

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BRAD SHERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 29, 2011

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to vote on the Moore amendment to H.R. 2401. I would have voted "aye" on this amendment (rollcall No. 730).

DR. JAMES AND MARY LOU BURNE

HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

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Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Dr. James and Mrs. Mary Lou Burne, who will be recognized with the fifth Monsignor McGowan Cornerstone Award for their exemplary community service. The selfless dedication to the service of others makes the Burnes the ideal recipients of an award that highlights the legacy of a truly great individual, Monsignor Andrew J. McGowan.

Dr. James and Mary Lou Burne have dedicated countless hours over the span of several decades to ensuring that those in their community who are less fortunate are able to have a meal. They have accomplished this through the creation of the Family-To-Family Food Basket Program in 1986. To date, this program has helped provide meals to more than 300,000 people.

The Burne Family truly loves its hometown, the City of Scranton, Pennsylvania. This is where they have raised their four children, James Burne III, Dr. Mark Burne, Mary Burne, and Matthew Burne. It was an easy decision for Dr. James and Mary Lou Burne to give back to the community that helped to give them so much. Dr. Burne is a member of the Scranton Chapter of UNICO National, The Friendly Sons of St. Patrick, and the Kiwanis Club. Mrs. Burne is currently vice president of The Friends of the Poor and vice president of Lackawanna Pro Bono, Inc., and was the founder and director of the local Special Olympics.

Mr. Speaker, Dr. James and Mary Lou Burne are truly pillars of their community in Scranton. I commend them for their decades of committed service to their faith, their community, and their country. They will surely carry on the spirit of Monsignor McGowan throughout this year and the future.

HONORING MR. KIM CLYMIRE OF
KELSEYVILLE, CALIFORNIA**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

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Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Mr. Kim Clymire, Public Services Director for the County of Lake where he has lived and worked as a public servant for more than 30 years.

In his time working for Lake County, Mr. Clymire has spearheaded a number of groundbreaking projects and has been a

member or leader of several community groups focused on improving the quality of public resources enjoyed by the residents of the region. He was a founding member of the Lake County Land Trust Board of Directors, was a Board member, 1986–1990, and President, 1990, of the California Park and Recreation Society District 1.

In his terminal position as Public Services Director, Mr. Clymire has been in charge of the county's Parks and Recreation program, the county's Integrated Waste Management program, the county's Museums and the Buildings and Grounds Division. For several years he was in charge of the county's Office of Emergency Services, OES, and managed OES operations during several natural disasters. Mr. Clymire was also in charge of the county's Visitor Information Center for three years.

Mr. Clymire has been very successful in writing grant proposals through which funding has been obtained to develop new parks and other county facilities. He was instrumental in the acquisition and development of several new county parks during his career, including the Kelseyville Community Park, Upper Lake Community Park, Clearlake Oaks Nylander Park, Hammond Park in Nice, Lower Lake Park, and the 107-acre nature preserve known as the Middletown Trailside Park. He was also heavily involved in the acquisition of 1,520 acres of land on Mt. Konocti which will be preserved for future generations. The new Mt. Konocti Park will be opening to the public on September 24, 2011, shortly before Mr. Clymire's retirement on October 3.

Known widely and in high esteem by his friends, colleagues and other members of the community—especially for his friendly nature and good sense of humor—Mr. Clymire has made an impressive and indelible contribution to the landscape of Lake County and to the lives of the people who live there. He is deserving of our praise and gratitude, without reservation.

Therefore, Mr. Speaker, it is appropriate at this time for us to congratulate, thank and applaud Mr. Clymire for his remarkable career of public service. We wish him and his wife, Olga, much happiness and fortune in their retirement.

PATRICIA STELLA

HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

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Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Patricia Stella, owner and operator of thirteen McDonald's restaurants, for a lifetime of achievement that is the result of passion and a belief in lifelong learning. Patricia Stella, aided by both a bachelor's degree and a master's degree in education, pursued a teaching career in both the Abington Heights School District in Pennsylvania and in Wheaton, Illinois. After her parents had opened their second McDonald's restaurant, Ms. Stella resigned from her teaching position to join the family business. By the age of 30, Patricia Stella was one of the youngest owner/operators in the restaurant franchise's history.

Instilling a winning combination of enthusiasm for education and lifelong learning in

her employees, Ms. Stella has made her mark within the McDonald's franchise. She was awarded McDonald's Women Operator Network Shining Star Award and McDonald's Leadership Eagle Award. In addition, she has received the highest award presented to a McDonald's owner/operator, the Golden Arch Award.

As a successful business owner, Ms. Stella followed in her family's tradition of giving back to the communities that give so much to her. She currently serves as a board member for the Volunteers of America, an executive on the board of directors at the Pittston Chamber of Commerce, and a member of the board of directors for the Ronald McDonald House of Scranton. As a result of her service in the Volunteers of America, she was awarded the Spirit of Youth Award. Previously, Ms. Stella shared her experience with organizations such as the Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Business and Industry and the American Red Cross, as well as serving as the vice president of the Penn's Woods Girl Scout Council.

Mr. Speaker, it has been almost 40 years since Patricia and Frank Colletti had purchased their first McDonald's franchise. Their daughter Patricia has demonstrated her diligence and drive to keep her family's dreams alive. I commend her for all she has brought to our community and its residents.

IN HONOR OF CAROL LYNN
HATTON**HON. SAM FARR**

OF CALIFORNIA

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Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Carol Lynn Hatton, who passed away on August 22, 2009, at the age of 60. Carol was born in Long Beach, California, attended local schools and graduated from Long Beach State University with a BA in Physical Anthropology and earned her Masters Degree in Developmental Psychology at San Jose State University.

Carol was devoted to her family and raised two daughters while working as the Development Officer at All Saints Episcopal Day School and at Santa Catalina High School. She valued the private education that her children received, but was never comfortable with the fact that all children didn't have the same opportunity. For this reason, she worked hard to support efforts that provided scholarships. Likewise, when Carol joined the Development staff at the Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula, where she was instrumental in raising the necessary funds to bring state-of-the-art digital mammography equipment to CHOMP, she led a campaign that would provide diagnostic services to any woman, regardless of her income.

Following her breast cancer diagnosis in 2002, Carol routinely offered support, counsel, and friendship to other patients while bravely fighting her own battle. She felt fortunate to have had comprehensive health care coverage and though she always expressed her appreciation for having access to the finest physicians in the country, Carol believed it unfair that all women did not benefit from the same outstanding care and health insurance coverage. Carol placed tremendous value on

a level playing field. She often dreamt of winning the lottery, because, as she told her friends, "think of all the people and organizations I could help."

Carol herself benefited from some of her own work to help improve CHOMP's Breast Care Center. The American College of Radiology has designated the CHOMP facility a Breast Care Center of Excellence. Carol's work helped ensure that the Center can provide services to any woman regardless of income. The center offers comprehensive breast care in a single setting, same day biopsy, digital mammography, and minimally invasive diagnostic procedures using ultrasound, MRI and stereotactic guidance. Its team of specialists includes radiologists, pathologists, surgeons, radiation oncologists, medical oncologists, and plastic surgeons.

On Saturday, October 1, 2011, many of Carol's family, friends, and colleagues will gather to rededicate the CHOMP Breast Care Center in honor of Carol. Mr. Speaker, while Carol's friends and family reflect on her accomplishments on this special occasion, we honor her kindness, her courage and her spirit. We honor the family that Carol loved and cherished, her husband Dave Hatton, their two daughters Lindsay Hatton McClelland and Brynn Hatton, and their granddaughter, Hazel Hatton McClelland. The memory of Carol's love and compassion will live on in this legacy, as we rename Community Hospital's Breast Care Center The Carol Hatton Breast Care Center.

I know I speak for the whole House in calling out for special recognition of the special and intertwined relationship between Carol Hatton and the CHOMP Breast Cancer Center. Patients and their families will benefit from their work for years to come.

IN HONOR OF WALTER J. HANNON
OF QUINCY, MA

HON. STEPHEN F. LYNCH

OF MASSACHUSETTS

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Mr. LYNCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Walter J. Hannon in recognition of his outstanding contributions to his hometown of Quincy, MA, and to commend him for almost fifty years of dedicated service to his community.

The son of Helen and Walter Hannon, Walter was born on September 4, 1931, in the Hough's Neck section of Quincy, where he lived until 1945. Walter attended Quincy public schools and he graduated from North Quincy High School in 1949. While he has left Hough's Neck, Walter continues to reside in the City of Quincy.

Subsequent to his graduation, Walter went to work in the family tire business, the Hannon Tire Company. In November of 1953, Walter assumed control of the Hannon Tire Company and expanded the business, running its day to day operations until 1972. Concurrently, Walter served as Ward 5 City Councilor from 1964–1971, and as a State Representative from 1967–1973. He was elected Mayor of Quincy in 1972, serving in that capacity until 1975.

After serving as Mayor, Walter went to work for the South Shore Chamber of Commerce in

1976 as the Director of Small Business Development. In 1978, he was appointed Director of Planning and Development for the City of Quincy. On April 2, 1979, he was named Director of Development by Marina Industries to direct the master planning of Marina Bay in Squantum. Governor William Weld recognized Walter's ability and appointed him to the Massachusetts Port Authority as Director of Maritime Development. In 1996, Walter went to work for the Marina Bay Company to oversee the Granite Links project, a spectacular reclamation of a quarry into a first class golf course and restaurant. He presently holds the position of Director of Civic Affairs for the Granite Links Golf Club.

As many in the Quincy community will attest, Walter is known for his quick sense of humor, his loyalty to his friends, and his devotion to his family. He has had the good fortune to be married to Patricia for fifty-eight years and they are the proud parents of five children and ten grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct honor to take the floor of the House today to join with Walter J. Hannon's family, friends, and contemporaries to thank him for his remarkable service to his community of Quincy.

IN HONOR OF NATIONAL BREAST
CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

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Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, as we celebrate National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, I rise today to stress the importance of getting regular mammograms. Women of all ages need to be screened for this deadly disease in order to catch it early. The earlier it is found, the higher the chance of winning the battle against breast cancer.

It has come to light in the past few years that breast cancer, once thought of as an older women's disease, does not discriminate between young and old. While it remains true that the likelihood of developing breast cancer increases with age, the incidence of breast cancer diagnoses has increased dramatically among women in their 20s and 30s. That is why it is absolutely vital that women, regardless of age, get routine mammograms.

Mammograms are a very powerful tool in the fight against breast cancer. Another tool in that fight, and one that should be performed every month, is a breast self-exam. They can help discover abnormalities in time for the doctors to successfully treat the disease and help your chances of a full recovery. Self-exams only take a few minutes of your time and could be the difference between life and death.

It is a little known fact and one that is rarely talked about, that men are also affected by this disease as well as women. While it is uncommon for men to get breast cancer, it does happen. Men should also perform breast self-exams on a regular basis.

Everyone is affected by this disease regardless of age, wealth or status, which is why it is so important to encourage your loved ones to make an appointment to receive a routine mammogram.

Mr. Speaker, I know I speak for the entire House when I urge women of all ages to seek

regular mammograms; it is truly a matter of life and death.

RECOGNIZING UNION COUNTY
MAGNET HIGH SCHOOL IN
SCOTCH PLAINS, NEW JERSEY
FOR BEING NAMED ONE OF THE
"BEST HIGH SCHOOLS FOR MATH
AND SCIENCE" BY U.S. NEWS
AND WORLD REPORT

HON. LEONARD LANCE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LANCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Union County Magnet High School in Scotch Plains, New Jersey for being named one of the "Best High Schools for Math and Science" by U.S. News and World Report.

U.S. News and World Report acknowledges schools where students attain and maintain high academic goals. Union County Magnet High School is proud example of academic excellence where students have high levels of performance, stellar student achievement, and where educators facilitate a strong learning environment.

I commend the faculty, the students, the parents, and the entire community on receiving this prestigious award. Union County Magnet High School is a proud example of academic excellence and is worthy of national distinction.

HONORING THE WHITTIER ELKS
LODGE 1258

HON. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

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Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate the Whittier Elks Lodge 1258 on their 100th Anniversary. This is a remarkable milestone that deserves our recognition and praise.

For 100 years, the City of Whittier has benefited from the generous contributions and selfless acts of members of the Elks Lodge 1258. Beginning with about two dozen members in 1911, Lodge 1258 grew alongside Whittier and helped it become the prosperous and welcoming city it is today.

The Elks Foundation, driven by local lodges such as 1258, has been a model of organized civic engagement, sharing with communities' their ideals of charity, justice, brotherly love and fidelity. These cardinal virtues are the keystone philosophies the Elks Foundation were founded upon.

The Elks Lodge 1258 has not only helped bring Whittier together, it has also served as a second home for many of the city's residents. The Elks Foundation, with help from Lodge 1258, contributes more than \$80 million yearly to benevolent education and patriotic community-minded programs, while actively advocating on behalf of physically and mentally challenged children and veterans.

Due in large part to the generous financial support of the Elks, countless Whittier parents have seen their children attend and graduate