

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY
OF MURRAY LENDER

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 26, 2012

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is with the heaviest of hearts that I rise today to pay tribute to the life and legacy of one of our community's most outstanding entrepreneurs and my dear friend, Murray Lender, who we lost on March 21st at the age of eighty-one. A bagel baker, food executive and philanthropist, who helped bring the bagel to kitchens across the nation, Murray was a close friend and I was deeply saddened to learn of his passing. Murray never forgot his roots and humble beginnings in New Haven while he worked to foster good will and humanitarianism. He was a special person and leader, part of a special family that takes care of each other, bringing jobs to networks of friends and serving the larger community.

Along with his two brothers, Marvin and Sam, Murray turned the dream of "bagelizing" America into a reality through the process of freezing the bagel, which the family pioneered in the early 1960s. Murray, who began counting bagels in the family's backyard bakery before he was eleven, became a food marketing innovator. He took what was formerly only an ethnic product and made it a national staple, available to all. In 1963, Lender's introduced a branded retail pack of frozen bagels. Murray saw frozen foods, which was a new category of products, as an opportunity for greater distribution and expanding the market to new users.

Free publicity was also a key to their success. Murray could be seen presenting a life-sized bagel on the Tonight Show to Johnny Carson, or on Capitol Hill presenting Tip O'Neill with a giant green bagel on St. Patrick's Day. Whether in animated form, or live, lying on the bread shelf in the supermarket, there wasn't much that Murray wouldn't do to sell his product. Lender's Bagels was sold to Kraft food in 1985, but Murray remained with the company to continue his work as spokesman.

Murray was forever passionate about the concept of frozen foods and became involved in all associations directed at strengthening its image. He was Chairman of the National Frozen Food Association, NFFA, as well as the chairman of the 50th Anniversary of Frozen Foods, a national promotion staged in 1980. He pioneered and co-chaired the first National Frozen Food Month in March of 1984, an industry wide month of promotional retail and foodservice activity among frozen food manufacturers. Murray would never go a day dressed without a penguin—the frozen food marketing symbol—whether it be a tie, a pin, socks or a hat. He was recognized by this industry with numerous awards throughout his lifetime.

In more recent years, Murray directed his focus toward philanthropic work. His energy and creative thinking had a major impact on anything he undertook, particularly in his hometown of New Haven. Active in both the local Jewish community, as well as his Alma Mater, Quinnipiac University, Murray's influence can be seen throughout the city, which has recognized him with a school playground

in his name, the ADL Torch of Liberty Award, and an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from Quinnipiac University, to name a few.

Murray Lender was an extraordinary human being and I consider myself fortunate to have called him my friend. He leaves such a legacy that we celebrate, even as we mourn his passing. I extend my deepest sympathies to his wife, Gillie; his children, daughter Haris and her husband, Evan, and sons Carl and Jay as well as his brother Marvin and his wife Helaine. We can see the unfailing smile in the face of adversity and all his work that carries on. He lit up the world. We will miss him.

HONORING ROD BLONIE

HON. JEFF DENHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart after the passing of Rod Blonien.

Rodney J. Blonien was born July 20, 1946 in Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin, to Janet and Clayton Blonien. He was the oldest of four. He attended the University of San Francisco and Santa Clara Law School, and achieved the rank of captain in the Army National Guard.

Mr. Blonien was a Capitol fixture for years having served as Assistant Legal Affairs Secretary to California Gov. Ronald Reagan, Senior Assistant to Attorney General George Deukmejian then Legislative Secretary to California Gov. Deukmejian, and Under Secretary of the Youth and Adult Correctional Agency.

While working for the California Department of Corrections, Mr. Blonien reduced prison construction time from 5 to 2 years. Today, his program serves as a national model. He worked to enact stringent sentences for criminal offenders, and implemented Driving Under the Influence (D.U.I.) checkpoints.

He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Noreen, and four children—Ryan, Jessica, Molly and Jarhett—and 11 grandchildren.

EDWARDSVILLE INTELLIGENCER
150TH

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 26, 2012

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Edwardsville Intelligencer, a local newspaper serving Madison County, Illinois, on its 150th anniversary.

First called the Madison Intelligencer, the first weekly issue was published on November 13, 1862. It has been in continuous operation since, and it can proudly call itself Edwardsville's oldest business. In the last century and a half, the Edwardsville Intelligencer has expanded to daily publication and has covered all the pivotal moments in our nation's history. It has withstood the inventions of radio, television, and the internet and has recently expanded to include an e-Edition, which complements the print edition's continued success.

During its long history, the Intelligencer has been an easily accessible source of informa-

tion and culture in the region. It has a constant presence in the community. For decades it has participated in local charities and community events, and it even distributes newspapers to local schools at no charge. It is truly a vital resource for the greater Edwardsville area.

I am pleased to congratulate the Edwardsville Intelligencer on its 150th anniversary, and I thank them for their contributions to the community. I wish them continued success in the years to come.

IN HONOR OF ST. LOUIS FIRE
CHIEF NEIL J. SVETANICS

HON. RUSS CARNAHAN

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CARNAHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Lemay Fire Protection District Chief Neil J. Svetanics, who is marking his 50th year of fire service in 2012.

Neil Svetanics was born in 1940 in the Water Tower area of North St. Louis. He left high school early to enlist in the United States Marine Corps, from which he was honorably discharged in 1960. Mr. Svetanics became a member of the St. Louis Fire Department in 1962, where he quickly rose through the ranks. He was named chief in 1986, becoming the youngest chief in the department's history and the first to hold a college degree.

Mr. Svetanics held the position of chief for over 13 years, becoming the third longest serving fire chief in the St. Louis Fire Department's storied history. Under his leadership, the Department established a City/County Mutual Aid Policy, promoted a record number of minorities to leadership positions, and hired the department's first women members.

Mr. Svetanics was selected by the International Association of Fire Chiefs as their 1998 "Fire Chief of the Year," and he retired from his post the following year. Chief Svetanics also received the 2001 Lifetime Contribution to the St. Louis Fire Department Award. In 2002, Mr. Svetanics became the Chief of the Lemay Fire Protection District, a position which he still holds today. To date, Mr. Svetanics has dedicated over 50 years of service to fire departments in and around St. Louis, the majority in positions of great responsibility.

Mr. Svetanics has dedicated much of his life to serving the St. Louis community, and has been deservedly awarded numerous honors from various organizations ranging from the public, the not-for-profit, and private sectors.

Mr. Svetanics is the President of the St. Louis Firefighters Memorial Statue Fund, the Founder and past President of the Baden Neighborhood Improvement Association, former Chairman of the United Way of Greater St. Louis Government Division, President of the St. Florian Society, a former member of the Board of Directors at the American Red Cross, and a member of the board of the St. Louis Backstoppers, the Mathews-Dickey Boys' Club, the Salvation Army, and the American Red Cross.

Mr. Svetanics is celebrating another anniversary this year along with his wife, Judy Spreng. The couple celebrated their 50th anniversary in January with their wonderful family—children Maureen, Katie, Amy, and Lisa, four sons-in-law, and eight grandchildren.

I thank Chief Svetanics for his service to his family, community, nation, and to his beloved firefighters all over the St. Louis Metropolitan Area.

COMMISSIONERS COURT OF EL
PASO COUNTY, TEXAS

HON. SILVESTRE REYES

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 26, 2012

Mr. REYES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the El Paso County's Commissioners Court who signed the following resolution.

Whereas, a "Super-Committee" was formed and tasked to reduce \$1.2 Trillion from our Nation's budget over the next 10 years, but failed at their mission; and,

Whereas, the Department of Defense could endure budget cuts of \$487 Billion throughout the next 10 years; and,

Whereas, due to the failure of the "Super-Committee" there is an additional \$600 Billion in potential budget cuts for deficit-reduction measures targeted towards the Department of Defense; and,

Whereas, future budget reductions of this nature can potentially affect all branches of Defense with reduction of employment and could decrease the benefits that our troops and past veterans receive; and,

Whereas, future reductions should raise concerns of National Security and the ability to defend our Country from future extremities; and,

Whereas, the United States of America has fought for freedom since its creation and knows that freedom does not come easy and it definitely does not come without a price tag; and,

Whereas, our Military's men and women are to be held at the upmost respect and honor for the service they provide to our Country and they should feel assured that they are a priority and the American people are behind them; and,

Whereas, policies of this type have the ability to create an internal decrease in morale and the capability to deter future enlistments to our volunteer military; and,

Whereas, recent developments of Russia and China vetoing a United Nations resolution aimed at ending Syria's violence should raise concerns that the United States should keep its military in full force and maintain their combat readiness for these potential adversaries and other; and, now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the El Paso County Judge and Commissioners Court hereby disagree with any future budget cuts that can affect National Security and Benefits provided to our Veterans that have defended our Nation from opposing threats and to all of our soldiers that continue to protect our Country's future and our children's future by placing their own lives in harm's way.

Signed, this 13th day of February 2012.

Commissioner Anna Perez Pct. 1

Commissioner Sergio Lewis Pct. 2

Commissioner Willie Gandara Pct. 3

Commissioner Daniel R. Haggerty Pct. 4

County Judge Veronica Escobar

HONORING CHAIRMAN RICHARD M. MILANOVICH OF THE AGUA CALIENTE BAND OF CAHUILLA INDIANS

HON. JEFF DENHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 26, 2012

Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart after the passing of Chairman Richard M. Milanovich of the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians.

Chairman Milanovich grew up on the reservation in Section 14 in Southern California, where poverty was rampant. Currently, the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians is a federally-recognized Indian Tribe located in Palm Springs, California with 32,000 acres of reservation lands that spread across Palm Springs, Cathedral City, Rancho Mirage, and into the Santa Rosa and San Jacinto mountains.

Mr. Milanovich has always been dedicated to serving his tribal nation and his country, where he served in the United States Army from 1960 to 1963 and was stationed in Munich, Germany, during the Cold War. He later returned to school to fulfill a lifelong ambition to secure his college degree and received a Bachelor of Science in Business and Management from the University of Redlands in 1996.

Mr. Milanovich returned to the Agua Caliente reservation and started as a member of the tribal council in 1978. He then quickly ascended through the ranks to serve as secretary from 1982 to 1984, before he was elected chairman.

The Chairman's connection to his tribe's history was never lost in his efforts to reinforce tribal sovereignty for Indians across the country. He was a strong practitioner and supporter of the ancient traditions, ceremonies and practices that are important to Indian people. But he was also a very strong leader in 21st-century Indian America.

Through Chairman Milanovich's leadership, he helped craft mutual land-use agreements with Cathedral City in 1984 and with Rancho Mirage and Riverside County about five years later, modeled on an agreement struck with Palm Springs in the late 1970s. The intergovernmental agreements were among the first of their kind and served as a model for tribes throughout the rest of the country.

His first major undertaking was the purchase of the Spa Hotel in Palm Springs in 1992. Since then, his 28-year role as a leader of Agua Caliente has allowed the tribe to develop self-sufficiency through education, cultural preservation, housing, and health care programs.

Aside from raising his own tribal membership out of poverty and into self-sufficiency, Chairman Milanovich has contributed his time and wisdom to many advisory committees, charities, and other efforts to better Indian Country and the lives of people across the country. He served as the chairman of the Advisory Committee to the Office of Special Trustee for the U.S. Department of the Interior, which oversees the federal government's fiduciary responsibilities to manage tribal trust funds. In 2004, he was appointed to the Na-

tive American Stewardship Committee for the prestigious Autry National Center. Chairman Milanovich also served as a member of the Bureau of Land Management's California Desert Advisory Council, and the Native American Heritage Commission. The tribal leader served as an advocate for HIV prevention with the Desert AIDS Project for more than 10 years. As well as having the Agua Caliente tribe partner with the City of Hope's "Hike 4 Hope" each year at the Indian Canyons trail. The hiking event supports women's cancer programs at the foundation.

Indian Country has lost a true leader and staple of the ideals of sovereignty and self-sufficiency. His leadership will not be forgotten and his efforts will be the foundation of the future for Indian tribes throughout the United States.

BREESE CENTRAL CHAMPIONS

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 26, 2012

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Breese Central High School Cougars upon winning the 2012 IHSA Class 2A Boys' State Basketball Championship.

This victory is the perfect end to a remarkable season, in which the Cougars recorded 32 wins and only one loss. The Cougars beat the South Holland Sting to advance to the championship game, where they defeated the Normal Pioneers 53-47 and earned their first state championship.

I would like to recognize Head Coach Stan Eagleson, Assistant Coaches David Thomas, Kurt Peters, Jeremy Shubert, Donny Petterson, and Ryan Meyer, Trainer Marty Stewart, and the players themselves: Justin Becker, Brandon Book, Nick Grapperhaus, Tanner Imming, Luke Jackson, Greg Meyer, Luis Perez, Austin Rickhoff, Kyler Scheer, Andrew Schulte, Noah Stockmann, Gavin Thomas, and Jacob Timmermann.

Congratulations to the Breese Central Cougars for their championship and their incredible season. I look forward to next season, and I wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 26, 2012

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, March 20, 2012, I was unavoidably detained and missed rollcall votes.

Following are the votes I missed and how I would have voted:

On rollcall No. 112, had I been present, I would have voted "no."

On rollcall No. 113, had I been present, I would have voted "no."

On rollcall No. 114, had I been present, I would have voted "yes."