

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN HONOR OF COLONEL JOAL WOLF AND HIS SERVICE TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 7, 2010

Mr. ANDREWS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary contributions of Colonel Joal E. Wolf. On behalf of New Jersey's First Congressional District and the entire nation, I would like to thank Colonel Wolf for his service and dedication.

Colonel Wolf was commissioned in the Active Component Army as a Field Artillery Officer through ROTC scholarship at Pennsylvania State University. He graduated with a Bachelors of Science degree in finance and has a Masters in Business Administration. After graduation, his initial military assignment was with the 6th Battalion, 14th Field Artillery, 1st Armored Division, Germany as Battery Fire Direction Officer, Battery Executive Officer, Battalion S2, and Assistant Battalion S3.

Upon release from active duty in 1988, Colonel Wolf entered the U.S. Army Reserves and served as Battery Commander, Battalion S1, and Battalion S4 in the 4th Battalion, 92nd Field Artillery Regiment in Erie, Pennsylvania.

In 1993, Colonel Wolf was recruited by the 308th Military Intelligence, MI, Detachment based in Erie, Pennsylvania, where he supported the Africa Branch and Executive Support Office at the Defense Intelligence Agency, DIA. While assigned, Colonel Wolf served as S3, Executive Officer, and Commander. During his command, the unit was credited for creating the Iraqi "55 Most-Wanted" deck of cards at the beginning of Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2003. In 2008, Colonel Wolf assumed duties as the Commander of the 3300th Strategic Intelligence Group in support of the Defense Counterintelligence & HUMINT Center and the National Media Exploitation Center at the Defense Intelligence Agency.

Colonel Wolf participates in several civic and business organizations, and is the former President of the French Creek Valley Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America. He currently resides in Conneaut Lake, Pennsylvania and is President and Proprietor of Conneaut Cellars Winery, Inc., a state of the art winery that produces 20,000 gallons of national award-winning wine.

Madam Speaker, Colonel Joal E. Wolf's commitment to the United States must be recognized. I wish him the best in his future endeavors and thank him for his continued service and dedication to our country.

HONORING DR. ANTHONY DI STEFANO, THE 2010 RECIPIENT OF THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD FROM THE VISION CARE SECTION OF THE AMERICAN PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION

HON. JOE SESTAK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SESTAK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Dr. Anthony Di Stefano, the 2010 recipient of the Distinguished Service Award from the Vision Care Section of the American Public Health Association. Dr. Di Stefano has dedicated his life to educating others, as is evident by his impressive academic resume and his professorship at Salus University in Elkins Park, Pennsylvania. Dr. Di Stefano recognized a need for vision care in rural and urban areas and addressed it by serving on the Helen Keller Worldwide Medical Advisory Board. Helen Keller once said, "Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much." Dr. Di Stefano heeds Ms. Keller's advice and spends countless hours working for children not only in the United States, but all across the world though his participation in the development of international optometric educational programs. Now, because of Dr. Di Stefano, countless children have access to the vision care denied to them for so long.

Madam Speaker, I ask that we recognize and show our strong appreciation for Dr. Di Stefano and Salus University and his remarkable leadership and commitment to public health.

REPRIMANDING REP. CHARLES RANGEL OF NEW YORK

HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WAXMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of Rep. BUTTERFIELD's motion for a resolution to reprimand Rep. CHARLES RANGEL of New York.

I do not have any doubt about the thoroughness of the review or the accuracy of the findings of the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct, nor do I doubt that Mr. RANGEL violated the rules of the House of Representatives.

I disagree, however, with the Committee's judgment that the weight of evidence in this case and the "cumulative nature of the violations" cited in the Committee's report warrant censure of Mr. RANGEL.

Precedent does not support the punishment of censure—specifically, as cited in the Committee report, because Mr. RANGEL's actions did not result in "any direct personal financial gain."

There have been lesser punishments for much more serious transgressions. When the

Committee found a Speaker of the House, former Rep. Newt Gingrich, to have engaged in "activity involving 501(c)(3) organizations that was substantially motivated by partisan, political goals," and that Mr. Gingrich's provision of "material information . . . was inaccurate, incomplete, and unreliable," the Committee did not vote for a resolution of censure, but of reprimand. Mr. Gingrich was still Speaker in 1997 when the House approved a reprimand, and he continued serving as Speaker after he was punished. Mr. RANGEL was removed earlier this year as Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee well before the Committee sent its report to the House.

There are many other precedents in which the House has issued letters of reprimand—a punishment less serious than reprimand—for activities that can be viewed at least as serious as those engaged in by Mr. RANGEL, including sexual transgressions, impermissible campaign solicitations, misappropriation of campaign funds, and acceptance of personal gifts, among many others.

Madam Speaker, I do not condone what Mr. RANGEL did, but I believe that justice requires punishment proportionate to the offenses that have been proved. By the standards and precedents of the House, and particularly taking into account that there was no personal financial gain involved, I believe a punishment of censure as proposed by the Ethics Committee is excessive.

I will therefore support, in furtherance of upholding the rules and standards of the House of Representatives, a reprimand of Mr. RANGEL.

RECOGNIZING THE SEATTLE SOUNDERS FOOTBALL CLUB FOR THEIR VICTORY IN THE 2010 U.S. OPEN CUP

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 7, 2010

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Seattle Sounders Football Club for their successful season and their back-to-back U.S. Open Cup Championships.

The Seattle Sounders joined Major League Soccer as an expansion team and played their inaugural match on March 19, 2009. The Sounders have since been a successful team having sold out every league match and set Major League Soccer records for average attendance, leading the league in ticket sales. The Seattle Sounders have also made the record books by winning the Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup for a second consecutive time, being the first Major League Soccer team and the first team in 27 years to repeat as champions. The Seattle Sounders finished the regular 2010 season with 14 wins and has lost fewer matches in their first two seasons than any club in the league's 15-year existence. A

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record crowd of 31,311 filled Qwest Field to witness the Seattle Sounders 2-1 victory over the Columbus Crew to win the 2010 Open Cup for the second consecutive time on October 5, 2010.

The Sounders have won the hearts of the Greater Seattle Community through their dedication and passion for the game. The players have been great role models for our community. In their ongoing commitment to the community and fans, minority owner Drew Carey established The Alliance, which is the Seattle Sounders Football Club Members Association. The Alliance is the only United States professional sports members association that allows its fans to vote on the direction and decisions of the team. The Alliance establishes true Democracy in sports.

The Seattle Sounders Football Club earned their championship through hard work, commitment, and support. Coach Sigi Schmid, who now leads Major League Soccer in career victories, leads the team of 28. Team members include Osvaldo Alonso, Terry Boss, David Estrada, Brad Evans, Alvaro Fernandez, Michael Fucito, Leo Gonzalez, Taylor Graham, Alex Horwath, Jhon Kennedy Hurtado, Patrick Ianni, Nate Jaqua, Kasey Keller, Roger Levesque, Tyrone Marshall, Miguel Montano, Fredy Montero, Blaise Nkufo, Pat Noonan, Sanna Nyassi, Jeff Parke, James Riley, Zach Scott, Mike Seamon, Peter Vagenas, Tyson Wahl, O'Brian White, and Steve Zakuani.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Seattle Sounders Football Club for their successful season and their second consecutive U.S. Open Cup Championship.

CONGRATULATING MAURICE J. McDONOUGH HIGH SCHOOL RAMS ON THEIR VICTORY IN THE MARYLAND 2A FOOTBALL STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 7, 2010

Mr. HOYER. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate the Maurice J. McDonough High School Rams from Charles County on their victory in the Maryland 2A football State championship. In the December 4 championship game, the Rams defeated Middletown High School by a score of 21-14 at M&T Bank Stadium in Baltimore.

Congratulations are especially due to coach Luke Ethington, who led an outstanding group of athletes to their first championship since 1990, to the players, and to all of the fans. This championship is the product of exceptional athletes and coaches, untold hours of hard work, and the passionate support of the community. I'm very proud of this team, and I congratulate all those involved in bringing home the championship title.

IN RECOGNITION OF PATHWAYS PA FOR 32 YEARS OF SERVICE IN THE GREATER PHILADELPHIA AREA

HON. JOE SESTAK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 7, 2010

Mr. SESTAK. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Pathways PA which this year celebrates 32 years of service to low-income women, children and families in the Greater Philadelphia area by helping them achieve economic independence and well-being. In these times of extraordinary economic hardship, this organization had stood tall to better equip disadvantaged families with the skills and tools needed to succeed in the workplace and create a safe and secure home.

This dedicated group also offers job skills program wherein participants receive career counseling, computer and job training, and job placement services. For those transitioning from temporary assistance programs to the workforce, Pathways PA's EARN Center offers free services and incentives to prospective employers and employees. In addition to offering General Adult Education and Adult GED classes, Pathways PA is also a founding member of Families That Work, an organization that offers adult literacy classes.

In addition to offering support and services, Pathways PA also publishes reports on issues important to Pennsylvanians such as Self-Sufficiency Standard for Pennsylvania, Ready to Compete? Pennsylvania's Community Colleges, and Elder Economic Security Initiative for Pennsylvania. These reports help raise awareness about issues that are imperative to the well-being and success of working families throughout the Greater Philadelphia region.

This superbly led organization provides invaluable services to more than 6,000 displaced and disadvantaged families in Southeastern Pennsylvania every year. They provide a prescription drug discount program, which offers discounts of up to 85%, to help people who don't have prescription drug coverage or who take prescription drugs not covered by their insurer.

The work that Pathways PA has dedicated 32 years to is absolutely vital and ensures that all Pennsylvanians have the opportunity to become self-sufficient. I speak for all residents of the Seventh Congressional District of Pennsylvania in thanking Carol Goertzel, President and CEO, and the remarkable staff of Pathways PA for their unyielding and compassionate dedication to helping working families in Southeastern Pennsylvania.

IN HONOR OF REB MONACO

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 7, 2010

Mr. FARR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Reb Monaco, a model public servant on the occasion of his retirement from the San Benito County Board of Supervisors. I have

had great pleasure in working with Reb. I am proud to honor my friend and thank him for his service.

Reb is a second generation Californian. He grew up in Santa Clara County. He graduated from Santa Clara High School and went on to pursue an undergraduate degree from San Jose State University. He also holds a Masters Degree from the University of California Santa Cruz.

In 1968, Reb decided to settle in San Benito County and began his career in public education. He taught grades 6th, 7th, and 8th to special education students in the Hollister School District for 32 years. He also served as adjunct faculty at Gavilan Community College for 14 years teaching health education to college students.

While Reb retired from teaching he still had no desire to stop working. Instead he ventured into a new career in politics. He ran for County Supervisor and was successfully elected to the San Benito County Board, District 4 on November 5, 2002. Reb was subsequently re-elected to serve a second term in 2006. During his tenure he served as Chairman of the Board in 2005 and 2010. He has also served on various committees during the past 8 years including, County Supervisors Associations of California, Local Agency Formation Commission, Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District and the Veteran's Park Commission. He also served on the Hollister Hills Advisory Committee, National Association of Counties and the following sub-committees: New County Courthouse Project Advisory Group, Courthouse Security Project, In Home Support Services Negotiations, Budget, General Plan Element-Economic Development, Southside Building Use, Juvenile Justice Commission, and the Redevelopment Agency Revolving Loan Fund Board, to name a few.

It has been a pleasure working with Reb on legislation to elevate the Pinnacles National Monument into a full fledged national park. Reb has been the Godfather behind the proposal and every time I see him he reminds me of the work that must be done. Reb has personal connections to the lands in the Pinnacles area and understands the economic development that the park will bring to the region. I admire his tenacity and persistence to continue to push for a Pinnacles National Park.

Reb was a founding member of the California Blacksmith Association, which is composed of diverse group of men and women who have a common interest in working on hot iron metal. The group is dedicated to keeping the art and tradition of blacksmithing alive. Reb is also a 32 Mason one of the highest honors for this national an international freemasonry organization. Reb has many other hobbies and I hope he uses this time to indulge in those things that he likes the most. I know that his wife Jill, two children and grandson are all looking forward to spending more family time together.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the House of Representatives, I would like to extend our nation's deepest gratitude to Reb Monaco for all of his years of service. He is retiring from the board but I know that he will continue to be involved in the community in other capacities.