

Bethesda has remained an old rock of the faith, with a future as promising as its past. In view of its long and glorious history, I ask that this commemoration of the Bethesda Presbyterian Church's 250th anniversary be noted by the Nation through entry in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

CONGRATULATING THE ENTERPRISE ASSOCIATION OF STEAMFITTERS, UNITED ASSOCIATION LOCAL UNION 638

HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 29, 2010

Mr. DEUTCH. Madam Speaker, I am both honored and privileged to congratulate the over five hundred Enterprise Association of Steamfitters, United Association Local Union 638 retirees and their families who live in the state of Florida as they celebrate the 125th anniversary of the founding of their great union.

Steamfitters Local 638 was chartered in 1884 as Local Assembly 3189 under the Knights of Labor. In 1914 the Local Assembly became one of the first Enterprise Association of Steamfitters locals to join the United Association, eventually being incorporated as United Association Local 638 in August of 1947. Since their incorporation, the Enterprise Association has trained close to 3,000 apprentices, ensuring a dignified wage, benefits, and a skilled trade to all who have passed through the program.

Although many things have changed throughout its distinguished history, the Enterprise Association has preserved its reputation as an organization of highly skilled craftsmen dedicated to the preservation and protection of its members and their trade. The presence of so many Local 638 members in our community has helped Florida's working families overcome many barriers in their daily struggle to earn a living wage. South Florida is truly a better place because of their active engagement in the betterment of our community.

I salute the Enterprise Association for 125 years of service to the trade union movement and for facilitating a dignified living wage. I wish the members and retirees of United Association Local 638 congratulations during this momentous occasion.

IN HONOR OF MICHAEL D. PATTERSON, RECREATION DIRECTOR FOR THE CITY OF ROCKY RIVER

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 29, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Michael D. Patterson, Recreation Director for the City of Rocky River, in celebration of his retirement after 34 years of service.

Thanks to his hard work and expertise, the Rocky River Parks and Recreation Depart-

ment has been able to expand, offering programs to better the quality of life for all residents. Mr. Patterson began his career with the Parks and Recreation Department after earning a Master's degree from the University of Tennessee in 1976. When he first started, the Department only had five full-time employees. Today, the department employs sixteen.

Under Mr. Patterson's leadership, the Rocky River Outdoor Pool was renovated; the ice rink was renovated twice; a new civic center was constructed; and Rocky River's parklands were restored and maintained. Mr. Patterson has been a longtime member of the Ohio Parks and Recreation Association, including his service as President of the board from 2000 to 2001. During his time as Recreation Director, the City of Rocky River was honored with several awards from the State of Ohio, including the Superior Award for Teen Programs and the Outstanding Facility Award for the Don Umerley Civic Center.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring Michael D. Patterson, whose unwavering dedication to the Parks and Recreation Department in Rocky River, Ohio has helped to preserve and promote the green spaces in our community. I wish Mr. Patterson and his family an abundance of health, happiness and peace in all of their future endeavors.

HONORING THE RAINIER CLUB'S ARTIST LAUREATE

HON. JIM McDERMOTT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 29, 2010

Mr. McDERMOTT. Madam Speaker, I rise today, on the occasion of the honoring of Stephen Wadsworth's lifetime achievement by one of Seattle's historic organizations and keeper of the arts, the Rainier Club. The people of the State of Washington hold up as a national inspiration the work of Stephen Wadsworth, stage director and writer.

Associated with Seattle Opera for more than 25 years, Stephen Wadsworth is a renowned director whose work has included acclaimed productions at the Metropolitan Opera, Teatro alla Scala, Royal Opera Covent Garden, Vienna Staatsoper, Nederlandse Opera, and Edinburgh Festival, and in San Francisco, Los Angeles, Toronto, and Santa Fe. He made his Seattle Opera debut with Jancek's Jenufa and has returned for Gluck's Iphigenia in Tauris (a co-production with the Metropolitan Opera) and Orphée et Eurydice; Handel's Xerxes; and Wagner's Lohengrin, Fliegende Holländer, and Ring.

Highlights of his operatic work include the Seattle Orphée (1988), on which he collaborated with Mark Morris. Of that production, The New Yorker magazine wrote "Inspired productions touch the heart of a listener's being, reveal music's power to sound every string of a psyche; make the theater what it should be, a place of, at once, ecstasy, entertainment, and moral and political enlightenment. The Seattle Orphée was such a production. It made the absurd extravaganzas of opera, all that it costs in public and private money and personal, hardworking devotion, seem worthwhile."

Wadsworth has staged much-traveled productions of plays by Shakespeare, Molière, Marivaux, Goldoni, Shaw, Wilde, and Coward. Wadsworth wrote the opera A Quiet Place with Leonard Bernstein, and directed the world premieres of Daron Aric Hagen's Shining Brow and Peter Lieberman's Ashoka's Dream, as well as new plays by Beth Henley and Anna Deavere Smith. He has translated a number of works for the stage, including works by Monteverdi, Handel, and Mozart.

The French government named Stephen Wadsworth a Chevalier de l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres for his work on Molière and Marivaux. He is the Head of Dramatic Studies at the Metropolitan Opera's Lindemann Young Artist Development Program, and the James S. Marcus Faculty Fellow and Director of Opera Studies at the Juilliard School, where he has launched the first intensive acting program for opera singers.

Stephen Wadsworth's influence is international and broad in scope, but it is our honor that his presence is local to Washington State's 7th Congressional District. His work has brought a rich luminosity to the Seattle arts community for many years, and I am privileged now to note his profound contribution to our cultural life.

CONGRATULATING COMMANDER KAREN MILLER ON HER RETIREMENT

HON. PETER J. ROSKAM

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 29, 2010

Mr. ROSKAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a dedicated public servant from my Congressional District, Commander Karen Miller. After spending 25 years in the Addison Police Department, she is retiring at the end of April.

Commander Miller started her career in the Dispatch Department and was then assigned to the Patrol Division for 8 years. In 1993 she was named the full time D.A.R.E. /Crime Prevention Officer for the Department. For those 8 years Karen taught more than one thousand 5th grade students the importance of living a drug-free life.

Additionally, Commander Miller developed many programs within the Addison Police Department designed to better educate the public about crime prevention. The programs created under her leadership include the Citizens Police Academy, Senior Citizen Police Academy, Citizens on Patrol, Volunteers In Policing Service, Seniors And Law-Enforcement Together, and Community Emergency Response Team.

Madam Speaker and Distinguished Colleagues, Karen Miller is a remarkable public servant who has dedicated her life to serving the people of Addison. Please join me in recognizing her extraordinary service and wishing her happiness in the well deserved respite of her retirement.

CELEBRATING THE CENTENNIAL
ANNIVERSARY OF THE ANNUN-
CIATION GREEK ORTHODOX
CHURCH OF PENSACOLA

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 29, 2010

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the founding of Pensacola's Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church. This remarkable milestone is a testament to the years of great work by the church.

The year 2010 is a relatively small occurrence on the timeline of Orthodox Christianity, a faith that traces its beginnings all the way back to the apostles and dates many of its earliest traditions back to the days of St. John Chrysostom. 2010 also marks the 100th anniversary of Pensacola, Florida's oldest Orthodox congregation. The first Greeks to come to Pensacola were seamen who migrated during the 1860s. As the Greek community continued to grow, it was decided to build a church where Greek ideals and customs could be preserved as well as a place where spiritual needs could be met. Today, the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church of Pensacola is a place of worship for more than 150 families of various ethnic backgrounds.

In thinking about the tremendous occasion before us and the countless good deeds that have been carried out in the name of the Father by this body, I am reminded of the words of the Apostle Paul. Paul wrote to the church of Galatia, "And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not." On this 100th year anniversary of the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church of Pensacola, I ask that they too heed the words of the Apostle Paul. After all these years, I encourage the church not to lose heart in doing what is good, but rather continue to serve the Lord and accomplish His work. I ask that they don't give up, but continue to show the fruit of the Spirit which is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

Madam Speaker, it is my great privilege to honor Pensacola's Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church on their centennial anniversary. These 100 years have been a testament to the compassion and good will that exists among mankind.

INTRODUCING A RESOLUTION URG-
ING THE GOVERNMENT OF CAN-
ADA TO END THE COMMERCIAL
SEAL HUNT

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 29, 2010

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce a resolution urging the Government of Canada to end the commercial seal hunt.

While the vast majority of countries have banned the commercial seal hunt long ago, Canada is by far the largest remaining seal killer in the world. Each year, about 300,000 harp seal pups are killed for their meat, oil and

pelts and almost exclusively traded internationally.

The United States and the European Union have banned both the hunting of seals and the importation of any seal products. Polling has shown that the majority of people in Canada oppose the commercial seal hunt and support foreign nations' ending their trade in seal products. A recent poll even reveals that half of Newfoundland sealers support a federal buyout of the commercial sealing industry.

Indeed, the few thousand fishermen who participate in the commercial seal hunt in Canada earn, on average, only a tiny fraction of their annual income from killing seals, with the remainder coming from traditional seafood. In recent years, the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans of Canada has authorized historically high quotas for harp seals despite high pup mortality, low seal fur prices and reduced industry participation.

Madam Speaker, the commercial seal hunt is not only unnecessary but cruel. Ninety-seven percent of the seals killed are pups between just twelve days and twelve weeks of age, without any ability to defend themselves. Most of them have not even learned how to swim. They are either shot or struck on the head by a hakapik or club. Many are injured in the course of the hunt and escape beneath the ice where they die slowly and are never recovered. Seal pups can also be skinned while still alive.

Several reports concluded that avoidable suffering occurs during hunting, sealers fail to comply with regulations and authorities do not effectively monitor the hunt and enforce regulations. This slaughter has to come to an end.

My resolution will urge the Government of Canada to prohibit the commercial hunting of seals, while allowing subsistence hunting for aboriginal communities. It will also encourage other countries to ban trade in seal products.

Madam Speaker, wild animals are a very important part of our commonly held natural resources and contribute to the diversity and stability of our environment. We cannot let economic interests take over our moral values. Animal cruelty is an inexcusable abomination. The United States must continue to protect those animals that cannot protect themselves and ensure fair and humane treatment. It is essential to maintain a balanced and healthy ecosystem that allows for the coexistence of both human beings and the world's most incredible species.

I urge my colleagues to join me in protecting wildlife and environmental conservation across the globe by supporting this important resolution.

HONORING JAMES J. DOWLING

HON. PATRICK J. MURPHY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 29, 2010

Mr. PATRICK J. MURPHY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize James J. Dowling, for his lifetime of service and dedication to the United Way of Bucks County.

Since the 1970s Mr. Dowling has been an integral part of the United Way of Bucks County and since then has been a leader in the community and within the United Way.

During Mr. Dowling's time as Chair of the Community Investment Cabinet for the United Way of Bucks County, programs for children's education have flourished. He has been one of the driving forces here in the 8th District when it comes to strengthening early education.

Mr. Dowling has led the United Way of Bucks County through tough economic times and has never wavered in his commitment to the organization and to the community. He never lost sight of the hard work that needs to be done to support those who need help the most.

Madam Speaker, I am proud today to recognize James J. Dowling for his commitment to our community and for his vision as a leader. He's a true asset to Bucks County and I'm proud to be his Congressman.

COMMEMORATING THE RETIRE-
MENT OF RICHARD CAROL (RC)
SMITH

HON. PHIL HARE

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 29, 2010

Mr. HARE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the long and distinguished career of public service of Richard Carol Smith, known to family, friends and colleagues as RC.

A life-long resident of the Midwest, RC has been a fixture in Macon County and in particular Long Creek Township through his work in government service as well as his political activism. What is even more impressive is that while working diligently for the public good, he was employed by Wabash, Norfolk & Western and Norfolk-Southern Railways, for some 39 years. Yet he found the time to be an incredibly active and respected member of his community and our region.

His service and commitment to Long Creek is unparalleled. He currently serves as Long Creek Township Clerk, a post he has held since 1997, as well as being a former assessor for the town. He has also served Long Creek as the township supervisor and assistant supervisor.

His service to Macon County is just as impressive. RC served on the Macon County board for almost 30 years. He was first elected to the board in 1970 and served as chairman from 1985 to 1986 and as vice-chairman for 6 years. He also served as the Mt. Zion Township Supervisor and was the first Democrat elected to the post in 20 years.

In addition to a long career in area Democratic Party politics, Mr. Smith has been an ardent supporter of the labor movement, culminating with him serving as the executive director of Decatur Area Labor-Management from 1989-1997.

A man of faith, RC is active in his local church, where he is an ordained Deacon at the Tabernacle Baptist Church. He also served his country honorably in the U.S. Air Force from 1952 to 1956.

RC can't quite shake the pull of politics and will remain the president emeritus of the Long Creek Township Democrats as well as continue as the secretary of the Macon County Democrats. However, with all of the accomplishments and commitments, RC has earned a well deserved retirement from his service as