

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO WILLIAM J.
BOARMAN, 26TH PUBLIC PRINTER
OF THE UNITED STATES

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 21, 2012

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, today I urge all Members to join in commending William J. "Bill" Boorman, who honorably and skillfully led the Government Printing Office, GPO, as the 26th Public Printer from January 3, 2011, to January 3, 2012.

Bill slashed agency spending dramatically by eliminating nonessential hires, cutting needless travel, restricting use of overtime and reducing the GPO's annual spending plan for 2011 by 15 percent. He held the line on salary increases consistently with the President's government-wide pay freeze. Bill created a specialized task force to collect funds owed to GPO and within months collected over a third of the money due, some outstanding for seven years.

To avoid potential lay-offs in the future, Bill authorized a buyout of up to 15 percent of his workforce, but excluding from eligibility employees in mission-critical positions. Together with his restrictions on new hires, the buyout plan achieved 94 percent of its goal and reduced the GPO's staffing to its lowest level in a century. This achievement will save GPO and taxpayers tens of millions of dollars in future years.

Bill also worked with the two appropriations committees to provide GPO with funding 15 percent below the prior year but which nonetheless assures GPO's ability to perform its essential functions. To address questions about the work GPO performs for Congress, Bill provided persuasive testimony on the value of the printing services that the GPO performs while at the same time ordering the first-ever survey of Congress's printing requirements. This precedent-setting work, which was commended by the House Appropriations Committee, resulted in the largest single-year percentage reduction in the number of printed CONGRESSIONAL RECORDS delivered to Congress since the GPO began to transition to online versions in 1994.

As a result of these and other efforts, Bill's annual report to Congress reported that the GPO ended the year with a net income of \$5.6 million, a positive result validated by an external auditor. Yet Bill's leadership at the GPO was about more than cutting costs and improving financial returns. He made customer service GPO's primary strategic goal, a direction that earned the agency applause in a government-wide agency survey. He put GPO on Facebook and ordered the development and release of the GPO's first mobile Web application. While continuing the development of GPO's online Federal Digital System and the GPO's plan for a new automated composition system, he emphasized efficiency and agency control over the GPO's digital systems rather

than ceding operations to contractors. He devised and won approval for a new annual investment and spending plan for the GPO that is 6 percent less than his previous year's plan, and which puts the GPO on a path finally to begin retiring several presses that are more than 30 years old.

In other areas of the GPO, Bill's achievements were equally impressive. For example, he pushed forward with aggressive plans to make more GPO space available for lease to other agencies, and at the end of the year the GPO was in active negotiations with several organizations. As a former proofreader at the GPO, his return to the agency restored confidence and bolstered employee morale. Under his watch the GPO observed its 150th anniversary, opening an exhibit of its history to the public and issuing a new book on its past, *Keeping America Informed*. Last month Bill made GPO history by appointing a highly qualified senior manager, Ms. Davita Vance-Cooks, as Deputy Public Printer, the first woman ever to hold that post, and with Bill's departure, she is today the first woman ever to head the agency.

Mr. Speaker, Bill Boorman's tenure as Public Printer set a new standard of achievement for his successors to emulate. In my judgment, the actions of a handful of Senators to block an up-or-down vote on the President's nomination of Bill Boorman deprived Congress, Federal agencies, and the American public of his faithful service during this time of difficult transition when most needed.

Regardless what may come next, Bill Boorman can leave the Government Printing Office confident that GPO is better than when he found it, and that he has left it in good and capable hands. Please join me in offering the thanks of a grateful Nation to a dedicated public servant. We wish Bill only the best.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 21, 2012

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 113, had I been present, I would have voted, "yea."

HONORING KEVIN KOPP

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 21, 2012

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Kevin Kopp. Kevin is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1412, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Kevin has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Kevin has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned 31 merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Kevin served as his troop's Patrol Leader and Bugler. Kevin also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Kevin restored a walking trail around St. Luke's Northland Hospital in Smithville, Missouri.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Kevin Kopp for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

IN MEMORY OF FREDERICK J.
GIORGI

HON. TIM HOLDEN

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 21, 2012

Mr. HOLDEN. Mr. Speaker, it is with great sadness that I rise today to remember and honor the life of my good friend, Frederick J. Giorgi. Fred died on February 18, 2012, of natural causes at St. Joseph Medical Center in Reading, Pennsylvania.

Frederick Giorgi was born on December 3, 1930. He was the son of the late Pietro and Elvira Giorgi, natives of Ascoli Piceno, Italy. Fred was a proud 1948 graduate of Reading Central Catholic High School and received a Bachelor of Science degree in 1952 from Villanova University where he majored in Pre-Law/Accounting. He later received a Juris Doctor degree from Dickinson School of Law in 1955.

After earning his law degree, Fred served two years in the U.S. Navy before becoming a founding partner in the law firm of Austin, Boland, Connor, & Giorgi in Reading. During this time he worked part-time at the family business, Giorgio Foods Inc., and its related companies. In 1975, he left public practice to fully dedicate his time to the family business.

Until his passing, Fred was the chairman of F&P Holding Company with subsidiaries Giorgio Foods, Inc., Giorgi Mushroom, Co., Can Corporation of America, Maidencreak Plaza Co., and other companies in the U.S.A. and Can Pack S.A., with operations in Poland, the United Kingdom, Russia, Ukraine, India, UAE, Spain, France, Morocco, Romania, the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Turkey, and Brazil.

Fred's many personal and professional accomplishments were recognized with a number of awards, including a Career Achievement Award from Dickinson School of Law, an Award of Merit from Penn State University Department of Mushroom Science, and a 2005 Officer's Cross of the Order of Merit by the President of the Republic of Poland for outstanding contribution to the development of the Polish economy. In 2008, he was presented with a 50-year Membership Award by the Berks County Bar Association.

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Fred's wisdom and energy instilled in his employees the desire and will to achieve well beyond expectations. He regarded his employees so highly that he never missed an opportunity to let them know they were his stars and rewarded them with company trips all around the world.

The charitable contributions Fred so quietly contributed to his local community, the international community, and his beloved church are too numerous to mention.

Fred will be greatly missed by his family, colleagues, friends, and all of the lives that he touched with his loyalty, compassion, generosity and humor.

Mr. Speaker and fellow colleagues, please join me in remembering my dear friend, Fred Giorgi.

TRIBUTE TO CHAIRMAN LARRY
HYLAND AND THE SENIOR CITI-
ZENS LEAGUE BOARD OF TRUST-
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HON. MIKE MCINTYRE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 21, 2012

Mr. MCINTYRE. Mr. Speaker, I am here to congratulate Larry Hyland, the Chairman of The Senior Citizens League (TSCL) and its Board of Trustee members for their work in educating the public and Congress about issues of utmost importance to America's seniors. The Senior Citizens League represents over 1 million members nationwide and 3,844 in my Congressional district.

The Senior Citizens league is a non-profit, non-partisan organization headquartered in Alexandria, Virginia, that strives to educate millions of seniors and Members of Congress through senior faxes, e-alerts, Public Service Announcements, newspapers ads, direct mail, and publications such as a monthly newsletter—The Advisor.

Five members of The Retired Enlisted Association (TREA) work tirelessly for The Senior Citizens League as non-paid volunteers to help our most elderly and low income seniors: TSCL Chairman Larry Hyland, Vice Chairman Thomas O'Connell, Treasurer Edward Cates, Secretary Charlie Flowers, and PAC Treasurer Michael Gales. In addition, TREA Liaison Arthur Cooper and Past TSCL Chairman Daniel O'Connell also serve on the Board of Trustees.

Chairman Larry Hyland retired from the U.S. Air Force as a senior master sergeant. During the Vietnam War era, Hyland was an aircraft crew chief flying on missions into and out of Vietnam and flew in the evacuations of 1975. After active duty, he launched a small business and later entered Federal civil service working for 16 years before retiring from the office of the Air Force Director of Operations, Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, Plans and Requirements, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington DC.

Vice Chairman Thomas O'Connell served in the U.S. Army including service as Division Logistics NCO. His experiences as a high school teacher, author, and librarian have facilitated his work on the TSCL Board of Trustees. He participates in many local community organizations in Westerly, RI.

Treasurer Edward Cates served in the U.S. Army National Guard, U.S. Air Force from

1965 to 1996. He serves as the principal financial officer for TSCL and also as the Treasurer of the TREA Memorial Foundation. Cates is 1st Vice President of TREA Chapter 1 in Colorado Springs, CO.

Secretary Charlie Flowers served in the U.S. Air Force for over 21 years. He has served as the National President of TREA. Also, he served on the TREA National Board as a Director and as National Parliamentarian. He resides in Denver, CO.

Michael Gales served in the U.S. military for 27 years and is a lifetime member of TREA since 1988. He is active in his community and he serves as President of the Patterson Avenue Improvement Association in Baltimore, MD.

TREA Liaison Arthur Cooper served in the U.S. Army for over 20 years, completing his last tour as a Department of Nursing Education NCOIC. He currently serves as the National President of TREA. Cooper resides in Gambrills, MD.

Immediate Past TSCL Chairman Daniel O'Connell served in the U.S. Air Force for 29 years, retiring as a chief master sergeant. His U.S. Air Force career included service as the Training NCO for the Queens College ROTC Program. O'Connell also worked in protocol at the Air Force Space Command in Colorado Springs where he retired as Director of Protocol.

The TSCL Board visits Capitol Hill in Washington several times a year to personally meet with Members of the U.S. House and Senate to consult with them about seniors' issues. TSCL is especially interested in Social Security remaining solvent and preserved for future generations.

Under the leadership of Chairman Larry Hyland, The Senior Citizens League has strictly adhered to its non-partisan status. Most notably, Chairman Hyland has guided TSCL in its movement toward a more broad-based and multi-issue organization. TSCL has become a leader on issues such as U.S.-Mexico Totalization (via FOIA documents), a Social Security COLA to be based on a Consumer Price Index for the Elderly, Social Security Guarantee, Social Security Trust Fund Lock-Box, and Social Security Notch Fairness.

Each of the Board members has rendered military service to their country, and each has worked tirelessly to speak in behalf of seniors and The Senior Citizens League. Several Members of Congress thanked them personally for showing up in their offices, saying: "we never see representatives of some other senior groups, but your organization always visits us."

Their determination to assist the most worthy and needy of our citizens is commendable.

HONORING TIMOTHY M.
MATTHEWS

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 21, 2012

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Timothy M. Matthews. Tim is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 28, and

earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Tim has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Tim has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Tim contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Tim planned and constructed a flag pole for all veterans of the United States military and to honor their service and sacrifice.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Timothy M. Matthews for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HONORING THE HONOREES OF THE
MID-MAINE CHAMBER OF COM-
MERCE AWARDS

HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 21, 2012

Mr. MICHAUD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Honorees of the 2012 Mid-Maine Chamber of Commerce Annual Awards Dinner. The Mid-Maine Chamber of Commerce serves the people and business community of the greater Waterville area, working with the business community to strengthen economic opportunity throughout the region and the state.

Each year, the Mid-Maine Chamber recognizes some of the outstanding businesses and individuals that make Maine "the way life should be" for all Mainers and Maine businesses. These individuals and businesses are committed to strengthening opportunity and prosperity in Maine.

This year's award recipients include Gil Pelletier, recipient of the Distinguished Community Service Award; Central Maine Disposal, Business of the Year; Pamela Kick of Pinnacle IT, Business Person of the Year; Dr. Barbara Covey of the MaineGeneral SAFE Program, Outstanding Professional of the Year; the Waterville Public Library, Community Service Project of the Year; Bruce Harrington of the Bank of Maine, "Rising Star" Award; and Darla Frost of Kennebec Federal Savings, the Customer Service Stardom Award.

These recipients are among the best that Maine has to offer. Through their leadership and incredible commitment to their communities and the region, Maine is a better place to live and do business.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating the Mid-Maine Chamber of Commerce and these individuals on their outstanding service and achievement.

HONORING BAHER MICHEL

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 21, 2012

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I am privileged to interact with some of the brightest students in the 22nd Congressional District who serve on