

WALTER "BUS" BERGMAN
TRIBUTE

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 3, 2011

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Walter "Bus" Bergman, one of Colorado's great student-athletes, coaches and war heroes.

Mr. Bergman, originally of Denver, Colorado, was a three-sport star in high school and college. He even hit the game winning shot to give Denver's North High School the state hoops championship in 1938. At Colorado A&M, now Colorado State university, he lettered in basketball, baseball and football, while also serving as student body president.

During World War II, Mr. Bergman enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. He earned the rank of Major and received the Bronze Star for heroism during the Battle of Okinawa.

After graduating from college, he became one of the most successful coaches at Mesa State University. He led multiple teams to conference championships and took pride in preparing every athlete for life after college. The college renamed its athletic fields in his honor and its athletic hall of fame is one of six that has inducted Mr. Bergman.

Family was an extremely important part of Mr. Bergman's life. He was devoted to his wife, Elinor, and their three children. His daughter, Jane Norton, was Lieutenant Governor of Colorado and his other daughter, Judy Black, was an assistant to President Reagan for intergovernmental affairs and has held several national Republican positions.

Mr. Speaker, it is truly an honor to stand and pay tribute to a husband, father, teacher, athlete, war hero and a great American. Colorado is indebted to his work and I am grateful for his devotion to the State.

HONORING PATRICIA K. MACHT

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

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Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, as Dean of the California Congressional delegation, I rise to highlight the career of Patricia K. Macht, who is retiring after more than fifteen years of service with the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CALPERS).

Ms. Macht is currently the Deputy Executive Officer for External Affairs at California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS). She has served under six CEOs and Interim CEOs, and four deputy executive officers. During her tenure, she has attended more than 400 committee meetings and 200 board meetings.

While at CalPERS, Ms. Macht established the vision, guiding principles, structure, and resources to administer a world-class communications function. She spearheaded the creation of a media relations program, an executive speechwriting support function and special events support services. She maintained the high quality of the services provided, keeping up with the tremendous changes in speed of communications methods.

Ms. Macht also ensured that CalPERS communications did not take place in a vacuum, as she led the integration of governmental affairs and public affairs and added a stakeholder relations function. She greatly expanded the system's ability to ensure that all stakeholders groups have equal access, timely and quality communication, and participation in the System's policy formulation and administration as possible. Through this integration, CalPERS has enhanced efficiency, access, and timeliness of dissemination of information and education.

Ms. Macht worked cooperatively and collaboratively regarding communications and advocacy with other leaders in the public pension community, including the National Institute of Retirement Security (NIRS), National Association of State Retirement Administrators (NASRA), California Association of Public Retirement Systems (CALAPERS), State Association of County Retirement Systems (SACRS) and numerous other industry groups and association.

Ms. Macht greatly expanded the reach to CalPERS 1.6 million members. Under her leadership, the CalPERS communications office issued more than 800 press releases, resulting in more than a million references to CalPERS in local, state, national and international media articles. She guided the development, execution and dissemination of the widely-read CalPERS' "PERSpective" newsletter. She also created the institution's "Retirement Planning Month", the CalPERS Member Network video programming on cable television, and a robust CalPERS website that is continuously improving to meet the needs of our members and employers. Ms. Macht created the first California Retirement Dialogue summit—bringing stakeholders from labor, employers, and policy experts together to review and discuss pension issues in the wake of the pressures upon employers to meet their pension obligations due to the market downturn.

She received the 2008 Lifetime Achievement Award for her career in the communication field from the State Information Officers Council and garnered high praise from all who worked with her.

She began her career in government as the Director of Public Affairs and Education at the California Integrated Waste Management Board. Prior to entering public service, she worked in corporate communications/public affairs positions in the private sector for five years. Previously, she was a journalist for 10 years covering local government issues in the state of Maryland. Ms. Macht has a Bachelor's Degree in journalism from the University of Maryland.

Once again, I would like to commend Ms. Macht for her dedicated public service and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

2011 PEOPLESOFT CERTIFICATE OF
RECOGNITION FOR EMPLOYEES
OF THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE
OFFICER

HON. DANIEL E. LUNGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

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Mr. LUNGREN. Mr. Speaker, the recipients of the 2011 PeopleSoft Certificate of Recogni-

tion collectively and individually provided support and solutions for the transition from Federal Financial System to PeopleSoft Financial System. The conversion to PeopleSoft occurred October 1, and the system went live October 12, 2010. To prepare for this conversion, the employees of the CAO worked tirelessly and were persistent in their efforts to implement PeopleSoft at the U.S. House of Representatives.

Whether working directly with Members or staff, supporting CAO internal operations, or ensuring that technical infrastructure is operational, each employee served as an exemplary role model for the entire CAO community.

Recipients of the 2011 PeopleSoft Certificate of Recognition are:

Jessica Abbott, Marty Adkins, Rose Agnew, Patricia Akinsegun, Mallikarjuna Akula, Sharyn Alexander, Lisa Alvey, Janciera Armstrong, Omar Awan, Peter Baer, Samantha Ball, William Barkell, Robert Barrett, Traci Beaubian, Lashon Bethea, Kelly Boger, Esther Bouryng, Karen Bowers, Chaunette Bowling-Stokes, Shelia Bowman.

Karen Bowman, Kevin Boyle, Toinetta Bridgeforth, David Brown, Kimberly Brown, Annette Brown, Troy Buckler, Kenneth Burch, Elizabeth Burnham, James Butler, Alicia Carcamo, Ronald Carrico, Delisa Carter, Elery Caskey, Andrew Caulk, Jacob Ciango, John Clarke, John Clocker, Faye Cobb, Joel Collins.

Richard Cooper, Luis Cornejo, Thomas E. Coyne III, Mark Dalton, Karen Davenport, James Deaver, Gary Dieffenderfer, Mark Dobbins, Karen Donaldson, Geneva Dooley, Brian Dozier, Sandra Durham, Mary Ellen-Wilson, Gretchen Ewers, Trena Gates, Michael Gould, Andrew Graeb, Raymond Griswold, Norman Gugliotta, Philip Hamner.

Tina Hanonu, Keith Harrington, Stephanie Harris, Michelle Hayes, John Heeb III, George Holau, Richard Hornburg, Alfreda Horton, Steve Hunter, Jacqueline Hurda, Wanda Jackson, Araceli Jennings, Derek Johann, Reginald Johnson, Andre Johnson, Rob Jordan, Tara Kelley, David Kemp, Katherine Knell, David Lau.

Dion Lawson, Cyrus Leghvan, Carlos Leon, Chau Lim, Andreall Little, Anthony Loving, Louis Magnotti, Steve Marsh, Richard Martins, Marc Mathis, Patricia Mattimore, Bryanne Mayhew, Bradley McDonald, Saint Juan McFadden, David McKittrick, Kathryn Meek, Darlene Meister, Donna Minton, Margaret Mitchell, Rachelle Mobley.

Nelson Moe, Edwarda Moore, Ronald Mullvain, James Murphy, Robert Murphy, John Nadeau, Rebecca Neilson, Juan Nelson, Jonathan Nelson, Hieu Nghiem, Jason Nowak, Igor Nusinzon, Carla Ohlis, Lindsay Oldham, Melissa Oulahyane, Sarah Parker, Stephen Pearson, Lisa Phillips, Richard Piazza, Stephen Pinson.

Kaley Poag, Sharon Porter, Sridhar Ramavarapu, Erica Randolph, Brenda Register, Lawrence Rice, Deborah Robertson, Sandra Rubio-Marrero, Zainab Sanusi-Hopes, Subashini Sethumathavan, Mohammed Shabeer, Kirat Shah, Arlie Shoemaker, Mirna Simonetti, Donita Simpson, Carolyn Sims, Susan Sneden, William Solomon, Clyde Springfield, Angel Stanley.

Christine Stewart, Ayana Stokes, Shannon Strickland, Joyce Stringfield, Keith Sullenberger, Lillie Talcott, James Tammadge, Alison Thompson, James Tiani, Arrica Tillman,

Lawrence Toperoff, Stan Turek, Jermaine Venable, James Ventre, Quoc-An Vo, Cheraise Ward, Kenya Watkins, Sarah Watkins, Dan Weiser, Kenneth Wenzel, Andrea Williamson, Katherine Wyatt, James Young, Shin Yun, Eric Zabel and Jordana Zubkoff.

On behalf of the entire House community, I extend congratulations to today's recipients for their unwavering efforts and outstanding service to the U.S. House of Representatives. I wish them continued success in their endeavors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CHRISTOPHER S. MURPHY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 3, 2011

Mr. MURPHY of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I inadvertently cast a "no" vote on rollcall No. 393, as part of the consideration of the Department of Homeland Security Appropriations bill. I would like to change my vote on the amendment to "yea."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 3, 2011

Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 330, on Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 1627, Arlington National Cemetery Monuments, I was unable to vote.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

DANIEL PERLA AND VALERIE
ALTMANN

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 3, 2011

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, the Hebrew Institute of Riverdale, the Bayit, is a cornerstone of the Riverdale community. Today it is honoring Daniel Perla and his wife Valerie Altmann for their involvement in the HIR since they moved to the community in 2000.

Danny was elected President of Hebrew Institute of Riverdale in June 2004, shortly after he completed the prestigious Wexner Heritage leadership training program. Under his leadership, the HIR embarked on a major capital campaign and has completed a building expansion and renovation. The campaign has already raised over \$5 million, half way to its goal with the rebuilt Bayit now accommodating nine separate Shabbat groups, and six different Shabbat tefillot.

The Bayit also houses Yeshivat Chovevei Torah, the preeminent Open Orthodox rabbinical school where Danny is currently studying full-time. Before beginning his Rabbinic studies, Danny worked as an analyst and portfolio manager for a variety of firms, most recently working as a Managing Director of Indian Asset Management, a major institutional money management firm. In addition to his in-

volvement at HIR, Danny serves as a board member of SAR Academy, Yeshivat Chovevei Torah and Yeshivat Hadar.

Valerie is a full-time faculty member at Long Island Jewish Medical Center where she oversees residents and practices Obstetrics and Gynecology. She is also an assistant professor at the Albert Einstein School of Medicine. Valerie is a frequent lecturer on medical issues related to health and halakha and recently played an important role in the kallah conference co-sponsored by YCT, JOFA and Yeshivat Maharat. Canadian-born, she is a graduate of McGill University and McGill Medical School.

Danny and Valerie are the proud parents of four children: Benjamin, 14, Rebecca, 12, Yoni, 9, and Gabriel 6. They all attend the SAR Academy in Riverdale. I happily join with the Hebrew Institute of Riverdale in congratulating my good friend of many years Danny and his wife for their contributions to the HIR and to the community at large.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN A. YARMUTH

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 3, 2011

Mr. YARMUTH. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to cast the recorded votes for rollcall No. 377. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" for this measure.

JORDAN LESTINA TRIBUTE

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 3, 2011

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jordan Lestina of Julesburg, Colorado. Mr. Lestina was recently awarded the prestigious Boettcher Scholarship for his efforts both in and out of the classroom.

Mr. Lestina already has substantial leadership experience as the national FFA Organization president, the Future Business Leaders of America president and student body president at Dove Creek High School. They are positions that require an enormous amount of attention, but ones he is able to balance with his duties as captain of the school wrestling team. In the classroom, he helps instruct FFA and agriculture classes, competed in the International Science Fair, and still manages to allot time for his responsibilities as a ranch hand.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Jordan Lestina today. The excellence he has shown in academia, athletics and through community service is admirable. There is no doubt that he will continue his success at the collegiate level, with the help of the Boettcher Foundation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MIKE McINTYRE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 3, 2011

Mr. McINTYRE. Mr. Speaker, during rollcall vote Number 395 on H.R. 2017 (GOSAR), I

mistakenly recorded my vote as "yea," when I should have voted "nay."

HONORING ANDREAS D.
COMODROMOS

HON. STEVEN R. ROTHMAN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 3, 2011

Mr. ROTHMAN of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my dear friend, Andreas Comodromos, for his exemplary involvement in many community, business, and political endeavors, both locally and at the national level. While his dedication to serving others extends to numerous causes, today I would like to recognize his unwavering commitment to the nation of Cyprus, the Cypriot-American community, and the Hellenic-American community at large.

Andreas "Andy" Comodromos was born in Vatili, in the Famagusta District of Cyprus, on March 27, 1949. The oldest of six children, Andy married Cyprus native Anna Zachariades in 1973. They made their home in Cyprus and, after having their first child, moved to the United States in 1974 so that Andy could pursue a college degree. He graduated magna cum laude from Saint Peter's College in Jersey City, New Jersey with a B.S. in Accounting, and soon joined the international accounting firm of Ernst & Ernst. Andy earned his CPA certification in 1982 and, the following year, co-founded the accounting firm of Comodromos Associates, P.A. with his late brother, Michael. Andy has served as president and managing partner of the Paramus-based firm ever since.

Despite leaving Cyprus nearly four decades ago, Andy's dedication to his homeland and to Cypriot-Americans is unwavering, and the well-deserved accolades he has received are numerous. He is the founding president of the Federation of Hellenic-American Organizations of New Jersey, a group which is proudly honoring him at their annual gala on June 5, 2011. He has served in several capacities on the Executive Committee of the Cyprus Federation of America, CFA, including two consecutive terms as the CFA's Supreme President, from 1991 to 1995. The CFA honored Andy with the 2001 "Justice for Cyprus Award" in recognition of his untiring services and dedication to the Cypriot-American community. He was honored with the Offikion Archon Dikaiophylax by his Eminence Archbishop Iakovos in March 1996, and was subsequently elected to the National Council of the Order of Saint Andrew, for which he serves as Assistant Treasurer. He is a member of the Metropolitan Council for the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of New Jersey, of Evangelismos Tis Theotokou Greek Orthodox community, and of Saint Athanasios Greek Orthodox Church in Paramus. In 2000, Andy was honored as "Man of the Year" by Evangelismos Tis Theotokou Greek Orthodox Church in Jersey City. He received the 1996 Ellis Island Medal of Honor for outstanding contributions to America and distinguished community service, and in 2009, was appointed by Governor Jon Corzine to the New Jersey Hellenic-American Heritage Commission.

Andy is the Founding President and current Chairman of the Cyprus-U.S. Chamber of