

PALESTINIAN UNILATERAL
DECLARATION OF STATEHOOD

HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 29, 2012

Mr. WAXMAN. Mr. Speaker, the Palestinian leadership's decision to seek status as a non-member observer state in the United Nations General Assembly is a reckless and dangerous move. The General Assembly's vote to approve this gambit is a new low point for the institution.

I commend President Obama for his unwavering stance opposing the Palestinian motion and the tireless efforts by this Administration to try and avert today's outcome.

No country has done more than the United States to advance the true cause of Palestinian statehood. No one has done more to undermine that goal than the Palestinians themselves.

Time and again the Palestinian leadership has chosen empty slogans over substantive achievements. These attempted short cuts have shortchanged the Palestinian people who aspire to achieve genuine statehood with the political, economic and social infrastructure to support a stable, functioning democracy.

Today's vote undermines the key principle of mutual recognition that has been the foundation of a generation of diplomacy and successive Security Council resolutions concerning the peace process. It threatens to further derail a U.N. system already struggling under the weight of an unrelenting Palestinian agenda to attack Israel in the U.N. Human Rights Council and the U.N. Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization. We now must consider the irreversible damage that could be wrought by irresponsible action in the World Health Organization, the International Court of Justice or the International Criminal Court.

This maneuver will also make it more difficult for the United States to constructively engage the Palestinian leadership and chart a productive path ahead.

At this uncertain time, the one thing that is abundantly clear is that the United States is committed to standing with Israel. We will continue to do all we can to maintain stability and security as we navigate the way forward.

HONORING JANET ORCHARD

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

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Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, along with my colleague, Congressman MIKE THOMPSON, to acknowledge and honor Janet Orchard's record of public service upon her retirement from the Cotati City Council.

Ms. Orchard was first elected to the Council in 2002, re-elected in 2004 and 2008 and served as Mayor in 2002, 2006, and 2011.

During her tenure, the Council adopted the city's mobile home rent stabilization ordinance and formula-based fast food ordinances, and approved Cotati's first medical marijuana dispensary. She was also instrumental in helping shape the downtown area through her advo-

cacy for the city's Downtown Specific Plan, the Cotati Arts Project and the establishment of the Cotati Historical Society Museum.

Ms. Orchard conducted all of the research needed to secure the adoption of a living wage ordinance, ensuring that all city employees would receive adequate pay, and was instrumental in the adoption of a policy allowing Cotati to recognize the Mexican Matricula as a form of identification.

Her most enduring legacy is the creation of Falleti Park in downtown Cotati. Slated for high density housing development, Ms. Orchard worked with the property owners and the County Open Space District to save the parcel as a reminder of the city's rural heritage.

Along with these accomplishments, Ms. Orchard represented the city on the Sonoma County Mayors and Councilmembers Association Legislative Committee, chaired the Citizens Advisory Committee of the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District, served as a Director of the North Bay Watershed Association and as liaison to the Association of Housing, Community and Economic Development Policy Committee.

Mr. Speaker, although Ms. Orchard is retiring from the Cotati City Council, we are confident that she will continue to be an active participant in civil life in her community. Accordingly, it is both fitting and proper that we acknowledge her today.

TRIBUTE TO GIANLUCA
ARCANGIOLI

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

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Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Gianluca Arcangioli for his years of dedicated service in defending civil liberty, both domestically and abroad. Mr. Arcangioli has consistently demonstrated both bravery and intelligence in the face of crisis.

Born in Naples, Italy, Gianluca received officer training in 1993 and served as an Italian police officer until transferring to Kosovo where he would be awarded a medal for peace keeping. Following his completion in Kosovo, Gianluca Arcangioli moved to the U.S. and served as a police officer at the Consulate General of Italy in the cities of Philadelphia and New York City.

Gianluca Arcangioli has displayed his commendable abilities on several occasions, including his effort in handling the Hudson River tragedy in New York on August 8, 2009. Officer Arcangioli was praised for his effort and high standards on a professional and human level as well as his exceptional support given to diplomats, friends, and family of the victims. Most recently, Mr. Arcangioli exhibited his aptitude by diligently dealing with the Hurricane Irene crisis in New York.

Mr. Speaker, I encourage my colleagues to join me in honoring Mr. Gianluca Arcangioli for his dedication to protecting the lives of many.

TRIBUTE TO MAYOR RONALD O.
LOVERIDGE

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

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Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to an individual whose dedication and contributions to California and the City of Riverside are exceptional. Riverside has been fortunate to have dynamic and dedicated community leaders who willingly and unselfishly give their time and talent and make their communities a better place to live and work. Mayor Ronald O. Loveridge is one of these individuals. At a celebration on December 4, 2012, Mayor Loveridge will be honored as he retires after 33 years of service to the Riverside community.

Mayor Loveridge was born and raised in the Bay Area of Northern California. He received his Bachelor's degree from the University of the Pacific and his Master's degree and doctorate in political science from Stanford University. Mayor Loveridge has served in his current office since 1994, and prior to that served on the City Council for 15 years. Not only is he an outstanding public servant, he has taught courses in American Politics, Mass Media, Public Opinion, and Local Leadership in California at the University of California, Riverside since 1965. He is committed to the young people in the Riverside community, introducing them to government through internship projects and field work.

During his 16 years as Mayor, he has played a pivotal role in the political landscape of our community, region and state. He has served and chaired many boards at the community, regional, state, and national levels. The Mayor is currently a member of the Greater Riverside Chambers of Commerce, Inland Empire Scholarship Fund Board of Directors, Habitat for Humanity Riverside Board of Directors, La Sierra University Foundation Board of Directors, and Community Foundation Advisory Council. He represents the Inland region as a member of South Coast Air Quality Management District Board, the Southern California Association of Governments Regional Council, March Joint Powers Authority, the Inland Empire Economic Partnership Board of Directors, and the Southern California Goodwill Board of Directors. Statewide, the Mayor serves on the California Forward Local Government Task Force, California Mayor's Education Roundtable, the League of California Cities Board of Directors, and was a President and member of the California Air Resources Board as well as the past Chair and member of the California Assembly Fellow Program. He currently serves as the second Vice President of the National League of Cities.

The Mayor has received many honors throughout his career in public service. These include: National Association of Regional Councils, Tom Bradley Award for his outstanding leadership and commitment to improving transportation and maintaining the region's preferred quality of life; Boy Scouts of America, California Inland Empire Council, Mt. Rubidoux Division Distinguished Citizen of the Year Award; California Baptist University Spirit of Citizenship Award; American Lung Association in recognition of his efforts to improve the

quality of air in the Inland Empire through passage of a clean vehicle fleet procurement policy; Robert Presley Community Service Award—Friends of California School for the Deaf, Riverside in recognition for Outstanding and Invaluable Service to the Community; Inland Congregations United for Change Award for his efforts on behalf of youth and his help in organizing a youth task force resulting in a variety of effective youth programs; Toastmasters International Communication and Leadership Award for his contributions to the Business, Professional, and Local Community; Keep Riverside Clean and Beautiful for his contribution towards accomplishing the organization's 1996–1997 goals; Neighbors United for Unwavering Commitment in Making Our Neighborhood a Safe and Pleasant Place to Live; California Preservation Foundation in recognition of Outstanding Achievement in the Field of Historic Preservation; and United Way for service and dedication to United Way of the Inland Valleys, among many others.

I have come to know Mayor Loveridge well through many years working together on a variety of public projects in Riverside, and it has been an honor to work with him on behalf of the people of Riverside, California. I can personally attest to the Mayor's incredible work ethic, professionalism, and positive attitude. He and his wife Marsha have raised two daughters. The Mayor is an avid reader and hiking enthusiast; his favorite hike is up Mount Rubidoux.

In light of all Mayor Loveridge has done for Riverside, it is only fitting that he be honored as he retires from public service. Mayor Loveridge's tireless passion for public service has contributed immensely to the betterment of our region and the state and I am proud to

call him a fellow community member, American and friend. I know that many community members are grateful for his service and salute him as he retires and moves onto the next phase of his life.

IN TRIBUTE TO EDWARD G.
ATSINGER III

HON. ELTON GALLEGLY

OF CALIFORNIA

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Mr. GALLEGLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise in tribute to my personal friend, Edward G. Atsinger III, who, with his brother-in-law Stuart Epperson, started with ownership in Christian radio stations in California and North Carolina and grew Salem Communications Corporation into a national Christian media powerhouse.

Based in Camarillo, California, Salem Communications purchased radio properties in key markets across the United States and converted them to flourishing Christian talk stations. In the 1990s, Salem expanded beyond Christian Teaching Talk, successfully rolling out formats featuring Contemporary Christian Music, News Talk, Spanish-language Christian and most recently, business programming.

In addition, Salem Radio Network is one of the leading full-service networks in the U.S., syndicating talk, news, and music programming to approximately 2,000 Christian-formatted and general market radio stations throughout the country.

In 1999, Salem purchased CCM Magazine—an industry standard in the contemporary Christian music community. Salem

Publishing now circulates additional Christian and conservative magazines.

Salem Web Network began in 1999 with a single website—OnePlace.com. Today, SWN consists of the most well-known brands in the faith marketplace such as Crosswalk.com, CrossCards.com, and GodTube.com.

Additionally, Salem purchased Townhall.com® in 2006 and conservative political blog HotAir.com in 2010, providing conservative commentary, news, and blogging to an ever-expanding audience. In 2011, Salem launched its Church Products division with the acquisition of Worship House Media, an ecommerce retailer of videos and other multimedia to churches.

Throughout it all, Ed Atsinger has been at the helm. He has been Chief Executive Officer, a director of the Company and a director of each of the Company's subsidiaries since their inception. He was President of Salem from its inception through June 2007. He has been engaged in the ownership and operation of radio stations since 1969.

Ed Atsinger has been a member of the board of directors of the National Religious Broadcasters for a number of years; he was re-elected to a three-year term on the board in February 2010. He has also been a member of the National Association of Broadcasters Radio Board since 2008. He has been a member of the board of directors of Oaks Christian School in Westlake Village, California since 1999.

Mr. Speaker, I know my colleagues join me in paying tribute to Edward G. Atsinger III for fulfilling his vision of spreading Christian values throughout the U.S.