

RECOGNIZING BEVERLY F. LYELL

HON. TIM WALBERG

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 6, 2012

Mr. WALBERG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Beverly F. Lyell upon her recent retirement as the Executive Director of Goodwill Industries of Southeastern Michigan.

Compassion, commitment, and courage are three words which accurately describe Beverly. Over the past several decades, Beverly has been actively serving communities throughout Michigan. In 1975, she began working for Goodwill Industries of Southeastern Michigan as an assistant supervisor in the Ceramics Department. During her tenure at Goodwill, she worked in a number of different capacities before becoming Executive Director. As Executive Director, she has helped Goodwill attain various certifications, coordinate capital campaigns, and develop successful programs aimed at assisting the physically and mentally impaired and at risk members of our community.

In addition to her work with Goodwill Industries, Beverly has also served as a board member of many other organizations. She has received a number of awards over the years that reflect the respect our community has for her work and her character. In addition to raising their own children, she and her husband, Steve, have served as foster parents and have raised service puppies for the disabled. She is also an active member of her church. Beverly has truly left a mark on the community and improved the quality of life for many. Her character, integrity, and ever-optimistic personality have changed lives forever.

Beverly should be commended for her service to the community and I offer her my best wishes for the future.

RECOGNIZING 50 YEARS OF KTXR
101.3 FM "THE GENTLE GIANT"**HON. BILLY LONG**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, it was June 13, 1962, when KTXR 101.3 FM "The Gentle Giant" began informing and entertaining the Ozarks audience with great music and special programming.

Under the guidance of local owners Ken and Jane Meyer, what started in the 60s as a 6,000 watt station by 1970 became a 100,000 watt "Class C" FM operation. In 2001, when a bad ice storm brought the KTXR tower down, the Meyers received FCC permission to build the only "Class C-0" tower in the state of Missouri. Soaring 1488 feet above ground, it is Missouri's tallest radio tower with the state's largest coverage, heard throughout mid and southern Missouri, northern Arkansas, parts of Oklahoma, and Kansas.

KTXR is a rarity in Springfield. It is one of the only locally owned and operated FMs in the market. When it signed on the air, KTXR became not only the second FM station in the city but also the second in the state to broadcast in stereo. Jane Meyer was the first woman in Springfield to sell radio advertising

and was the first woman in the state to be a radio station general manager.

While the music on KTXR may have changed over the decades from classical to easy listening to light hits to today's Greatest Hits, there have always been several constants. Jane Meyer decided early on to add "special programs with special appeal." Knowing the volatility and importance of weather in the Ozarks, she hired her own resident meteorologist rather than be dependent on the National Weather Service. Then, 35 years ago Wayne Glenn, "The Old Record Collector," became part of KTXR special programming and has not missed an air shift in all that time.

Possibly the most unique programming decision the Meyers made was to put sports on a music station. While most in the radio broadcast industry would tell you a music/sports format would never work, KTXR has proved them wrong. It started with the Kansas City Royals in the 1970s, and a few years later KTXR became the exclusive radio home of the St. Louis Cardinals in the Ozarks and remains so today. Drury University and Evangel University were two of the local colleges sports programs aired on KTXR in the 70s. In the 80s the station picked up the Missouri State University Bears and KTXR remains the flagship station of the Bears Radio Network. After carrying the Bears for several years it was Jane Meyer's decision to broadcast the Lady Bear basketball games that helped propel them to a nation-high attendance record and in turn she received an invitation to address the NCAA national meeting about marketing women's sports.

Though Jane Meyer passed away in 2001 her influence is still felt not only in the halls of KTXR but throughout the Ozarks. She and Ken Meyer have always served on numerous boards and foundations giving of their time and finances to support the community that has always been supportive of Meyer Communications.

Over the past 50 years Meyer Communications has grown from the humble beginnings of one station to, at any one time, owning several radio and television stations, an outdoor signage company, and an advertising agency. But, it has always been KTXR "The Gentle Giant" that is the heartbeat of the company.

Ken Meyer has stated unequivocally "in my opinion Jane Meyer made KTXR the class station of Springfield. Any way you look at it Jane was the Gentle Giant."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GRACE F. NAPOLITANO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 6, 2012

Mrs. NAPOLITANO. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, June 5, 2012, I was absent during rollcall vote No. 318 due to a family medical issue. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on the Matheson of Utah Amendment.

RECOGNIZING HERITAGE MIDDLE
SCHOOL STUDENT ESSAYS**HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DUNCAN of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, eighth grade students from Heritage Middle School in Maryville, Tennessee, recently visited Washington, DC.

Our office gave the students and chaperones a tour of the Capitol, and I received a very nice thank you letter from trip coordinator Patricia Russell and principal Steve Moser.

Along with the thank you note, I was also sent the enclosed four essays from some of the students on the trip. I was so impressed with these essays that I wanted them to be included in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

I hope my Colleagues and other readers of the RECORD will take a few minutes to read the impressions of these 8th grade students about our Nation's Capital.

MY AMERICAN APPRECIATION

(By Anna Stout)

"In a mountain of despair, there is a stone of hope," said Martin Luther King Jr. I read this quote from the Martin Luther King Jr. memorial. This was one of the most significant moments on the whole Washington D.C. trip for me. The trip to D.C. changed my whole of life. I use to take every little thing for granted, like eating and the things I owned. Going to the Holocaust Museum, the Lincoln memorial, and the Martin Luther King Jr. memorial all increased my appreciation for my American heritage.

The Holocaust Museum was probably the saddest, most moving thing I've ever experienced. When you read about what happened in books or on the internet you don't really understand what happened. You kind of just think "yeah that's awful, hope it doesn't ever happen again" but when you see with your own eyes the actual happenings of what Holocaust, it changes you forever. When I walked into the room, and saw hundreds of pairs of shoes, I went into shock. I just stood there and looked at how many there were. It took me a few minutes before I started to look at the individual shoes, the baby shoes, the shoes that were my size, and the shoes that were bigger than my own foot. I was in such shock it took me at least 5 minutes to move, and 10 to stop staring at them all. That change how I look at everything. How I get mad over having "nothing to wear" and they wore rags. Now everything I do, a part of the Holocaust is in my thoughts.

I really liked the Lincoln memorial because Lincoln really fought to keep our Nation together and without that, things today would be way different. Most of us probably would even be here. I use to think that Lincoln started the war to free all the slaves, when really he started the war to keep our united states together. Personally I think he was one of the most successful, helpful presidents ever. And I'm glad that there is a memorial built in his honor. To remind the generations to come, about all he did.

Last but not least, the Martin Luther King Jr. memorial. I really enjoyed going to this memorial, because I have a lot of respect for Martin Luther King. I think what he did for our nation was an amazing, and very brave thing. He stood up and fought for what he believed in, but he did it peacefully. That sets an amazing example for the people of our time. To not have to use guns and war to solve things is a great accomplishment. "In a mountain of despair, there is a stone of

hope.”—Martin Luther King Jr. I didn’t quite get this at first, until I started to think about it. What King means is, there is always a little bit of hope, even if the problem is huge. To always cling to that piece of hope, and you will overcome the problem.

Some of the reasons my appreciation for my American heritage has increased is because of the Holocaust Museum, the Lincoln Memorial, and the Martin Luther King Jr. memorial. I am deeply grateful for being able to go on this trip. I am so thankful for everyone that has done something for our country, not just the things listed above. Without these people and these events, we would not be here, and we would not be America. Thank you everyone.

WASHINGTON D.C. ESSAY

(By Chloe Atchley)

‘We the People of the United States . . .’ Thomas Jefferson wrote. I believe that as a citizen of the United States, we should have pride in our country. On my trip to Washington D.C., I grew a new appreciation and curiosity for my great Nation. Three places I was able to visit that helped my respect grow were the Arlington National Cemetery, the Vietnam Veteran’s Memorial, and the Jefferson Memorial.

The first place that helped me appreciate my Nation more was the Arlington National Cemetery. In my opinion, what shocked me the most was just how many graves there were. They lined the fields and area for miles. Every single one of those people served my country. Some of them died and sacrificed themselves for it. This cemetery did a wonderful job honoring those people, those heroes.

The second place that helped me appreciate my Nation more was the Vietnam’s Veteran Memorial. When I saw it, it was dark, and I couldn’t see how long it was. Walking along beside it, I was surprised to find that it kept on going on with me. There are 58,272 names on the wall today. It gave me pride to be American knowing that every last one of those people did their best to protect us and help others.

The last place that helped me appreciate my country more was the Jefferson Memorial. Out of everything I saw and visited, this was definitely one of my favorites. It was quiet, peaceful, and reflective, just like how I think Thomas Jefferson would have liked it. The sun was setting, and reflected on the walls of the little dome beautifully. It illuminated the excerpts from the Declaration of Independence that were engraved everywhere. It was a reminder of how we originally fought for our freedom, and of how my home began.

These are some of the places that increased my appreciation for my American heritage. This trip was one of the best experiences I have ever had. I hope everyone can stop to remember the sacrifices made and the struggles conquered through our history, and hold their head higher in remembrance that they are an American.

WASHINGTON, DC ESSAY

(By Callie Effler)

Very few places make one more proud to be an American than Washington, DC. I saw very many things in our nation’s capitol that I will remember for the rest of my life, but several stuck out that made me feel even more blessed than I already do to live in America. Three things and places in particular that made me especially appreciate my American heritage were the Vietnam Veterans’ Memorial, the National Archives, and the flag that inspired the Star Spangled Banner.

All of the monuments were breathtakingly beautiful, but the Vietnam Veterans’ Memo-

rial didn’t catch my eye for that reason—it was that it had so many names. 58,795 brave men and women were willing to pay the ultimate price to preserve the freedom and safety that so many of us take for granted today. These soldiers, nurses, and others who gave their lives so that we in the United States and those in other countries could be free are true heroes.

Another thing that made me prize my American heritage was the National Archives. There, we saw many documents including the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution. It made me feel honored to have the opportunity to see the documents that shaped our past, which led to my present, and will lead to our future. In my opinion, these are some of the most important documents in the world. They led to changes in not only our country, but others as well.

Lastly, the flag that inspired our national anthem was the most amazing thing I saw in Washington. I couldn’t believe that such a massive flag could even be made! It’s colossal size was accomplished by a woman and several teenage girls. They made a flag—by hand—that survived battle and sparked a poem that is now one of the most recognizable tunes in history. Even then, Americans were making great things, both physical items and ideas.

The Vietnam Veterans’ Memorial, National Archives, and the Star-Spangled Banner are only three of the things I saw in Washington, DC, that made me proud of my American heritage. I think that everyone should have the opportunity to see the things from the past that shaped their future. I will never forget my 8th grade field trip, and will cherish all of the things that make our country great.

WASHINGTON D.C.

(By Madison Jacobs)

Washington D.C. is located between Virginia and Maryland in the District of Columbia. I believe that it is important to know about your country’s history in order to be able to do the basic things adults do. This experience was breathtaking and intriguing. I have learned several things while on this trip but the three places that taught me a lot was The National Archives, the Vietnam Memorial, and the Holocaust Museum.

My first place visited that I really enjoyed and learned a lot from was the National Archives. This acquaintance was both enticing and captivating. Seeing the Declaration of Independence, The Constitution, and the Bill of Rights I felt astonished and proud to live in this country. It is incredible to see that in 200 years these documents are still around and we go by them today. I especially enjoyed looking at all of the documents written so long ago.

The second place visited that I enjoyed and learned from was the Vietnam Memorial. It gave me great pride in my country but also at the same time it made me feel sad that all of these wonderful men; fathers, sons, husbands, and brothers lost their lives. This war lasted for 16 years. During these years 58,000 people died fighting so that we could all be free and giving their life for ours. The Vietnam Memorial was very humbling to me. My lasting impression is that I will always respect and honor those who fight and die for our country.

My third place I visited that I learned from was the Holocaust Museum. The Holocaust was a mass killing of Jews and other civilians. The factors that contributed to this were anti-Semitism and the rise of the Nazis. My most vivid thing that I will always remember is the room with all of the Jewish people’s shoes. Also the smell of the shoes from the leather was horrible. This will al-

ways stay in the back of my mind. The Holocaust Museum really touched me with the fact that millions of people died who were innocent and died for what they believed in.

The National Archives, The Vietnam Memorial, and The Holocaust Museum were the three places that we went to that touched me the most. These places have affected our nation’s history in many different ways and they represent what Americans are and what we stand for. I really enjoyed this trio and would like to go back one day in the near future.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE DEDICATION OF THE CROATIAN CULTURAL GARDEN

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 6, 2012

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the dedication of the Croatian Cultural Garden, taking place on June 3, 2012.

The 254 acre piece of land that constitutes Rockefeller Park was donated to the City of Cleveland by John D. Rockefeller in 1896. The Cleveland Croatian Cultural Garden is a two acre piece of land within Rockefeller Park. The Cleveland Cultural Gardens were founded in 1926 to create a memorial area for the diverse ethnic groups that shape the region, and to serve as a space for reflection on peace, cooperation and understanding. The Cultural Gardens are currently a collection of 26 gardens which include African-American, American Indian, British, Chinese, Czech, Estonian, and Slovenian gardens, among others.

The mission of the Croatian Cultural Garden is to dedicate a garden that celebrates the rich cultural achievements and contributions of the Croatian people and to endow an educational legacy for future generations. Groundbreaking on the Garden took place on April 30, 2011 with the support of the Garden’s benefactor, Ed Lozick.

The dedication of Phase I of the Croatian Cultural Garden will begin with a Holy Mass at St. Paul Croatian Church. Phase I includes the installation of “The Immigrant Mother” statue which represents Croatian mothers who emigrated to the U.S. The bronze statue was sculpted by Cleveland and Croatian-American, Joseph Turkaly. The granite base of the statue is inscribed with three Croatian symbols; the Croatian Homeland Shield (Grb), the original Croatian alphabet (Glagoljica) and the plerter design. The Gardens will also have a heart shaped flower garden representing the “Licitar Heart” as well as three benches carved from stone from the island of Brac.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in recognition of the dedication of the Croatian Cultural Garden.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2013

SPEECH OF

HON. SUZANNE BONAMICI

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 5, 2012

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under