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HONORING SHERIFF GARY MADDOX ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. BART STUPAK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 27, 2010

Mr. STUPAK. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Schoolcraft County Sheriff Gary Maddox of Manistique, Michigan on his retirement after 30 years of dedicated law enforcement service. Sheriff Maddox's commitment to the citizens of Schoolcraft County reflects the enthusiasm and work ethic that embody the spirit of Michigan's Upper Peninsula.

Gary has remained close to his roots throughout his career in law enforcement. He was named Schoolcraft County Deputy Sheriff on February 22, 1979 and went on to be appointed Schoolcraft County Sheriff on January 1, 1986. Over the years he was reelected by the people of Schoolcraft County five times before retiring at the end of 2009.

Under his leadership, Schoolcraft County has implemented many important public safety programs. Gary launched the first D.A.R.E. program to provide area youth with skills to avoid involvement with drugs. He also coordinated the county's first taser program, established the county's 911 service, developed training programs for corrections officers and led an incident command school for law enforcement officers. As sheriff, Gary coordinated and managed countless search and rescue operations effectively and with composure. Over the years he has demonstrated both professionalism and concern while working to consistently improve public safety in the community.

Gary has never been one to rest on his laurels; he has always taken advantage of opportunities to improve his training and expertise. He has participated in the National Drug Court Institute Adult Drug Court Planning Initiative Training Program, completed Emergency Medical Technician-Ambulance Training and Level II Law Enforcement Training for the Federal Forest Service, among others. He has also helped to inspire and educate others looking to enter the field of law enforcement serving for 21 years as an executive board member and instructor of Northern Michigan University's Law Enforcement Training Consortium.

As sheriff, Gary has demonstrated a commitment to his profession serving as a District I Upper Peninsula representative to the Michigan Sheriffs' Association. He also served as President of the Upper Peninsula Law Enforcement Association in past years. Outside of law enforcement Gary has made community service a priority in his life. He has volunteered time working with the Veterans of Foreign Wars Ladies Auxiliary Voice of Democracy Broadcast Scriptwriting Program and served as chairman of the local C.B.C. radio telethon to raise funds for the American Cancer Society, Bay Cliffs Health Camp and the Easter Seals Society of Michigan. He also serves on the Central Upper Peninsula Planning and Development Committee.

I know Gary well and over the years he has been an honorable public servant and a good

friend. Gary embodies the unique character of the Upper Peninsula through his courage in the face of danger, his forward-looking vision and his willingness to lend a hand to help those around him.

Madam Speaker, Gary devoted 30 years of his life enforcing the law and protecting the citizens of Schoolcraft County. His career as sheriff and his commitment to his community should be commended. I ask Madam Speaker, that you and the entire U.S. House of Representatives, join me in recognizing Sheriff Gary Maddox for his courage, his dedication, and his years of service on his retirement from the Schoolcraft County Sheriff's Department.

DOMINIC DRUMRIGHT

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 27, 2010

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Dominic Drumright who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Dominic Drumright is a 7th grader at Drake Middle School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Dominic Drumright is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations once again to Dominic Drumright for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character to all his future accomplishments.

FATHER EDWARD BRYCE

HON. MICHAEL F. DOYLE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 27, 2010

Mr. DOYLE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a Pittsburgh resident and a constituent of mine, Father Edward Bryce. Father Bryce is celebrating the Golden Jubilee of his priestly ordination after 50 years of ministry to the Pittsburgh community.

Born in Pittsburgh, Father Bryce attended North Catholic High School and St. Charles Seminary in Philadelphia. He continued his studies at the North American College in Rome, eventually earning a licentiate in sacred theology from the Pontifical Gregorian University there. Father Bryce was ordained a priest on March 25th, 1960 and began his ministry as a parochial vicar at Immaculate Conception Parish in Washington, Pennsylvania. This first assignment was the beginning of a vocation that would carry him throughout the Pittsburgh area in service to the needs of the Catholic community.

In his 50 years as a priest, Father Bryce always seemed to find a way to minister to the community through a variety of means, often simultaneously. While teaching theology stu-

dents for 6 years at Duquesne University, he also served as a Chaplin at St. Joseph's Hospital and a priest-in-residence at Holy Rosary Parish. He then moved to the motherhouse of the Sisters of St. Francis for 9 years. It was during this time that Father Bryce became more active in the larger efforts of the Diocese of Pittsburgh. In 1970, he became the founding director of the Office for Pro-Life Activities and 2 years later took the same position in the Office for Justice and Peace. This commitment to needs of the living Church community in an evermore complex society eventually propelled Father Bryce here to Washington, DC as the Pro-Life Activities Secretary for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, a position which he held for 10 years.

In 1988, he returned to his hometown to lead St. Bede Parish in Pittsburgh's Point Breeze neighborhood, where he has served as pastor for over 20 years. Beyond his dedicated ministry to the faith and educational life of the St. Bede parish, Father Bryce continued to play important roles in the larger Pittsburgh Catholic community as dean of the Central Deanery, consultor in the College of Consultors, and a member of the priest council. Continuing on as administrator of St. Bede past his retirement age, he provides the parish with continuity and an ever-present model for faithful ministry.

Father Bryce credits the priests that he knew growing up in St. Bernard Parish as providing the inspiration for his vocation of priestly ministry. I have no doubt that he himself has provided similar inspiration to generations of St. Bede parishioners and members of the Catholic community in Pittsburgh.

I want to congratulate Father Bryce for his 50 years of dedicated service to the Church and the Pittsburgh community and I wish him many more years at St. Bede.

DIANA ROMERO

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 27, 2010

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Diana Romero who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Diana Romero is a 12th grader at Jefferson High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Diana Romero is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations once again to Diana Romero for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character to all her future accomplishments.

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF MICHAEL WATROL ON HIS OFFER OF APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND THE UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY

HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 27, 2010

Mr. LATTA. Madam Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to an outstanding young man from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am happy to announce that Michael Watrol of Rossford, Ohio has been offered an appointment to attend the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland.

Michael's offer of appointment poises him to attend the United States Naval Academy this fall with the incoming midshipmen Class of 2014. Attending one of our Nation's military academies is an invaluable experience that offers a world-class education while placing demands on those who undertake one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences of their lives.

Michael brings an enormous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming Class of 2014. While attending St. Francis de Sales High School in Toledo, Ohio, Michael attained an impressive grade point average. He received numerous academic awards.

Throughout high school, Michael was a member of the water polo, tennis, CYO basketball and Belmont Swim teams. He received his varsity letter in tennis. Michael has been active in Young Marines of Toledo, Junior State of America, Bethel Lutheran Church, and has volunteered for numerous organizations in the community. I am confident that Michael will carry the lessons of his student leadership to the Naval Academy.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Michael Watrol on the acceptance of his appointment to the United States Naval Academy. Our service academies offer the finest military training and education available. I am positive that Michael will excel during his career at the Naval Academy and I ask my colleagues to join me in extending their best wishes to him as he begins his service to the Nation.

DESTINY HINOJOS

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 27, 2010

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Destiny Hinojos who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Destiny Hinojos is a 12th grader at Wheat Ridge High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Destiny Hinojos is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations once again to Destiny Hinojos for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character to all her future accomplishments.

COMMENDING SAMUEL A. KRAKOWER

HON. JOHN H. ADLER

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 27, 2010

Mr. ADLER of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Cadet Samuel A. Krakower and his outstanding performance in the Rancocas Valley Regional High School NJROTC unit. Mr. Krakower is a Naval Science 3 cadet and a junior at Rancocas Valley Regional High School.

Cadet Krakower has been a member of the NJROTC drill team for 2 years where he has earned the prestigious Blue and Gold drill cord. He has also represented his unit as a member of the Uniform Inspection Team, and has participated in, and completed the Junior Officer Leadership Training Program. Currently, Cadet Krakower holds the position of Public Affairs Department Head and is an editor of the unit's newspaper.

Throughout his academic career, Cadet Krakower has performed in the top of his class while remaining an integral and active participant in his local community through the Boy Scouts of America and as a volunteer with a local food pantry.

Cadet Krakower has received the American Legion Medal for Scholastic Excellence and the NJROTC Community Service Ribbon, with 3 stars. He has been selected to attend the Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University Summer 2010 program for students for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM). He will be recognized at the Rancocas Valley High School NJROTC Awards Banquet on May 26, 2010.

In recognition of this young man's achievements, I ask that the House of Representatives and all Americans join me in congratulating this honorable young man on his achievements. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character to all his future endeavors.

HONORING MISS LAUREN CHOLEWINSKI

HON. JOHN M. SPRATT, JR.

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 27, 2010

Mr. SPRATT. Madam Speaker, it is with great pride that I acknowledge the achievements of Miss Lauren Cholewinski. An accomplished young woman of 21 years of age, Lauren Cholewinski honorably represented the United States of America in her participation at the 2010 Vancouver Winter Olympics. Her discipline and determination carried her from her home in York County, South Carolina, where she attended Northwestern High School in Rock Hill, to compete in the 500 Meter Women's Speedskating competition on February

16, 2010. Her two times were 39.51 and 39.58 placing her 30th overall.

On behalf of South Carolina, I am proud to recognize Lauren Cholewinski's achievements as a professional and Olympic athlete.

STATEMENT HONORING THE LIFE OF MRS. JODY LOWRY

HON. BETTY SUTTON

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 27, 2010

Ms. SUTTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to pay tribute to Jody Lowry, who passed away on December 25, 2009 after a courageous battle with cancer. I know Jody from her active role in the Northeast Ohio Community, and have personally come to know her friendship and hospitality at her lovely home in Akron.

Jody was an avid volunteer, devoted daughter, wife, and loving mother.

Jody was also very active with local service groups in Akron, Ohio.

She knew that she could make a positive contribution in Akron while continuing to fight her cancer. Jody was determined to serve our community by giving to the people who needed her help.

Whether it was at The Summit County Battered Women's Shelter, Children's Hospital, or the St. Joseph Parenting Center, Jody committed her time to helping people who could not always help themselves.

Her work for children's rights continued as a Guardian Ad Litem for the Summit County CASA/GAL Program and was further proof of her devotion to others in need.

Perhaps her most avid cause was her work at the Alzheimer's Association, where she chaired the Annual Alzheimer's Association Gala last year. She became involved in the Alzheimer's Association as a result of her father, Jacob's long time Alzheimer's illness, which took his life last summer.

Jody was a lifelong resident of Akron, was a respected and beloved member of the greater Akron Community, and her presence will be remembered by the entire area. Her legacy of community, friendship, family and good work will continue for many, many years however. The fact that her funeral at the Akron Jewish Center was overflowing with hundreds upon hundreds of her friends and family members is a testament to her life long work.

Jody leaves behind not only those whom she served, but also a loving family—her husband Randy, her daughters Marisa and Meredith, her mother Elaine Apelbaum, her brother Perry Apelbaum, as well as other many other close family members and friends.

Jody will truly be missed.

We will always remember Jody for her ever-present smile, her commitment to her community, and her dedication to her family.

On behalf of the people of Ohio's 13th District, I want to express my deepest sympathies to her Mother Elaine, her husband Randy and her daughters, Marisa and Meredith.

They have lost a great daughter, wife and mother who passed away much too soon and we have lost a true friend and committed member of our community.