

PARKROSE CENTENNIAL

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 22, 2011

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, congratulations to Parkrose, Oregon on your Centennial.

Founded by Italian, Dutch, and German farmers in the late 1890s, the community of Parkrose was incorporated by its business community in 1911 and quickly faced the challenges of rapid growth.

By the 1920s, the farmland that supplied nearby Portland with much of its food was developed into motels, serving the travelers that traveled from the Columbia Gorge into the "big city". Next came housing developments, changing the landscape even more. In the 1960s, the newly constructed Banfield freeway attracted motorists off of Sandy Boulevard, Parkrose's main thoroughfare.

By the time of annexation by the City of Portland in 1980, Parkrose had faced challenges as great as any part of the metropolitan area. Throughout, Parkrose has fought to retain its identity, as well as its farmland, and have kept its schools an important focal point for the community.

In more recent years, Parkrose has rediscovered its past, celebrating many rich traditions. From its schools and businesses to its community gardens, parks, local farms, and thriving Farmers Market, the residents of Parkrose continue to shape their community into one that will be treasured and celebrated 100 years from now.

I offer my congratulations to the good citizens of Parkrose, Oregon as they begin their next century.

HONORING THE FAIRFIELD
VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Fairfield Volunteer Fire Department, located in Essex County, New Jersey, as it celebrates 100 years of dedicated volunteer service to the Township of Fairfield.

The Fairfield Volunteer Fire Department, formerly the Township of Caldwell Volunteer Fire Department, was founded in 1911, with the help of a handful of residents. The very first firehouse in the township was built in 1912, on the lands given to the department by a generous donor. Unfortunately, the building burned in 1915. Due to a lack of necessary firefighting equipment, the department was helpless to combat the flames.

After the devastating fire, the department assumed a somewhat inactive status until a group of citizens reorganized in 1924 and erected a new firehouse in 1925 at the site of the old structure. To finance its new building, a \$1500 mortgage was assumed. In 1927, the township's first fire truck, a 1926 Day-Elder Pumper, was purchased. Three years later the township purchased the truck to help alleviate the department's costs. Since that time, the township has purchased all necessary equipment used by the fire department.

In 1948, the Day-Elder was retired and replaced by a new 1948 GMC Pumper. Subsequently in 1952, the Township purchased a second GMC 1000 gallon Pumper. These two vehicles were housed at town hall, the location of the present day municipal building and Firehouse No. 1. In 1964, the department acquired a FWD four wheel drive GMC 1000 GPM Pumper, "Old Engine 3." Then, in the spring of 1970, the present Firehouse No. 2 located on Plymouth Street was constructed and dedicated.

Continuing through the rapid growth of the town and the fire department, March 1974 brought the addition of the new 1500 GPM Hahn Pumper, Engine 4. Three years later, in September 1977, the nearly 30 year old GMC's were retired and replaced by two new twin Hahn 1500 GPM Custom Pumpers, Engines 1 and 2, rounding the arsenal to 4 modern pieces of apparatus.

In 1981, the members of the department designed and constructed a new Firemen's Recreation and Training Hall on land received from the town, adjacent to the Plymouth Street Firehouse. The organization sold the old firehouse which still stands today, now occupied by a privately owned business.

Three years later, the department purchased a 1984 LT1 100-foot Ladder Tower with a 1500 GPM pump. This vehicle was added to the Township's firefighting capabilities in response to the rapid growth of larger office buildings and multi-floor hotels. After 30 years of service, Old Engine 3 was soon replaced with a new Pierce 2000 GPM custom built Pumper. This engine represented the epitome of modern firefighting, with a fully enclosed cab, up-to-date radio equipment and computerized pump controls. The department also purchased a 1995 GMC Suburban Incident Command Vehicle, complete with radio equipment; enabling the department to directly communicate with any of the surrounding fire departments, State Police, West Essex First Aid Squad, paramedics and NorthStar Medical Helicopter.

Rounding off its modern arsenal of firefighting apparatus, the two 1976 Hahns were retired and replaced with twin Pierce 2000 GPM Custom Pumper Engines 1 and 2. Both trucks came with safety features and capabilities that far outperform the old equipment, including fully enclosed 6 seat cabs and computerized pump controls. The latest piece of apparatus replaced the first ladder truck with a 2005 Pierce 100 foot ladder tower with the newest technology.

Due to the high volume of industry, waterways and major highways, the department's duties have increased from basic firefighting to extra services including vehicle extrications and water rescue that demands not only the purchasing of specialized equipment but also many extra training hours. As an all-volunteer department, the members give their own time and sacrifice their safety for the good of their community and mutual aid to surrounding towns. Many members have surpassed 50 years of volunteer service to the department and for that they are commended.

From past to present the Fairfield Volunteer Fire Department has worked through many hard times, experienced its share of success and tragedies, and has developed and grown right along with the community it serves. Its past and present members should feel pride to be part of such a group of dedicated individuals.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in recognizing the Fairfield Fire Department as it celebrates 100 years of volunteer service.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JUDGE
GILLIS E. POWELL, SR.

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 22, 2011

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, it is an honor for me to rise today to recognize the life of northwest Florida's beloved Judge Gillis E. Powell, Sr.

Over the course of his life, Judge Powell was a fixture in the northwest Florida community. His family was one of the first families to settle in Crestview, and his mother was a founding member of the First Presbyterian Church of Crestview. Judge Powell's assiduous work ethic was apparent when he began working as a delivery boy at Sullivan's Grocery Store at the young age of 12. In 1938, Judge Powell graduated from Crestview High School and went on to study business administration at the University of Florida (UF).

Judge Powell was also a true patriot, and when his country called him to duty during World War II, he responded with honor and distinction. In 1942, as a Second Lieutenant, he was one of only five officers from his squadron chosen to attend intelligence training at Yale University. While training at Yale, he married his childhood sweetheart, Avis Elizabeth Moore. After finishing his intelligence training, Judge Powell served as an intelligence officer in north Africa, rising to the rank of Major and becoming a squadron commander. During his military career, he was recognized by President Franklin D. Roosevelt for his role in preparing for the Big Three Conference between President Roosevelt, Winston Churchill, and Joseph Stalin in Tehran, Iran.

After fulfilling his service commitment, Judge Powell returned to Florida with his wife, Avis, where he finished his bachelor's degree at UF, before earning his law degree from UF's College of Law. Judge Powell had a true aptitude for business and passion for law. He started his first business near UF—The Tackle Box—which started as a small bait shop and has grown over the course of 60 years into a large sporting goods store.

In 1951, he returned to his native Crestview to establish his own law firm. During his accomplished legal career, he served in his private practice and as an Assistant State Attorney, before being appointed in 1971 to serve as Circuit Judge in the First Judicial Circuit of Florida. He served as a Circuit Judge until he retired from the bench in 1977, when he returned to private practice with his oldest son, Gill. Over the years, the law firm of Powell, Powell & Powell grew to include his daughter, Ava, and younger son, Dixie; as well as his granddaughter, Lacey and her husband, James; his granddaughter, Ginny; and his grandson, Gillis E. Powell III. In 1991, while serving as the City Attorney for City of Niceville, Judge Powell argued and won a case before the United States Supreme Court and was featured on NBC's "Today Show." Judge Powell remained active in his law practice until his recent retirement at the age of 87.

To some, Judge Gillis E. Powell, Sr. will be remembered as a courageous member of our armed services who answered the call of duty during one of our Nation's most trying hours; to others, he will be remembered for his acumen in law and business. Judge Powell was a distinguished attorney, judge, businessman, and Air Force officer; however, above all Judge Powell was a true family man. He was especially proud of being able to work with his children and grandchildren in his law practice, and he loved nothing more than spending time with his family cheering his Gators to victory. Northwest Florida mourns the loss of a true leader, and his service to the community and this Nation will not be forgotten.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, it gives me great pride to honor the life of Judge Gillis E. Powell, Sr. and his living legacy. My wife Vicki and I extend our most sincere condolences to the entire Powell family.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF PAUL
WILLIAM BELTZ

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 22, 2011

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, Tuesday, September 20, 2011 we lost a good and honorable citizen and someone I considered a friend. Mr. Paul William Beltz of Buffalo, New York and North Palm Beach, Florida died at the age of 85 years old in his home in Buffalo surrounded by his loving family.

Mr. Beltz was one of Buffalo's leading trial attorneys and founder of the law firm that bears his name. He personified all that is honest, all that is good in the legal profession and built a firm that embodied Mr. Beltz's honorable reputation, his steadfast determination, unmatched work ethic and a firm that believed in family and commitment to one's family.

Mr. Beltz lived his life, and instilled in the lives of his children and grandchildren, that if you work hard, love your family and your country and give back to your community, you will have truly lived. We are grateful to Mr. Beltz who served our nation during World War II with the Army in the Pacific.

Mr. Beltz graduated from St. Bonaventure University and Cornell Law School and received numerous recognitions for his contributions to Education and Law. In 2001, Mr. Beltz was named Lawyer of the Year by the Erie County Bar Association. In 2005, Mr. Paul William Beltz received the Gaudete Medal, from St. Bonaventure University which recognizes business and community leaders for service in the tradition of St. Francis of Assisi.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to express my deepest condolences to the family of Mr. Paul William Beltz, to his wife Catherine, his children Anne and Phil Rimmner, Margaret and Bill Gellatly, Kate and Steve Foley, John and Katherine Beltz, Mary Elizabeth and Naill Falls, and Sara and Mario Rodriguez and to his sixteen grandchildren, as well as his surviving family and friends. It was evident from the first time I met Mr. Beltz that he was a kind and generous man who had earned the respect of many. Although words cannot truly express the man that Paul William Beltz was, it is my hope that the memories and stories of Mr. Beltz can

serve as a lasting tribute to his life, his service, and his impressive career. I will remember Mr. Beltz for his generous spirit, for his hard work on behalf of so many working men and women in our community and for the impact he had on so many families throughout Western New York.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 22, 2011

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to cast my vote on the Motion on Ordering the Previous Question on the Martial Law Authority Rule. Had I cast my vote, I would have voted "no."

HONORING MENTAL ILLNESS
AWARENESS WEEK 2011

HON. RAÚL M. GRIJALVA

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 22, 2011

Mr. GRIJALVA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mental Illness Awareness Week. Every year the American Psychiatric Association, the National Alliance on Mental Illness and the National Mental Health Association designate one week in October to put the spotlight on mental illness and the associated policy issues. This year we recognize this important time on October 2nd through 8th.

Mental illness doesn't discriminate. One in five Americans bear mental illness, ranging from mild depression to severe disorders such as schizophrenia and bipolar disorder. One in five children endures a diagnosable disorder and one in ten children suffer from a serious disorder which, if unaddressed, can lead to poor school performance, social anxiety and seclusion and even violence against themselves and other people. Unfortunately, less than one-third of adults and less than half of children receive treatment for diagnosed serious disorders, leading to an average lifespan 25 years less than the general population.

Organizations like the American Psychiatric Association, the National Alliance on Mental Illness and the National Mental Health Association and their field partners work with municipal and state governments to make sure those who need care have access to it. In my district and around the country, local governments such as the Pima County Board of Supervisors are working diligently to ensure high-quality, cost-efficient community mental healthcare is available.

However, there is still much work to be done. When there is a lack of mental healthcare in a community, we see more lost jobs, more people out on the streets and more broken families. Often these communities see more emergency room visits, larger prison populations and higher social services costs all around. We must stay diligent in addressing mental illness and always stay focused on the individual.

Again, I want to recognize these organizations for their important work, and I urge those who need help to ask for it.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TOM MARINO

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 22, 2011

Mr. MARINO. Mr. Speaker, during the recent severe flooding events that occurred in the 10th District of Pennsylvania, I remained in home to assist people who had been impacted. Due to this, I missed the votes that occurred from September 8 through 15. Had I been present I would have voted: Vote 693—Aye; Vote 694—Aye; Vote 695—Aye; Vote 696—Aye; Vote 697—No; Vote 698—Aye; Vote 699—Aye; Vote 700—Aye; Vote 701—Aye; Vote 702—No; Vote 703—No; Vote 704—No; Vote 705—Aye; Vote 706—Aye; Vote 707—Aye; Vote 708—Aye; Vote 709—Aye; Vote 710—No; Vote 711—Aye.

CONGRATULATING MELISSA
SEIBERT

HON. JAMES B. RENACCI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 22, 2011

Mr. RENACCI. Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate Melissa Seibert, of the Stark County Chapter of the American Red Cross, for receiving the Ohio Commendation Medal. This is the highest Ohio military honor and is awarded to only a few distinguished persons each year. It is presented to each person who, while a member of the state military forces, distinguishes himself/herself while serving in any military capacity by meritorious achievement and in an outstanding manner.

Melissa Seibert began her work with the Red Cross in 1999, where she started as a First Aid and Disaster Action Team volunteer. Shortly after, she was asked to be the Health and Safety Instructor; leading to a promotion to a position in the Health and Safety Services Department. In 2004, Melissa became the Assistant Director of Emergency Services, and in 2008 was challenged with the opportunity to develop a new Military Outreach program.

The development of the Military Outreach Program has become a vital part of the military community in the Stark County area. Melissa's passion and dedication has taken the program to great heights, providing military families in the community with much-needed support, resources and strength. She provides support for military personnel during times of deployment and organizes many "Welcome Home" and "Send Offs" for the military men, women and family members. Melissa is the foundation of the "Military Family Connection" support group, where family members of service personnel meet to support each other and gain valuable information on many local resources. She also hosts quarterly "Psychological First Aid" programs for local families dealing with the stress and emotions that come with the deployment of a loved one.

Ms. Seibert has successfully networked with countless military groups and associations in the community; strengthening the common bonds that tie these families together. She works closely with Blue Star Mothers, USO, the Regional Inter-Service Family Assistance Committee and the Gold Star Mothers. In addition, Melissa participates on the board for