

members of the Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders as, together, they addressed a wide variety of issues affecting the County and its residents. Sheriff Spicuzzo's sincerity and concern for his constituents was apparent, as he consistently worked to improve services, and insured that the public was treated with dignity and respect. He has also been a tireless supporter of local law enforcement as well as State and Federal agencies. During his tenure, Sheriff Spicuzzo has been instrumental in implementing specialized programs including DWI checkpoints and "Operation Spinal Cord". Foreclosure property listings have also been published on the internet in advance, informing and assisting the County and its residents. Sheriff Spicuzzo's thirty years of service to the County Sheriff's Department is an example of unwavering commitment and devotion.

In addition to his role as Sheriff Mr. Spicuzzo has also served as Spotswood Democratic Municipal Chairman and Middlesex County Chairman. In his capacity as Middlesex County Chairman, he led the Middlesex County Democrats toward electoral success and increased the number of minority and women elected officials in the county.

Before entering politics, Sheriff Spicuzzo's background included extensive involvement with various labor organizations. Influenced by both his grandfather and father, Mr. Spicuzzo began as a member of the Laborer's Union Local 156 in New Brunswick, New Jersey. He also served as Business Agent for Local 196, International Federation of Professional and Technical Engineers. His passion and history with these organizations continues to reflect in his daily and political activities.

Sheriff Spicuzzo is well-known for his compassionate and charitable contributions. Specifically, he has been commended for his tireless efforts on behalf of the Middlesex County Heart Association, most notably during radio station WCTC annual telethon. He has also offered his services to the March of Dimes, National Cancer Association, American Red Cross, United Jewish Appeal, B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation League and the Salvation Army.

As a result of his actions, Sheriff Spicuzzo was the recipient of the 1996 Hubert M. Humphrey Friend of Labor Award. He has also been honored with the 1980 "Outstanding Young Man of America" Award, the 1992 George Otowski Citizen's League "Man of the Year" Award, the March of Dimes "Franklin Award", the Salvation Army "OTHERS" Award and was honored by the American Heart Association. Sheriff Spicuzzo currently resides in Helmetta with his wife, Mary Ann. He also has two children, JoAnn and Charlie, daughter-in-law Denise and two grandsons, Joey and Dominic.

Madam Speaker, please join me in acknowledging Sheriff Spicuzzo's thirty years of service as Middlesex County Sheriff. His dedication and commitment are positive examples of what steadfast determination and allegiance can accomplish.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JUDY CHU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 8, 2010

Ms. CHU. Madam Speaker, yesterday, I was unable to participate in rollcall vote No. 609. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on H. Res. 1642, Recognizing the centennial of the City of Lilburn, Georgia, and supporting the goals and ideals of a City Lilburn Day. This year the City of Lilburn celebrated its centennial anniversary and I am proud to honor its history.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 8, 2010

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, I was detained from voting on Tuesday, December 7. If present, I would have voted yea on the following rollcall votes: rollcall 608, rollcall 609, and rollcall 610.

HONORING DONALD L. CARCIERI

HON. PATRICK J. KENNEDY

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 8, 2010

Mr. KENNEDY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Donald L. Carcieri, Governor of the State of Rhode Island, for his remarkable leadership in the Ocean State. Governor Carcieri will conclude his second term as Governor in January after serving two incredible terms. His record of public service and advocacy for the people of Rhode Island is simply unmatched.

Governor Carcieri was inaugurated as Rhode Island's 57th Governor on January 7, 2003. A native Rhode Island resident, his election followed a career in business that was capped with his tenure as Chief Executive Officer of Cookson America and Joint Managing Director of Cookson Group Worldwide. He retired from that position in 1997.

Governor Carcieri, born December 16, 1942, was the first of Nicola and Marguerite Carcieri's five children. The family lived in East Greenwich where Nicola Carcieri was a beloved teacher and coach at the town high school. As a family man with four children and fourteen grandchildren, ten of whom live in Rhode Island, Governor Carcieri has always taken an active interest in what is going on in his community and the state.

Governor Carcieri has been instrumental in preserving the historic face of Providence: at his urging, the former Providence train station became the headquarters of Cookson America. The company offices overlooked Burnside Park on one side and the Rhode Island State House on the other. He exhibited unwavering leadership during the tragic Station nightclub fire and during the state's disastrous floods.

He memorialized Rhode Island's heroes who fell during the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

I wish Don all the best in his future endeavors. He will continue to carry my own admiration, and that of all who have had the privilege to work with him.

20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FEDERAL HOME LOAN BANKS' AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROGRAM

HON. DENNIS MOORE

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 8, 2010

Mr. MOORE of Kansas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 20th anniversary of a program that has truly served this Nation well: the Federal Home Loan Banks' Affordable Housing Program, AHP. The AHP is funded by contributions of 10 percent of the Federal Home Loan Banks' net income. The AHP represents the largest, single source of private sector grants for housing and community development in the country targeted at underserved segments of the market. The Federal Home Loan Banks have distributed nearly \$4 billion in AHP funds since the program's initiation in 1990.

The AHP is a flexible source of grants and loans designed to help community-based lending institutions and their community partners develop affordable owner-occupied and rental housing for very low- to moderate-income families and individuals. Applicants are encouraged to leverage their awards with other funding sources, including conventional loans, government-supported financing, tax-credit equity, foundation grants, and bond financing.

The Federal Home Loan Banks' affordable housing funds are a significant driver of job growth, housing production, and expanded tax bases, according to a research study recently completed by The Hendrickson Company and The Shimberg Center for Housing Studies at the University of Florida. The study sought to quantify the "ripple effect" of AHP dollars in employment, broader development spending, and growth of municipal tax bases. By creating more jobs and building tax bases, as well as developing affordable housing, AHP funds are having a unique and very positive economic impact that goes far beyond the units AHP helps fund or the dollars AHP awards, researchers found.

Created by Congress in 1932, the Federal Home Loan Banks are 12 regional banks, cooperatively owned and used by financial institutions serving America's communities to finance housing and economic development. More than 8,000 lenders are members of the Federal Home Loan Bank System, representing approximately 80 percent of America's insured lending institutions. The Federal Home Loan Banks and their members have been the largest and most reliable source of funding for community lending for nearly eight decades.

As Congress turns to housing finance reform next year, I strongly encourage returning and new Members of Congress to consider the successes of the Federal Home Loan Bank System and seek to only build upon them in crafting a stronger, more stable housing finance system in the United States for generations to come.

JACKIE KENDALL AND STEVE
MAX: CELEBRATING LIFETIMES
OF ACHIEVEMENT

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 8, 2010

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate two extraordinary individuals: Jackie Kendall and Steve Max. This week, they will receive the 2010 Midwest Academy Lifetime Achievement award, in recognition of their decades of work on behalf of economic and social justice.

Jackie and Steve will continue their work in the years to come, but they have already accomplished so much. It is not just their own lifetimes that deserve to be honored, it is the impact that they have had on thousands of other lifetimes. Through their work at the Midwest Academy—a non-profit training organization that teaches organizing skills—they have empowered tens of thousands of individuals who have gone on to make tangible improvements in their communities, our country and the world.

My dear friend Jackie Kendall has been the executive director of the Midwest Academy for 29 years. She is retiring this year from that position. I know she is looking forward to spending time with her fabulous husband, Jerry, and her children and grandchildren. But I cannot imagine Jackie sitting by quietly when she sees problems that need solving nor can I imagine that those who have come to rely on her for strategic guidance will let her alone.

Jackie is one of the most passionate and most creative people I know. I first met Jackie in the grocery store near my home in 1969. The butcher was red-faced and yelling at her and a few other women who had the audacity to ask him the age of the meat he was selling. His answer was, "Go shop somewhere else, or I'll throw you out on your fannies, you geeks." This seemed unacceptable, though quite exciting, to me, so I went to find out. I immediately became involved in this housewives' campaign to get freshness dates on food, and immediately fell in love with Jackie Kendall. The rest is history. Dates on food products are nearly universal and Jackie Kendall went on to organize and inspire many, many more successful campaigns.

At the Midwest Academy, Jackie has had a partner in Steve Max, a denizen of the upper West Side of New York City, who helped get the Midwest Academy started in 1973. Working with Heather and Paul Booth, he helped design the original training curriculum—which includes the famous Midwest Academy strategy chart. Steve's clear economic analyses—peppered with the lessons he learned from his rabbi and shares with his listeners—have educated, inspired and entertained generations of activists.

Steve Max quite deservedly has a fan base across the country. He has worked with students and seniors, patients and scientists, with New Yorkers and Nebraskans, Pennsylvanians and Arizonans. Steve brings to his work not just an in-depth understanding of historic and macroeconomic forces but an ability to understand very local and distinctive concerns and problems, all seasoned with a unique and hilarious sense of humor. With those talents, he is able to craft specific strategies that work locally and globally.

Jackie and Steve have given individuals and organizations the skills and the confidence needed to make a difference in people's lives. They recognize that in today's world it is not always easy to take on powerful interests or to understand how large and complicated entities can be challenged successfully. The Midwest Academy was founded on the principle that—given the right training and tools—individuals can come together and build power. Over the years, they have trained student groups fighting for affordable tuition, seniors opposed to Social Security privatization, and rural groups eager to develop wind power.

In those and so many other efforts, Jackie, Steve and the Midwest Academy give people the tools they need to effectively participate in their communities and their government.

Jackie and Steve are true fighters for progressive change. They have built a foundation that will stand for generations to come.

HONORING CHIEF MASTER SGT. RICHARD L. ETCHBERGER

HON. EARL POMEROY

OF NORTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 8, 2010

Mr. POMEROY. Madam Speaker, all of us have observed from time to time wounded heroes in uniform and with their loving families being guided through our Capitol by an energetic tour guide. I know we all appreciate the efforts made to reach out to those who are healing from the wounds of war and recognize them with these very trips to our Capitol.

The tour guide responsible for these visits is Albert Casswell and as I've come to know him, I have been deeply impressed by his commitment to those who have served our country.

This fall I asked Mr. Casswell to provide a tour for the family members of Chief Master Sergeant Richard Etchberger during the week Chief Etchberger was posthumously awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for extraordinary heroism in service to our country.

During the Vietnam War he acted bravely to save the lives of his fellow airmen resulting in the tragic loss of his own life.

Mr. Casswell was moved as I was moved by meeting this wonderful family and learning the story of Chief Etchberger. He not only provided an exceptional tour for the family, he authored a poem in honor of Chief Etchberger and has inquired as to whether it was appropriate to include in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. I offer the poem of Mr. Casswell in appreciation of all he has done to help our soldiers and for his obvious concern for them and their families.

SOME THINGS, TIME CAN NOT ERASE

Some things, Time Can Not Erase
Some things, time can not erase. . . .
Some things, so high above all others are so placed. . . .
A place of Honor, and of most amazing grace!
That which brings such tears to our Lord's face. . . .
That which makes the Angels up on high. . . .
So begin to cry!
All in your most selfless sacrifice. . . .
To give up one's fine life. . . .
For no other gift so burns so bright!
Yes, Some things hold such a hallowed place. . . .

As to what new heights a soul can race. . . .
All in the darkness of most evil war . . . as
when most courageous heart so soared!
That Heaven so insured. . . .
But, a place up on high . . . but with our
Lord. . . .
Oh yes Richard, all in your Magnificent
Honor In Death. . . .
All in that moment of truth, as when your
fine heart so began to crest!
All In Valor, All In Honor and All In Most
Selfless Death. . . .
As into that darkness, you so bravely
marched off but to give your very
best. . . .
As out into a future, all of those lives that
you have so blessed. . . .
And what child may so come, from all of the
lives that you helped to save
my son. . . .
That may one day so Save The World, as Thy
Will Be Done!
Because, Some things Time Can Not So
Erase. . . .
For The Truth, Will. . . . Will Out All In The
End, All In Honor's Place!
And Such Magnificent Patriots as you, who
have so made these here United States!
For all of them and their families, Heaven so
holds a place!
For all of those fine sons who had to cry, and
ask why did daddy die?
And that lovely wife, who lost her best friend
that night. . . .
And all of those tearful Christmases not by
their sides. . . .
As all of those most swollen tear drops they
all so cried!
And those beloved parents, whose great pain
shall never die, and never end. . . .
And his Brothers, who but lost their best
friend. . . .
Because, Some things. . . . Time Can Not So
Erase!
Only when reunited in Heaven once again,
will this pain so end this weight. . . .
So wipe all of those tears from your most
swollen eyes!
For your lost love who now so up in Heaven
as so resides, take comfort in this real-
ized!
For Richard, your fine life was such a Tour
de Force. . . .
As you so shined, so magnificently, so bril-
liantly. . . . so valiantly as you went
forth!
All In Honor and Death, all in that uniform
of The United States Air Force you
soared!
As a great American Hero, you will ever live
on evermore!
"Welcome Home, My Son. . . ."
For Richard, new wings upon you are
worn. . . .
As An Angel In The Army of Our Lord. . . .
To watch over us evermore. . . .
As this day, we present to you. . . . The
Medal of Honor, and to all your loved
ones. . . .
Because, Some things. . . . Time Can Not
Erase!

TRIBUTE TO PATRICK HATCH FOR HIS SERVICE AS A CONGRES- SIONAL FELLOW

HON. JOHN W. OLVER

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 8, 2010

Mr. OLVER. Madam Speaker, the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development will bid farewell next week to Patrick Hatch, who