is that I stand on behalf of those constituents of the Ohio's Seventh Congressional District to honor the life and memory of Specialist Jesse A. Snow, a true hero.