

## HONORING LOUIS HERING

## HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 18, 2010

Mr. STARK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to one of the outstanding citizens of our nation's capital, Mr. Louis Hering. I would like to thank Mr. Hering for his extraordinary contributions to the cultural pursuits of his community during the two decades of his residence here and his five plus years of leadership and service to Washington, DC's very own Opera Lafayette.

On June 8, 2010, Opera Lafayette will be holding a Benefit Celebration at La Maison Francaise, Embassy of France, in Washington, DC. During this celebration, Mr. Hering will be honored for his exemplary leadership at the helm of this unique and critically acclaimed opera company. Opera Lafayette is an American period instrument ensemble dedicated to performing 17th and 18th century operas, particularly the French repertoire.

Mr. Hering served on the Board of Opera Lafayette for the last five years, the last three of which he served as Chairman. Under his leadership, the company moved its performance location to the Kennedy Center and also began performing at the Lincoln Center in New York City. In addition, four of the company's five recordings were released on the Naxos label (many never previously recorded). Due to the growth of the company, the DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities and the National Endowment for the Arts are now awarding support to Opera Lafayette and its opera education program, which brings music and opera education to 5th grade students in disadvantaged DC neighborhoods.

This year, under Mr. Hering's leadership and as part of Opera Lafayette's 15th Anniversary Celebration, the company performed to sold out audiences in the 2,400 seat Concert Hall at the Kennedy Center and the 1,200 seat Rose Theater at the Lincoln Center. No seats were priced over \$15 and many children in low income school districts attended for free, including many whom Mr. Hering personally sponsored. If that was not enough, the performances received rave reviews in both the Washington Post and New York Times.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Mr. Hering for his leadership and service on behalf of the arts community of our nation's capital and congratulating him for the honor being bestowed on him by Opera Lafayette on June 8, 2010.

## FINANCIAL NET WORTH

## HON. F. JAMES SENSENBRENNER, JR.

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 18, 2010

Mr. SENSENBRENNER. Madam Speaker, through the following statement, I am making my financial net worth as of March 31, 2010, a matter of public record. I have filed similar statements for each of the 31 preceding years I have served in the Congress.

## ASSETS

	Real Property
Single family residence at 609 Ft. Williams Parkway, City of Alexandria, Virginia, at assessed valuation. (Assessed at \$1,363,505). Ratio of assessed to market value: 100% (Unencumbered) .....	\$1,363,505.00
Condominium at N76 W14726 North Point Drive, Village of Menomonee Falls, Waukesha County, Wisconsin, at assessor's estimated market value. (Unencumbered) ..	\$151,900.00
Undivided 25/44ths interest in single family Residence at N52 W32654 Maple Lane, Village of Chenequa, Waukesha County, Wisconsin, at 25/44ths of assessor's estimated market value of \$1,541,500. ....	\$875,852.27
Total Real Property .....	\$2,391,257.27

Common & Preferred Stock	# of shares	\$ per share	Value
Abbott Laboratories, Inc. ....	12200	52.68	642,696.00
Alcatel-Lucent .....	135	3.12	421.20
Allstate Corporation .....	370	32.31	11,954.70
AT&T .....	5996.390447	25.75	154,407.05
JP Morgan Chase .....	4539	44.75	203,120.25
Benton County Mining Company .....	333	0.00	0.00
BP PLC .....	3604	57.07	205,680.28
Centerpoint Energy .....	300	14.36	4,308.00
Chenequa Country Club Realty Co .....	1	0.00	0.00
Comcast .....	634	18.83	11,938.22
Darden Restaurants, Inc. ..	2160	44.54	96,206.40
Discover Financial Services .....	156	14.90	2,324.40
Dun & Bradstreet, Inc. ....	1250	74.42	93,025.00
E.I. DuPont de Nemours Corp .....	1200	37.24	44,688.00
Eastman Chemical Co. ....	270	63.68	17,193.60
Eastman Kodak .....	1080	5.79	6,253.20
El Paso Energy .....	150	10.84	1,626.00
Exxon Mobil Corp .....	9728	66.98	651,581.44
Gartner Inc .....	651	22.24	14,478.24
General Electric Co .....	15600	18.20	283,920.00
General Mills, Inc. ....	2280	70.79	161,401.20
Hospira .....	1220	56.65	69,113.00
Imation Corp .....	99	11.01	1,089.99
Kellogg Corp .....	3200	53.43	170,976.00
Merck & Co., Inc. ....	24082	37.35	899,462.70
3M Company .....	2000	83.57	167,140.00
Medco Health Solutions, Inc. ....	8218	64.56	530,554.08
Monsanto Corporation .....	2852.315	71.42	203,712.34
Moody's .....	5000	29.75	148,750.00
Morgan Stanley .....	312	29.29	9,138.48
NCR Corp .....	68	13.80	938.40
Newell Rubbermaid .....	1676	15.20	25,475.20
JP Morgan Money Mkt .....	119.11	1.00	119.11
Pactiv Corp .....	200	25.18	5,036.00
PG & E Corp .....	175	42.42	7,423.50
Pfizer .....	30415	17.15	521,617.25
Qwest .....	571	5.22	2,980.62
RRI Energy, Inc. ....	236	3.69	870.84
Sandusky Voting Trust .....	26	1.00	26.00
Solutia .....	82	16.11	1,321.02
Tenneco Inc .....	182	23.65	4,304.30
Teradata .....	68	28.89	1,964.52
Unisys, Inc. ....	16	34.89	558.24
US Bancorp .....	3081	25.88	79,736.28
Verizon .....	1604.303389	31.02	49,765.49
Vodafone .....	323	23.31	7,529.13
Wisconsin Energy .....	1022	49.41	50,497.02

Total Common & Preferred Stocks & Bonds .....	\$5,567,322.69
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Life Insurance Policies	Face \$	Surrender \$
Northwestern Mutual #XXXXXX .....	12,000	92,092.28
Northwestern Mutual #XXXXXX .....	30,000	221,513.91
Massachusetts Mutual #XXXXXX .....	10,000	13,509.93
Massachusetts Mutual #XXXXXX .....	100,000	345,735.52
American General Life Ins. #XXXXXX .....	175,000	41,845.21
Total Life Insurance Policies .....		\$714,696.85

Bank & Savings & Loan Accounts	Balance
JP Morgan Chase Bank, checking account .....	35,600.24
JP Morgan Chase Bank, savings account .....	99,339.63
M&I Lake Country Bank, Hartland, WI, checking account .....	7,390.76
M&I Lake Country Bank, Hartland, WI, savings account .....	371.56
Burke & Herbert Bank, Alexandria, VA, checking account .....	1,312.51
JP Morgan, IRA accounts .....	142,832.49
Total Bank & Savings & Loan Accounts .....	\$286,847.19

Miscellaneous	Value
2007 Chevrolet Impala .....	10,065.00
1994 Cadillac Deville—retail value .....	2,125.00
1996 Buick Regal—retail value .....	2,050.00
1991 Buick Century automobile—retail value .....	775.00
Office furniture & equipment (estimated) .....	1,000.00
Furniture, clothing & personal property (estimated) .....	180,000.00
Stamp collection (estimated) .....	130,000.00
Deposits in Congressional Retirement Fund .....	196,816.21
Deposits in Federal Thrift Savings Plan .....	368,311.59
Traveler's checks .....	7,800.00

Miscellaneous	Value
17 ft. Boston Whaler boat & 70 hp Johnson outboard motor (estimated) .....	5,500.00
20 ft. Pontoon boat & 40 hp Mercury outboard motor (estimated) .....	10,500.00
Total Miscellaneous .....	\$914,942.80
Total Assets .....	\$9,875,066.80
Liabilities	
None	
Total Liabilities .....	\$0.00
Net Worth .....	\$9,875,066.80

  

Federal Income Tax .....	\$107,228.00
Wisconsin Income Tax .....	\$37,253.00
Menomonee Falls, WI Property Tax .....	\$2,562.00
Chenequa, WI Property Tax .....	\$21,920.00
Alexandria, VA Property Tax .....	\$13,450.00

I further declare that I am trustee of a trust established under the will of my late father, Frank James Sensenbrenner, Sr., for the benefit of my sister, Margaret A. Sensenbrenner, and of my two sons, F. James Sensenbrenner, III, and Robert Alan Sensenbrenner. I am further the direct beneficiary of five trusts, but have no control over the assets of either trust. My wife, Cheryl Warren Sensenbrenner, and I are trustees of separate trusts established for the benefit of each son.

Also, I am neither an officer nor a director of any corporation organized under the laws of the State of Wisconsin or of any other state or foreign country.

## HONORING CHARLES D. KIRKHAM, JR.

## HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 18, 2010

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and work of a great Texan and dear friend, Mr. Charles D. Kirkham, Jr. who recently passed away at the age of 84.

Mr. Kirkham was a remarkable person who leaves behind a legacy of excellence and distinction. He led a passionate life that saw many unique events, and he worked diligently throughout his days to better himself and his family. I knew him to be a man that never bought into racial or gender bias, and instead admired people because of their character and sincerity. I send my deep condolences to his family for their loss, and my thoughts will be with them during this difficult time.

Mr. Kirkham was born on July 28, 1925, in Cleburn, Texas, to Charles D. Kirkham, Sr. and Mary Ellen Payne Kirkham. He graduated from Cleburn High School in 1943 and shortly thereafter he left for Europe to fight in World War II with the 94th Infantry Division. It was there that he performed heroic actions that garnered him a Purple Heart and a Unit Commendation Bronze Star. He returned to Texas after the war and received a degree from Texas A&M University in 1950 where he served as President of the Student Senate.

After completing his degree, Mr. Kirkham began a long and industrious career with Merrill Lynch where he worked for 45 years. He was a successful stock broker and made a name for himself that people still regard in high esteem today. He served in the Texas

House of Representatives during the 53rd and 54th Legislature representing Cleburn and Johnson counties. Throughout his life, he was active with Texas A&M University and served on the Board of Directors of the Association of Former Students.

Madam Speaker, I am so privileged to be able to bring the life of Charles Kirkham to the attention of this Congress. He was a man of great character and deep personal conviction, and he will be truly missed. I ask my fellow colleagues to join me today in honoring the life of this great man who led a noble life and gave wholeheartedly to his community.

HONORING JOHN WILLIAM  
"BLIND" BOONE

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 18, 2010*

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the late John William "Blind" Boone, famed ragtime musician and a proud son of Missouri. It is my honor and privilege to participate in the celebration and observance of Boone's birthday, Monday, May 17, 2010. I would also like to recognize the members of the John William "Blind" Boone Heritage Foundation, who plan to restore and preserve the home where "Blind" Boone lived in Columbia, Missouri, coinciding with his birthday.

John William Boone was born on May 17, 1864, in the midst of the Civil War. Soon after his birth, he was diagnosed with a life-threatening illness that doctors referred to as a "brain fever." Doctors believed the only chance for survival would come through a radical operation that would end the brain swelling; they would have to remove his eyes.

The procedure was a success and would alter the course of his life. Boone faced much adversity but soldiered through. His musical talents were noticed early on, and he would later become one of the legendary musicians of his era, with a classical repertoire, which included folk music, religious songs and, most famously, ragtime. In 1912, he was contacted by the QRS Piano Roll Company and became one of the first African American artists to cut piano rolls.

Music allowed Boone to cross many racial boundaries and brought him all over the world, bringing diverse audiences together. Boone enjoyed an illustrious career and spent the remainder of his life in Columbia, Missouri.

In closing, Madam Speaker, I ask all my colleagues to join me in acknowledging John William "Blind" Boone and his contributions to the arts.

COLONEL ANTHONY C.  
FUNKHOUSER

HON. TOM COLE

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 18, 2010*

Mr. COLE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a great public servant, the outgoing Army Corps of Engineers Commander and Division Engineer for the Southwestern Division, Colonel Anthony C. Funkhouser.

Colonel Funkhouser began his public service at West Point, New York where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering at the United States Military Academy. During his 25 years of distinguished service as an engineer he has had the opportunity to serve in theater during Desert Shield/Desert Storm and Operation Iraqi Freedom as well as serving at numerous installations including Eschborn, Germany; Fort Hood, Texas; Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri; and Fort Irwin, California. He has served as the Tulsa District's Commander since 2007 and in 2009, while retaining the Tulsa Command, was promoted to Commander and Division Engineer of the Southwestern Division.

Madam Speaker, his outstanding service and bravery has earned him the Bronze Star Medal with "V" Device, the Combat Action Badge, Marine Corps Expeditionary Medal, Army Achievement Medal with five oak leaf clusters, National Defense Service Medal, Terrorism Expeditionary and Service Medals, Southwest Asia Service Medal, Military Outstanding Volunteer Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with five oak leaf clusters, and Saudi Arabian and Kuwaiti Liberation medals.

During Colonel Funkhouser's service as Commander of the U.S. Army Engineer Division's Tulsa District beginning in June 2007, he has shown tremendous leadership, professionalism, and adaptability. He has performed his duty in such a way as to earn great respect from his colleagues. Immediately at the conclusion of his change of command ceremony on June 29th, he was challenged to address historic flooding issues at Lake Texoma and Lake Waurika. In the past three years of Colonel Funkhouser's service at the Tulsa District, he has addressed infrastructure needs and shown that his skills lie not only in engineering but working well with all of the diverse groups that rely upon his leadership and judgment.

Madam Speaker, it is a great honor to recognize Colonel Anthony Funkhouser for his dedication to the United States Army. We are a better and stronger nation because of his service.

RECOGNIZING DEPUTY CHIEF OF  
STAFF MARVIN "MAC" KING

HON. SOLOMON P. ORTIZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 18, 2010*

Mr. ORTIZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service and dedication of my Deputy Chief of Staff, Marvin "Mac" King, who has been on my staff for many years and leaves his work on Capitol Hill to join his wife, Col. Barbara King, a doctor of dental surgery with the Air Force specializing in prosthetic dentistry, in Okinawa, Japan.

Mac first came to my office as an intern in the early 90s after obtaining his law degree. During the time of his internship in my office, Mac excelled in all tasks assigned to him. I knew he would be a valuable and important asset to the Ortiz Team.

Mac, a graduate of Texas A&M University with a bachelor's degree in petroleum engineering and a juris doctor degree from the University of Arkansas in Little Rock, has worked as a reservoir engineer with the Nat-

ural Gas Pipeline of America in Houston, Texas, and has served as president and technical manager of Losack Inc. in San Antonio, Texas. He has also served as acting counsel in the House of Representatives for the House Subcommittee on Oceanography, the Gulf of Mexico, and the Outer Continental Shelf and as a consulting engineer for Research Management Consultants Inc.

Shortly after the conclusion of his internship, Mac became a full-time employee in my Washington, DC, office where he served as legislative director and counsel from 1995 to 2002. I never doubted Mac's skills and in 2002 I named him deputy chief of staff and he continued to serve as my counsel. At that time, Mac oversaw a staff of ten to sixteen employees in my offices in Washington, DC, Corpus Christi and Brownsville, Texas.

Mac became so good at what he did—he was the "go-to" person in our office. Through the years, I saw Mac grow from an intern to an aggressive and well-rounded legislative guru who knew the ins and outs of Congress.

In 2006, Mac left the House of Representatives to work as deputy director for strategic communications with the Joint Improvised Explosive Device Defeat Organization.

However, it was too early for Mac to leave Congress, or that's how I like to think of it. In 2009, after more than three years of being out of the Halls of Congress, Mac returned to my office as legislative director and counsel. Within months Mac was appointed deputy chief of staff, a position he will hold until Friday, May 21, 2010.

Mac leaves the Ortiz Team to go live in Okinawa, Japan, with his lovely wife, Barbara. I take this time to thank Mac for his invaluable and relentless work and service for the 27th District of Texas.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the work and service of Mac for his more than 12 years of employment in the House of Representatives. On behalf of the people of the United States of America, I extend a warm and heartfelt thank you to Marvin "Mac" King for all he has done to better the 27th District of Texas and this great country.

INTRODUCTION OF PATENT AND  
TRADEMARK OFFICE FUNDING  
STABILIZATION ACT OF 2010

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 18, 2010*

Mr. CONYERS. Madam Speaker, today we seek to do the right thing for our nation's inventors and innovative businesses—provide the United States Patent and Trademark Office, USPTO, with the resources for reliable and sustainable funding. This bill does this by giving the USPTO fee-setting authority, providing the USPTO with the authority to impose a 15 percent temporary surcharge for all of the USPTO's fees, and preventing fees that the USPTO collects from being diverted away from the agency for unrelated government programs. I strongly support this bill because it would help the USPTO hire additional examiners, help reduce the backlog of patent applications, and improve patent quality.

The USPTO is in the midst of a crisis. According to the Commerce Department's own