

IN HONOR OF EDWARD D. TEARE

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 13, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Edward D. Teare, dedicated father and paramedic for the Fire Department in Independence, Ohio. A family man who believed in tradition, he lived his life in service of others and he will never be forgotten by his friends, colleagues and loved ones.

Mr. Teare was born in Cleveland, but grew up in Independence. As a student at Independence High School, he worked in public service during the summer. He continued as a college student at Kent State University. After college, Mr. Teare studied to become a paramedic at Marymount Hospital. He joined the Independence Fire Department in 1979 and worked his way up to the rank of lieutenant.

Mr. Teare was a beloved husband of Janet (nee Boyd), and a devoted father to Katherine, Edward and Linda. Mr. Teare and his wife were members of the Church of Assumption, where they played pinochle. An outdoorsman, Mr. Teare enjoyed running as well as boating and fishing on Lake Erie. An annual fishing trip with family and friends, which became a rite of passage for his son and his friends, will continue this year in his honor.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in recognition of Edward D. Teare, a family man and outstanding public servant. He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

HONORING ELWOOD AND PATRICIA TREADWELL'S 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

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Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Elwood and Patricia Treadwell of Groveland, FL. On April 2, 2010, Mr. and Mrs. Elwood celebrated 50 years of marriage.

Elwood Treadwell, better known by his friends and family as "Woody", attained the rank of colonel while serving in the military. In his civilian life, his career has taken him as far north as Niagara, New York where he worked as a structural engineer, to sunny Florida where he currently works for the Walt Disney World Transportation Department, in the Magic Kingdom's ferry boat section.

Patricia Treadwell's passion for animals and devotion to those in need also took her to Niagara, New York. She devoted countless hours to training dogs for the Guiding Eyes program.

So far, Woody and Patricia's marriage has spanned 5 decades, 10 presidents, a moon landing and the *Challenger* explosion. They can remember where they were when Martin Luther King Junior gave his famous address on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial and on the day President Kennedy was assassinated. In the past 50 years, technology has also evolved in ways that few could have imagined: the invention of the Internet and cell phones

has made it easier than ever to connect with loved ones.

Over the span of their lives together, they have raised two children, and are the proud grandparents of four grandchildren. They have supported them with their love and have given them the tools to take on our ever changing world.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating the Treadwells on 50 years of wedded bliss. I wish them the best over the next 50 years as they continue to walk through life together.

IN HONOR AND RECOGNITION OF THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CLEVELAND WOMEN'S ORCHESTRA

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

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Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of the 75th anniversary of the Cleveland Women's Orchestra, the oldest women's orchestra in the United States. I also rise in recognition of its founder, Mr. Hyman Schandler. With the help of his beloved wife Rebecca, Mr. Schandler created an opportunity for women musicians to perform professionally.

Mr. Schandler was a violin teacher who became inspired by the exceptional talent of his female students. He rallied the support of his friends and colleagues and founded the Cleveland Women's Orchestra in 1935. After receiving rave reviews by all three local newspapers for its debut concert at Severance Hall, the Women's Orchestra became a fixture of the community.

Mr. Schandler served as both the conductor and the music director at the orchestra for 55 years until he passed in 1990 at the age of 90. Subsequently, Robert L. Conquist was named Music Director and has held the position ever since. Mr. Conquist, a life-long friend of Mr. Schandler, has maintained the rich traditions of the Cleveland Women's Orchestra.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honor and celebration of the Cleveland Women's Orchestra. After 75 years, the orchestra still provides talented women musicians with performance opportunities; provides the community with special events programs; provides free "Gift of Music" concerts on a regular basis; and plays an anniversary concert at Severance Hall every year. The Cleveland Women's Orchestra is a vibrant organization that enriches all our lives through the universal language of music.

IN HONOR OF BURLINGTON COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE VOICE OF BUSINESS AWARD WINNERS

HON. JOHN H. ADLER

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ADLER of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate this year's Burlington County Chamber of

Commerce Voice of Business award recipients for their outstanding contributions to the Burlington County business community. Having strong, local business communities is vital to the well-being of our nation and I commend these individuals and companies who have demonstrated excellence in commitment to South Jersey through extraordinary efforts. I would also like to thank the Chamber, which itself is such an integral part of this community, for taking the opportunity to draw attention to the outstanding contributions of these individuals and organizations.

Mr. John C. Hall has rightfully earned this year's "Voice of Business" award. For more than 34 years, Mr. Hall has been a vital component to the economic development in Burlington County. He helped co-found the "Committee of 50," a local organization focused on the economic development of Burlington County. He was President of Mt. Holly State Bank for more than 17 years and currently serves as the Vice President of Government Banking at Beneficial Bank.

Beneficial Bank and Pro Computer Service have earned this year's "Business Excellence" award for their commitment to the economic development of Burlington County through increasing local employment opportunities, leadership in the community, and entrepreneurial spirit.

This year's "Economic Development" award is given to the Maple Shade Business Association, an organization of more than 100 active entrepreneurs. The MSBA is an integral part of the local community, helping to foster local job creation and strengthen the small business community.

Earning this year's "New Voice" award is SNJ Business People, a monthly business publication that focuses on local business leaders and their work throughout South Jersey.

The "Community Enrichment" award will go to Crossroads Programs, Inc, a non-profit that has provided residential and community based services to the region's most vulnerable youth for more than 31 years.

The Honorable William Haines Jr. is the recipient of this year's "Public Voice" award. Mr. Haines, a former Burlington County freeholder, was an aggressive advocate of land preservation whose legacy has been the preservation of thousands of acres of farmland and open space in Burlington County. His efforts led to the creation of the county parks department in 1999 and the recognition by the Victorian Society in America for the county's restoration efforts at historic Smithville Park in Eastampton.

Earning this year's "Chairman's Award of Excellence" is Mr. Mark Morgan who serves as President of the Moorestown Business Association and Director of the Moorestown Theatre Company. Under his leadership, both groups have thrived and become integral community organizations.

The honorees will be recognized at Burlington County's Chamber of Commerce Voice of Business dinner on April 19, 2010. I applaud these outstanding individuals and businesses who have worked hard to achieve the American dream of free enterprise and serve our community by ensuring small businesses remain the job engine of America.

NATIONAL MEDIA FAIL TO HOLD PRESIDENT ACCOUNTABLE

HON. LAMAR SMITH

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SMITH of Texas. Madam Speaker, recently, a woman named Doris asked President Obama why his health care legislation includes more taxes when, as she put it, "we are overtaxed as it is."

Here's what The Wall Street Journal had to say about the President's 17-minute, 2,500-word answer, and the media's failure to hold him accountable:

[The President's] filibuster had only served to avoid addressing her concern. He never explained why his health care bill ended up raising taxes on those making under \$200,000 a year—a violation of his explicit 2008 campaign pledge.

President Obama is clearly avoiding any forum where he can be pinned down with tough questions.

So far, Washington journalists have been quite passive in letting the White House choose the terms of its interaction with the public.

Would a conservative president get such an obliging ride from the normally aggressive Washington press corps? Probably not.

The national media should hold the President accountable, not give him a free pass.

HONORING THE MIGNONI SISTERS

HON. PATRICK J. MURPHY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 13, 2010

Mr. PATRICK J. MURPHY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Carol Mignoni Ferguson, Rosemarie Mignoni Szczucki, and Ann Mignoni Mundy.

The Mignoni family name has been synonymous with quality jewelry in Bristol, Pennsylvania for over 60 years. They have been intertwined with the Irish community for almost as many years, with their love for Irish jewelry and art on clear display in their Bristol store.

Recently, the Mignoni sisters were again recognized by the Irish community for their contribution to the culture, the tradition, and the general welfare of Irish heritage. They truly embody the ideals of the Irish community, and their charity and support of friends and family inspire those around them.

These three sisters led the Bucks County St. Patrick's Day parade on March 13, 2010, as exemplary members of the Bucks County community and as representatives of the Irish spirit. Long after the parade is over, they will continue to be leaders throughout the community, and their love and compassion will continue to be a beacon in the 8th district of Pennsylvania.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor Carol, Ann, and Rose Mignoni for their incredible service to our community. I am honored to serve as their Congressman and humbled to call them my friends.

IN HONOR AND RECOGNITION OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CITY OF FAIRVIEW PARK

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 13, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of the 100th anniversary of the City of Fairview Park. Residents, business owners and city officials have occasion to celebrate the rich history of this vibrant community.

One hundred years ago, the land southwest of Cleveland was a combination of farmland and woodland. Some of the earliest settlers of the area include families with surnames that are still recognizable today: Mastick, Anthony, Bassett, Eaton and Spencer.

Independence appears to be the main catalyst for the creation of Fairview Park (originally Fairview Village). Many residents of the Fairview-Parkview area of the newly incorporated Village of Rocky River wanted their own community. Seventy-five families submitted petitions in less than a year. On September 10, 1910, Fairview Village received its official charter.

As the city grew, Fairview Park continued to be an important part of the Cleveland-area community. Truck farming, a way of life for many families living outside Cleveland, strengthened ties between communities. Throughout the growing season, farmers would "truck" their produce and poultry to the city of Cleveland to sell at local markets such as the popular West Side Market.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of the people of the City of Fairview Park, Ohio as they celebrate their 100th anniversary. The city has overcome challenges and ensured progress over the last century and it has always remained an integral part of the Greater Cleveland community.

HONORING JAMES B. VENTANTONIO, ESQ.

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 13, 2010

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize James B. Ventantonio, the Somerset County Business Partnership's 60th Annual Outstanding Citizen of the Year. Mr. Ventantonio will be presented with this award on May 5, 2010, in Martinsville, New Jersey.

The Somerset County Business Partnership is comprised of talented community leaders, volunteers and employees dedicated to developing a thriving economy and enhancing Somerset County's quality of life. Based in Bridgewater, New Jersey, the SCBP is committed to providing leadership on key business and community initiatives, assuring the opportunity to attain business and personal goals, and achieving results that benefit and assure prosperity in Somerset County.

Mr. Ventantonio has held a leadership position in nearly every quality of life initiative in Somerset County for more than two decades. He served as Chair of a number of organiza-

tions in Somerset County, including the Somerset County Chamber of Commerce, the Blue Ribbon Task Force on the Somerset County Ballpark, and the Somerset County Business Partnership. Mr. Ventantonio continues to be a member of numerous non-profit and municipal boards and agencies. Mr. Ventantonio began his career with the Somerset/Sussex Legal Services, and continues to be a staunch supporter of providing legal services for those who cannot afford representation.

Madam Speaker, I sincerely hope my colleagues will join me in honoring Mr. James B. Ventantonio for his commitment to my constituency, as well as congratulate him on receiving the 60th Annual Outstanding Citizen Award.

HONORING THE RED CROSS

HON. ANH "JOSEPH" CAO

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 13, 2010

Mr. CAO. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of the American Red Cross. Since its founding in 1881 by Clara Barton, the American Red Cross has provided assistance and comfort to communities where disaster has struck.

Every year, at home and abroad, one in five Americans is in some way touched by the Red Cross. My district, which includes New Orleans, was one of the hardest hit by Hurricane Katrina.

The American Red Cross' response was immediate and 20 times bigger than any previous response effort. While they provided sheltering, hot meals, and assistance in purchasing essential items such as food and clothing, they also provided something much greater: compassion, promise, and hope. And, for that I am extremely grateful.

In addition to responding to disasters, the Red Cross also helps prepare individuals to lead safe and healthy lives by offering babysitting, safety, and CPR classes and coordinating blood donations.

Madam Speaker, whether it is an earthquake or a single family home fire, a call for blood or a call for help, the American Red Cross will be there.

I ask that my colleagues join me in applauding the dedication and efforts of the American Red Cross staff and volunteers and in celebrating March as American Red Cross Month.

INTRODUCING WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE ON HAITI ACT OF 2010

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 13, 2010

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce the White House Conference on Haiti Act of 2010. This important piece of legislation would call on the President of the United States to convene a White House Conference on Haiti before the end of this calendar year.

As we are all well aware, this past January, a 7.0 magnitude earthquake rocked the already struggling nation of Haiti. Approximately