

IN HONOR OF DR. DONALD F.
CROSSAN

HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2010

Mr. CASTLE. Madam Speaker, it is with great honor but a heavy heart that I rise today to pay tribute to Dr. Donald F. Crossan, a Delaware native who devoted his life to his community and his career to academics at the University of Delaware. Dr. Crossan will be missed by many throughout our state, but his legacy lives on in the lives he touched through his service as a professor and community member, and with the agricultural academic scholarship endowed in his name.

Born in 1926 and raised in Wilmington, Don was a Veteran of the Second World War, an avid outdoorsman, and had visited all seven continents over his lifetime. Don's interest in plants, animals, and the outdoors was established early in his life. As a boy, he learned about hunting and fishing in the nearby ponds and fields and acted as an Assistant Boy Scout Leader. After graduating from P.S. DuPont High School in 1944, Don enlisted in the Army Air Corps and was stationed in Guam, serving as a tail gunner. Upon returning home, he married his 'girl next door,' Ruth Swanson, and went on to earn his Bachelor of Science at the University of Delaware and his Master of Science and Doctor of Philosophy in Plant Pathology at North Carolina State College.

Don spent his entire 39-year career at the University of Delaware, working as a Professor, Vice President of University Relations and Business Management, Dean of the College of Agricultural Sciences and Director of the Agricultural Experiment Station. Don's academic and administrative contributions truly embodied the tradition of excellence held by our state's flagship university; his knowledge, his expertise, and his dedication enhanced the curriculum of the College of Agricultural Sciences, as well as its focus on service to the University and the broader community. Among the numerous academic and community awards he received are both the University of Delaware's Medal of Distinction and its Outstanding Alumnus Award, the Arthur Trabant Women's Equity Award, and the New Castle County and State of Delaware Farm Bureau Awards for Outstanding Service to Agriculture.

An integral part of our economy in Delaware, agriculture is ingrained in our state's history and Don's leadership and involvement in this issue has extended well beyond the walls of the University. As the first Chairman of the Delaware Farmland Preservation Foundation, Don fought to ensure that agriculture would always remain a part of the fabric of our culture. He sat on a number of boards—including those of the National Corn Breeders Association, the Delaware Agricultural Museum, the Delaware Nature Education Society, the Newark Senior Center, and Longwood Gardens—and was Chairman of the Coastal Zone Industrial Control Board under three different Governors. Moreover, because of Don's direct leadership in the preservation and permanent protection of more than 60,000 acres of Delaware farmland, former Governor Ruth Ann Minner declared July 26th, 2001 as Dr. Donald F. Crossan Day.

Don was a loving husband to his wife, with whom he enjoyed entertaining family and friends in the Swedish tradition. With Ruth at his side, their recent travel to Antarctica saw them reach their goal of visiting all seven continents. Don will be missed immensely by his wife and their family, including his sister, Delores, his children, Connie, Donna and Eric, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and nieces and nephews.

We in Delaware are grateful for the contributions of Dr. Donald F. Crossan as both a scholar and dedicated community member, and I am honored to be able to recognize and pay tribute today to the life of such a good friend and leader.

HONORING THE LIFE OF WILLIAM
F. McELROY, JR.

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2010

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor William McElroy, Jr., a man who contributed greatly to Memphis, Tennessee's business and sports community. He was born in Memphis on May 19, 1929, to William and Kathryn McElroy. He graduated from Germantown High School in 1946 and later attended the University of Tennessee and Memphis State University—after which he enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served 46 months with two tours in Korea. Mr. McElroy then returned to Memphis and worked as President in his family business, McElroy Insurance Agency.

William McElroy, Jr. made many contributions to the Memphis sports community. In 1958, he was involved in the creation of the University of Memphis' Tigers Football booster club, the Highland Hundred, for which he served as President in 1963 and Chairman of the Board. In 1963, he co-founded the Memphis Chapter of the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame which recognizes top area high school and college football scholar-athletes. Mr. McElroy was a recipient of the National Football Foundation's "Distinguished American Award."

In the mid-1960s, Mr. McElroy was involved in the development of the Memphis Memorial Stadium which originally had a seating capacity of 50,160. In 1965, he was the driving force behind convincing Bud Dudley to move the Liberty Bowl from Atlantic City, New Jersey to the new stadium which was preparing for its grand opening. Mr. McElroy served as President in 1970 of the Liberty Bowl Festival Association and Chairman of the Board in 1971. The Liberty Bowl was such a success for Memphis that the stadium was renamed Liberty Bowl Memorial Stadium in 1976.

William McElroy, Jr. remained involved with the growth of the stadium for 30 years afterwards. Today, the Liberty Bowl Memorial Stadium, now called the AutoZone Liberty Bowl Stadium, has a seating capacity of over 61,000 and is home to the University of Memphis Tigers football team, the AutoZone Liberty Bowl and the Southern Heritage Classic.

Mr. McElroy's enthusiasm for sports also included baseball. He helped establish the Service Academy Spring Classic, a baseball tournament comprised of teams including the University of Memphis, the Air Force Academy,

the Naval Academy and three other teams that changed yearly.

William McElroy, Jr. was active in numerous local organizations throughout his life. He served over 50 years in the Kiwanis Club where he was named "Kiwanian of the Year" and later served as President. Mr. McElroy was on the Board of Directors and Gala Committee for the Marguerite Piazza Gala, the longest-running annual charity event of its kind in Memphis that raises money for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. He was also active in the President's Circle at Christian Brothers University, the Grand Krewe of RaMet of Carnival Memphis, the Kroger LeBonheur Senior Challenge and Lindenwood Christian Church.

William McElroy, Jr. passed away on May 16, 2010, at the age of 80. He is survived by his children Trip, Mary and Susan, all of whom worked at McElroy Insurance Agency with their father. Memphis mourns the loss of Mr. McElroy, Jr. who was a leader in the community continuously involved with its improvement and overall a really nice guy. Thank you, William McElroy, Jr., for coming our way.

HONORING MR. HILTON R. SEGLER

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2010

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Hilton R. Segler, a man I am proud to call my friend and constituent. He is an accomplished public servant who has devoted his life to his community, state and country.

Mr. Segler was born in Ozark, Alabama and moved to Albany, Georgia in 1948. He graduated from Albany High School and went on to pursue several correspondence degrees in Law and Business. In 1957, Mr. Segler started working for Southeastern Liquid Fertilizer in Albany, Georgia, and then served as the Assistant to the President of Planters Chemical Company in Virginia. He then moved back to Albany in 1964 to work for the Thompson/Hayward Chemical Company and was appointed Regional Manager for the company in 1981.

Mr. Segler also has served the TIDA Farm Service Center as a salesman; his sales exceeded \$1.5 million in his first year, and \$3 million in his second year, thus proving his acuity as a salesman. In the early 1990's he purchased a pecan farm and farmed over 1900 acres of pecan trees for almost 6 years. He later started a nickel nutrient supplement company named Nipan, LLC in 2003. Products from his company have gained tremendous popularity in the last few years and are shipped all over the United States.

In 2002, Mr. Segler, along with Bucky Geer and James Lee Adams, testified to the federal board at the Risk Management Agency on behalf of pecan growers. His undying efforts helped pecan growers across the United States attain crop insurance. Mr. Segler testified before the House and Senate Committees on Agriculture in an effort to obtain larger provisions for the pecan industry in the 2008 Farm bill. Consequently, pecans were included in the Country of Origin labeling requirements and also in the crop insurance program.

He also worked to expand pecan exports to China and other agricultural economies, by

partnering with the United States Department of Agriculture and Georgia Department of Agriculture. He pushed for pecan farmers' participation in the Market Access program, a program that helps finance promotional activities for U.S. agricultural products.

In 2004, Hilton championed to obtain "clean up" assistance for pecan farmers who were hurt by hurricanes that devastated parts of Georgia and Alabama. Earlier this year, Mr. Segler testified before the House Agriculture Committee on the future of the pecan industry and the importance of nutrition and trade to this industry, for the 2010 Farm bill.

Madam Speaker, the State of Georgia, especially the Second Congressional District, and our nation are truly blessed to have benefited from the tremendous leadership of Mr. Hilton R. Segler. We greatly appreciate his compassion, his love and concern for the farmers of this State and of his intense desire to help others.

STEWART LEE UDALL DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR BUILDING

SPEECH OF

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 19, 2010

Mr. GARAMENDI. Madam Speaker, as a former Deputy Secretary of the Interior under President Bill Clinton, I witnessed firsthand the lasting legacy of Stewart Lee Udall, who served as Secretary of the Interior from 1961 to 1969 under Presidents John F. Kennedy and Lyndon B. Johnson. He left a legacy committed to environmental stewardship, preservation, and wildlife protection. His leadership helped greatly expand America's natural parks and advanced landmark policies to improve air and water protections. Redwood National Park in my home State of California exists because of Udall's leadership.

Naming the Interior Department Building after Udall is the least we can do to honor his legacy. An even greater honor to his towering legacy would be to continue pursuing policies that protect our fragile planet. As he once said, "Plans to protect air and water, wilderness and wildlife are in fact plans to protect man."

STEWART LEE UDALL DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR BUILDING

SPEECH OF

HON. JAY INSLEE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 19, 2010

Mr. INSLEE. Madam Speaker, today Congress passed H.R. 5128, to designate the

Department of the Interior Building in Washington, D.C. as the "Stewart Lee Udall Department of the Interior Building". Mr. Udall, a former Secretary of the Interior, Congressman, outdoorsman and environmental leader, deserves this honor so every American can recognize his long, dedicated service. With his strong leadership, Congress passed monumental environmental laws including the Clean Water Act, Clean Air Act, the Wilderness Act, the Endangered Species Act, Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, and the Land and Water Conservation Fund. He began, in his early years, by protecting natural resources like the Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge in 1960, which protected habitat for more than 244 bird species. Mr. Udall's visionary leadership and environmental legacies are enjoyed by all Americans, from the North Cascades to the Canyonlands National Park. Past and future generations alike will be able to enjoy and recreate in some of America's most grand locations because of his service.

UNITED STATES-ISRAEL ROCKET AND MISSILE DEFENSE CO-OPERATION AND SUPPORT ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 19, 2010

Mrs. MALONEY. Madam Speaker, I am proud to support the U.S.-Israel Rocket and Missile Defense Cooperation and Support Act, H.R. 5327, to provide \$205 million to support Israel's deployment of the Iron Dome rocket defense system.

Israel is our closest ally and the only true democracy in the Middle East, yet throughout its 62-year existence, it has been under attack from neighboring states and terrorist organizations like Hamas and Hezbollah that deny its right to exist as a Jewish State. Funding for this program is consistent with America's promise that there can be no space between the U.S. and Israel when it comes to security. U.S.-Israel cooperation is beneficial to both nations, particularly when we collaborate to develop advanced defense technologies like the Iron Dome rocket defense system.

For nearly five years, Israelis were subjected to a rain of terror as nearly 8,000 missiles were fired over the border from the Gaza Strip following Israel's unilateral withdrawal in 2005, leading to a desperate effort by Israel to end the bombardment with Operation Cast Lead which began on December 27, 2008. Large population centers like Sderot, Ashkelon, Ashdod and Be'er Sheva were hit by rocket and mortar fire. Widely derided as 'home-made' by the international press, these bombs were deadly for those unlucky enough to be in the way. And they fell indiscriminately on homes, schools, hospitals and businesses.

A four year old boy was killed at a nursery school in Sderot. Other rockets hit a school and a sports center in Ashkelon. Luck and a system of sirens and bunkers kept the death toll down, but thousands were injured and thousands more were traumatized by living with daily terror.

Similarly, during the Lebanon War of 2006, residents of Northern Israel, including the city of Haifa, were subjected to a barrage of Katyusha rockets from Southern Lebanon. Nearly 4,000 of these rockets fell on Israel during the 5 week conflict.

While incidents are fewer today, Israeli citizens along the border, particularly in the city of Sderot, continue to face occasional rocket fire. Evidence suggests that there are now at least as many rockets targeting Israel from Lebanon and the Gaza Strip as there were before Operation Cast Lead and the 2006 Lebanon War. And while the missiles do not fall regularly, they do fall. For example, on August 8, 2009, a rocket fired from Lebanon went through the roof of a nursing home in Nahariya in Israel, passing through several bedrooms and landing in the kitchen. By chance, the rocket hit while residents were on a lower level waiting for breakfast and there were only minor injuries and shock. Had residents been in their rooms, there would have been many deaths.

Currently, the only defense is a warning siren that sounds 15 seconds before the bombs hit, allowing Israelis a few seconds to scramble for the nearest bomb shelter or safe room. That's fifteen seconds of terror while mothers call frantically for their children and old people painfully try to make it to safety. For those who are bedridden, there's merely the hope that the bombs will fall elsewhere.

The best way to end terrorism is to render the terrorists powerless. Our \$205 million will build a rocket defense system to give Israelis another form of self-defense. This defense system will advance the cause of peace by enhancing Israel's ability to defend itself from attack. Instead of building stronger bunkers and better underground facilities, it gives Israelis the hope that the missiles can be destroyed before they hit. If the missiles cannot get through, then Israelis will not have to cower in their bunkers and basements and safe rooms. And perhaps their dreams of a lasting, secure peace will become a reality.

Madam Speaker, I believe this funding offers hope to Israelis weary of terror, and reason for optimism for those who understand that peace is impossible without the promise of security. Accordingly, I strongly support H.R. 5327 and I urge my colleagues to vote in favor of it.