

COMMENDING FORMER IOWA
CHIEF JUSTICE MARSHA TERNUS
AND JUSTICES DAVID BAKER
AND MICHAEL STREIT

HON. BRUCE L. BRALEY

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 10, 2012

Mr. BRALEY of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, courage is a virtue that is too often in short supply. That's why I congratulate former Iowa Chief Justice Marsha Ternus and Justices David Baker and Michael Streit. These courageous public servants received the prestigious John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Award for doing their jobs on the Iowa Supreme Court. Together, they stood up for equal protections under the law for all Iowans. These courageous Justices were part of a unanimous decision that recognized marriage equality for all Iowans.

Although these Justices faced intimidation and threats after deciding the landmark case *Varnum v. Brien*, they did what they were supposed to do: uphold the Constitution. Justice Baker's words are a great example of why they deserve such a prestigious honor, "I am comfortable with my vote in that case and even if I had known what would have occurred, I would have not changed my vote. We fulfilled our role as judges."

Efforts to intimidate judges and try and turn the bench into a political soap box will do nothing to advance justice. Iowa judges are chosen based on merit, not politics. After they are appointed, their positions are subject to retention elections. In 2010, these judges were on the ballot for a retention vote and were ousted from their positions on the Supreme Court after large sums of out-of-state money funded a "Vote No" campaign.

They were voted off the bench because they fulfilled their sworn oath to uphold the Constitution of Iowa, which guarantees equal protection under the law to all citizens of Iowa, without regard to their sexual orientation. They are great role models for my children and all Iowans. By their actions, they became symbols that doing what's right isn't always easy; and doing what's easy isn't always right.

HONORING THE 60TH WEDDING AN-
NIVERSARY OF CONCETTA
(CONNIE) AND CARMEN
CACCIOTTOLO

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 10, 2012

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor two long time residents of the 3rd Congressional District of Illinois, Concetta, Connie to her friends, and Carmen Cacciottolo who will be celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary on May 3rd, 2012.

Their story starts back in 1937 when Connie and Carmen met in their kindergarten class at St. Mary of Mount Carmel School in Chicago. At the age of five, Connie and Carmen became very good friends; and now, 75 years later, they are celebrating 60 years of marriage. They attended classes together throughout grade school and split for their four years

of high school with Connie attending Lourdes and Carmen attending Tilden Tech. On May 3, 1952, Connie and Carmen were married at St. Richard Church on Kostner Avenue in Chicago.

Carmen served our country proudly in the United States Army during the Korean War for two years. Upon returning home, Carmen worked as a full-time printer and lithographer for Raynor/Carquivele Company while running the family-owned Italian store on Kolin Avenue in the Archer Heights community with Connie.

Connie went on to become a real-estate agent, insurance sales representative, and finally retired from her job at Talman/LaSalle Bank after 23 years. Carmen retired after 38 years with Raynor/Carquivele. Connie and Carmen have raised three beautiful children: James, born in 1957, Albert in 1963, and their daughter Mary Ann who was born in 1964. All three of them still live close to their parents in the Chicago area preserving their strong family bonds.

Since their retirements, Connie and Carmen have enjoyed spending time with their five grandchildren: Kristin, Anthony Connor, Jenna and their angel Megan. Connie and Carmen have selflessly given their time for their community. They have been active residents in the Chicago Archer Heights neighborhood, at their schools, church, and community, including the local American Legion and V.F.W. After moving to Palos Park in 1995 they once again became active in their new church, Sacred Heart, with the local senior club, along with their neighbors and the Palos Park Women's Club.

Today as Connie and Carmen Cacciottolo celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary with their children, grandchildren, neighbors, friends, and bridal party, I would like to extend my best wishes to the happy couple. This is truly an amazing event in their lives, and as they celebrate together their 60 wonderful years of love and marriage, I wish them great happiness and joy for many more years to come.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 10, 2012

Mr. HONDA. Mr. Speaker, on May 8, I was unavoidably detained and was not present for several of the rollcall votes on amendments to H.R. 5326 held that day. Had I been present I would have voted:

"no" on rollcall 202, the Peters Amendment to increase funding for the International Trade Administration and US Trade Representative by decreasing funding for NASA's Cross Agency Support account. While I support fully funding the Interagency Trade Enforcement Center in FY 13, I believe it is unwise to do that by taking funding away from NASA.

"no" on rollcall 203, the Broun Amendment (#1), which unwisely seeks to make dramatic cuts to numerous accounts in the bill.

"no" on rollcall 204, the McClintock Amendment, which would make an excessive 59 percent cut to the International Trade Administration at a time when we are trying to grow US exports.

"no" on rollcall 205, the Michaud Amendment to increase funds for Economic Develop-

ment Assistance Programs by taking funds from the Bureau of Census, Periodic Censuses and Programs. While I support increasing EDA funding, if there is any lesson to be learned from the last decadal census it is that short-changing the program in the early years of a census cycle leads to much greater costs in later years.

"no" on rollcall 206, the Scalise Amendment, which seeks to cut Economic Development Administration funding at a time when we need to invest in growing our economy.

"no" on rollcall 207, the Pompeo Amendment, which would go even further than the Scalise and completely eliminate Economic Development Assistance programs and grants.

"no" on rollcall 208, the Quayle Amendment, which unwisely seeks to cut funding for the Advanced Manufacturing Technology Consortia, which will help us regain our edge so that we "Make it in America" again.

"no" on rollcall 209, the Harris Amendment, which continues Republican efforts to keep their heads in the sand on climate change by cutting funding for a NOAA climate website.

"no" on rollcall 210, the Grimm Amendment, which sought to increase funding for Regional Information Sharing Activities at DOJ by cutting funding for NOAA. While I support RISS, I do not believe this is an appropriate offset for that funding.

"no" on rollcall 211, the Broun Amendment (#2), a wrong-headed attempt to cut funding to recover Pacific salmon.

"no" on rollcall 212, the Runyan Amendment. While I support increasing funding for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant program, which is a worthy program, the offset used is ill advised, particularly because it would impact the Civil Rights Enforcement Office of the DOJ.

"no" on rollcall 213, the Davis (IL) Amendment. While I support the Second Chance Act grants that this amendment sought to increase funding for, I am greatly concerned that the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program is already woefully underfunded and cannot support further reducing SCAAP funding for an offset.

"no" on rollcall 214, the Grimm Amendment. While I support the COPS program that this amendment sought to increase funding for, I cannot support the use of NASA as an offset.

"no" on rollcall 215, the Huizenga Amendment, which seeks to allow the outsourcing of federal correctional worker jobs.

"no" on rollcall 216, the Johnson (GA) Amendment. While I support the EEOC and the purpose that this amendment sought to increase funding for, I cannot support the use of NASA as an offset.

"no" on rollcall 217, the Flake Amendment, which sought to make drastic cuts to the National Science Foundation.

"no" on rollcall 218, the Westmoreland Amendment, which sought to dramatically reduce funding for the Legal Services Corporation at a time when more and more Americans facing hard times rely upon the services it provides.

"no" on rollcall 219, the Austin Scott (GA) Amendment, which went even further than the Westmoreland Amendment and sought to eliminate LSC.

"no" on rollcall 220, the Black Amendment, which blocks the federal government's ability to defend its authority to write and enforce immigration law.

"no" on rollcall 221, the Blackburn Amendment, which sought to make indiscriminate, across the board cuts of 1 percent throughout the bill.

"no" on rollcall 222, the Broun (GA) Amendment, which sought to make draconian cuts to most of the agencies within the bill.

"no" on rollcall 223, the Southerland Amendment, which unwisely prohibits the use of funds to develop, approve, or implement fishing catch shares programs in certain areas. Catch shares have been shown to be a successful tool for managing fisheries, one we should not rule out.

RECOGNIZING THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN ISRAEL AND THE UNITED STATES

HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 10, 2012

Mr. REED. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to once again reaffirm my interest in maintaining a strong working relationship with Israel. Unrest in the Middle East has once again brought national security concerns to their doorstep.

Our two unwavering democracies in the United States and Israel have held firm together against outside threats for more than 60 years. As a close ally and trading partner, it is imperative that we provide training and materials for their military for years to come.

The nations surrounding Israel continue to seek nuclear weapons, an action that directly compromises the United States' security and interests. We must work together to ensure that Israel is able to defend themselves if such an event occurs. With the passing of H.R. 4133, I am pleased to see our nation again confirm its support for Israel's right to self-defense. This security cooperation will provide Israel with necessary aircraft and weaponry against the ever-present threat of attack.

The continued violence against the Israeli people must be condemned. However, as there is no immediate end in sight, the United States must stand up and continue to support Israel as they look to enhance their national security.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE RETIREMENT OF DR. CHRISTOPHER T. JONES

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 10, 2012

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I ask for the House's attention today to honor Christopher T. Jones as he retires from the Center for Domestic Preparedness (CDP) in Anniston, Alabama.

Dr. Jones joined the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) as Superintendent for the CDP on August 3, 2008.

He began his public service career with the Department of the Army Medical Command,

following successful completion of active duty as a U.S. Naval Medical Service Corps officer. Dr. Jones then served as Deputy Under-Secretary of Defense (Environmental Security) liaison to the U.S. Public Health Service's Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, where he worked collaboratively with Federal and State agencies addressing high-risk public health issues arising from releases of military compounds, to include weapons of mass destruction components and military munitions.

Dr. Jones earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Health Sciences from Fairmont State College and a Master of Science degree in Occupational Health from West Virginia University. Additionally, he holds an MBA from Florida Institute of Technology, with an emphasis in federal procurement and earned a Doctorate of Education from George Washington University's Executive Leadership Program. He graduated in 2010 from the Executive Leadership Program, Center for Homeland Defense and Security at the Naval Postgraduate School. He's a member of the Academy of Management and a recipient of The Surgeon General of the Army Commander's Award for Civilian Service.

As Superintendent for the CDP, Dr. Jones brought leadership to workforce, operational and contracting challenges. Dr. Jones greatly helped in achieving the mission of the National Training Program and institutionalizing the CDP as the Nation's premier first responder training center in the United States. A native West Virginian, Dr. Jones is married with three children.

Mr. Speaker, I offer my congratulations to Dr. Jones and thank him for his outstanding service to our community and our Nation.

HONORING THE 100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE SAINTS PETER AND PAUL BASEBALL CLUB

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 10, 2012

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Saints Peter and Paul Baseball Club for one hundred years of service to Chicago's McKinley Park community. This year, the club will celebrate a century of quality athletics and social outreach by hosting the Centennial Celebration and Annual Dinner Dance. The Saints Peter and Paul Baseball Club has been a valuable asset to the community for many years, and I thank all those involved in the club and the current president, Mr. William Gonerka, for their dedication to our community.

The club was founded in 1912 by a group of parishioners from Saints Peter and Paul Church who realized the need for a community organization that could provide both athletic and social outlets for youth in the area. Growing with the community, the club soon expanded its sponsorship to other sports such as basketball, softball, and touch football and broadened its fundraising efforts for parishes and local schools. For the last twenty years, the club has continued its stewardship to the neighborhood by hosting communion breakfasts, trips to White Sox and Bears games,

and other parish social events. Although Saints Peter and Paul Church has since joined with St. Maurice and Our Lady of Good Counsel to form the Blessed Sacrament Parish, members of the club have continued to hold events under their original name.

For the last one hundred years, the Saints Peter and Paul Baseball Club has worked to form healthy relationships and camaraderie among the people of McKinley Park. In supporting numerous athletic programs and acting as a social organization, the club has created a safe and productive outlet for many members of the local community. The work of this organization has helped members of the community develop vital leadership skills, appreciate the value of teamwork, and cultivate self discipline. I am grateful for the Saints Peter and Paul Baseball Club's outstanding one hundred years of service and am proud of the members who keep the club active.

A TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF FLORENCE LARIVIERE

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 10, 2012

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an extraordinary woman, an environmentalist before the term was invented, one who has taught generations the value of wetlands and forests, mountains and oceans, and who learned and taught so many how to protect and preserve these immeasurably valuable resources. A gentle giant of a woman; a quiet roar of a voice; a tiny footstep with a huge footprint . . . Florence LaRiviere has righted many wrongs and prevented many environmental tragedies by the sheer force of her knowledge, determination, advocacy, participation, and persuasive talents.

Florence LaRiviere recognized the devastation that development was creating in San Francisco Bay long before others did. She saw the need for a National Wildlife Refuge and working closely with many others, she persuaded Congressman Don Edwards, despite opposition from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, to introduce legislation creating the Refuge. President Nixon signed the legislation creating it in 1972.

One of my proudest moments as a Member of Congress was the 1998 inclusion of the 1600 acres of Bair Island in the Don Edwards San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge. Florence worked closely with me on this project, tirelessly promoting it, working with the Citizens committee, challenging the owners of the property and using many creative means to move public opinion.

Mr. Speaker, I'm very proud to have my Bay Area colleagues—Rep. ZOE LOFGREN; Rep. MIKE THOMPSON; Rep. MIKE HONDA; Rep. JERRY MCNERNEY, and Rep. JACKIE SPEIER join me in honoring this great and good woman, our dear friend of many years, as she is honored with the 2012 National Wetlands Award. This is an honor she has earned and richly deserves. We ask the entire House of Representatives to join us in thanking Florence LaRiviere for her decades of invaluable service. She is a national treasure and it is a high privilege to represent her.