

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CONGRATULATING MAYER LUMBER ON THEIR SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF BUSINESS

HON. MICHELE BACHMANN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 26, 2013

Mrs. BACHMANN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mayer Lumber for reaching their seventy-fifth year of business in the city of Mayer, Minnesota under the ownership of the Maetzold family.

John Maetzold was the first family member to own the company back in 1938. John's son, Austin, acquired it just two years later in 1940 when John passed away. Austin temporarily closed the lumberyard from 1942–1945 while he served in World War II in the U.S. Navy. Despite difficulties following the war, the lumber company reopened, and has continued to serve the people of Mayer and the surrounding areas since then.

Current owners, Rod and Lois Maetzold, are the third generation of Maetzolds to own Mayer Lumber. Their son, Andy Maetzold, is employed there as well, and intends to continue the family business into its fourth generation.

It is small companies like Mayer Lumber, which provides both jobs and a service for their local community, that are essential to our nation's economy and our quality of life.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in sending congratulations out to the entire Maetzold family and their staff for reaching this milestone along with a heart-felt wish for their future success.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 26, 2013

Ms. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today regarding my absence from the House for votes on the evening of September 25, 2013. I would like to submit how I would have voted had I been in attendance for the following vote:

Rollcall No. 485, providing for the concurrence by the House in the Senate amendment to H.R. 527, Responsible Helium Administration and Stewardship Act, with an amendment, I would have voted "yea."

HONORING THE SOURCE AWARD RECIPIENTS

HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 26, 2013

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, it is sometimes true that behind every great man is a

great woman. It is almost always true that behind every great song, great band, great sound, there's a great woman. I rise today to honor several great women of Nashville's renowned music community.

Given yearly, the Source Awards pay respect to the women who add their character, strength, talents, and dreams to the foundation of Music City. Bebe Evans, Bonnie Garner, Debi Fleischer-Robin, Donna Hilley, Gerrie McDowell, Paula Szeigis, and Sarah Trahern are leaders in their industry and are rightfully chosen as this year's 2013 Honorees.

From award-winning bands to award-winning productions to every note that falls in between, Nashville is home to its own unique sound. I thank all those involved with the Source Awards for offering their time, talents, and treasures to honor the women who make Music City so grand. I ask my colleagues to join with me in celebrating the women whose contributions and life's work strengthen and celebrate that incredible sound.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE X UKRAINIAN WORLD CONGRESS

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 26, 2013

Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate the X Ukrainian World Congress on its meeting which was held on August 20–22, 2013 in Lviv, Ukraine, with the participation of 208 delegates representing 27 countries. The delegation was joined by 350 guests who traveled from around the world, including all regions of Ukraine, to participate in the proceedings and learn about the work of the UWC. The X Ukrainian world congress provided an opportunity for participants to share accomplishments, exchange ideas and develop plans for the further consolidation of the 20 million strong Ukrainian Diaspora. Among the guests were also representatives of Ukrainians' governing authorities and leaders of the opposition. The X Ukrainian world Congress, which was dedicated to the memory of the victims of Holodomor of 1932–33 on the 80th anniversary of this genocide, began on 20 August with a procession and memorial service at the Taras Shevchenko monument in the city's main square. The opening ceremony that same evening was held before a packed audience at the solomiya Krushelnyska Lvin National Academic Theatre of Opera Ballet during which Ukrainian World Congress President Eugene Czolii gave the keynote address. Three themes relevant to the global Ukrainian community were the focus of round table discussion. They included Euro-integration securing Ukrainians' independence and furthering its democratization, a global Ukrainian community promoting common interest and Holodomor 1932–33 the truth prevails.

Delegates elected the following members of the Ukrainian World Congress Executive Com-

mittee: Eugene Czolii President—Canada, Jaroslava Hartyanyi 1st Vice President—Hungary, Orysia Shushaku 2ND Vice President—France, Stefran Romania Secretary General—Australia, Bohdan Watral Financial Officer—USA, and Wnon Potocny Treasurer—Canada.

On behalf of the Ukraian diaspora, the Ukrainian World Congress expressed gratitude to the citizens of Lviv for their hospitality, the Ukrainian World Congress expressed a special thank you to the chair of Lviv regional administration Victor Shemchuk, the rector of the National University Lviv Polytechnic, Yuri Bodale and Director of the International Institute for Education, Culture and Diaspora Relations, Lviv, Polytechnic, Iryana Kluchovaska.

I commend the Ukrainian World Congress for its continuous development of unity and cohesiveness of Ukrainians throughout the Diaspora. I am also pleased to know and congratulate a member of the community that I represent in Congress, Mr. Bohdan Watral on his election as Financial Officer for the X Ukrainian World Congress.

TRIBUTE TO JIM FINDLAY

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 26, 2013

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable American who has proudly served our nation as an Air Force veteran and our Toledo community as a successful entrepreneur, extraordinary philanthropist and a true friend to so many—Mr. Jim Findlay.

Jim Findlay is the epitome of a true gentleman. His influence and compassion have impacted the lives of thousands of people. Jim has been a coach to our youth; a mentor to our young adults. He is always there for those who seek a champion for their cause. His support of local initiatives is deep and legendary as he shares his leadership, connections and incredible financial support earning him innumerable awards including the area's Outstanding Philanthropist Award, The University of Toledo's Blue T and Gold T awards and the highly coveted Jefferson Award. He is a 70-year member of Glenwood Lutheran Church, a board member of the House of Emmanuel and he has served as chairman of many fundraising campaigns for ProMedica, Sylvania Athletics and The University of Toledo and others.

Jim attended Scott High School, then The University of Toledo where he began his lifelong love affair with the UT Rockets—as well as the 1947 Homecoming Queen Celia Koontz Findlay. He and Celia were married for more than 50 years until her passing in 2004. Jim is a dedicated family man to his children Jim Jr, Sarah, Jon, their spouses Cindy, Jack and Linda, a beloved grandfather to Ally and Jonathon Findlay—and wonderful companion to PJ Schaefer.

Jim has proudly been affiliated with the Boy Scouts of America, Toledo Rotary Club, Big

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Brothers—Big Sisters of NW Ohio, Lutheran Social Services and the Sylvania Athletic Foundation.

At The University of Toledo, he has been involved with The Tower Club, President's Club, Downtown Coaches, UT Alumni Association, College of Business & Family Business Center, Sales Executive of the Day, Honorary Doctorate of Management, Pacemaker of the Year, Catherine Eberly Center for Women, UT Foundation Board and The Findlay Building—the athletic complex at Scott Park—is named in his honor. He established The Celia Koontz Findlay Scholarship, The James R. Findlay Scholarship, and the Jim & Celia Findlay Family Business Award. He chaired The University of Toledo's Council for Academic Excellence to raise funds for scholarships. He also received the UT Athletic Department's 12th Man Award and is an honorary member of the Varsity T Club.

He has also been involved with ProMedica's Wine Event, Autism Fundraising Council, The Goerlich Center Campaign, Flower Hospital's Women's Auxiliary Flower Hospital Cancer and a member of the Stevens Warren Flower Society.

In 2001 he published "In the Company of Friends", a book of his life experiences.

Jim has also been awarded an Honorary Degree from Lourdes College, the Newman Award, Servant Leadership Award, Toledo Community Award, "Grow our Economy—Develop our People" Award and Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Award.

Jim is the founder of Impact Products and, upon his retirement, in typical Jim Findlay fashion, he gave the company to his employees. The company's name—IMPACT—is a testament to the impact that one person can selflessly make on the lives of so many. We, the family of Toledo and NW Ohio blessed and honored, know and pay tribute to our dear friend, Jim Findlay, who in good time and times of great struggle, teaches us by way of his courageous example.

RECOGNIZING SIMEON TORONTO'S COMMITMENT TO SERVICE

HON. MICHELE BACHMANN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 26, 2013

Mrs. BACHMANN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Simeon Toronto of Andover, Minnesota on his election as the 67th president of the American Legion Boys Nation.

At only 17 years old, he has an impressive record. Not only is he the first Minnesotan in more than two decades to be elected president of the American Legion Boys Nation, but he is also captain of his high school's boy's cross country and track teams, president of the student council and an Eagle Scout.

With a giving heart and a focus on serving those around him, Simeon is a shining example of a true Minnesota spirit. Our country would benefit from more young men as dedicated and accomplished as Simeon.

I know I speak for my constituents when I say we are so proud of this young man and look forward to seeing what's to come in his bright future.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that this Body recognize Simeon's tremendous accomplishments and

congratulate him as he begins this new journey.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ALLYSON Y. SCHWARTZ

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 26, 2013

Ms. SCHWARTZ. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 484, I was unable to be present for the vote. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes".

HONORING CAPTAIN STEVEN CHRIS KOCKOS FOR HIS SERVICE AS A EULESS POLICE OFFICER

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 26, 2013

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to recognize Captain Steven Chris Kockos for his 30 years of service as a police officer for the City of Euless, Texas.

Captain Kockos began his career with the Euless Police Department on June 26, 1983, when he was hired as a patrol officer. By 1985 he was a detective and, in that year, he earned his Intermediate Certification from the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officers Standards and Education (TCLEOSE), completed the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) course, and was assigned to the Criminal Investigative Division.

Kockos received his Advanced Certification in 1989 and, in 1990, was promoted to the rank of sergeant and assigned to the Patrol Division. In that time, he also trained in the use of the intoxilyzer and completed the Police School of Supervision at the Southwest Law Enforcement Institute. At the end of 1992, he was assigned to Internal Affairs, a position in which he coordinated training and investigated any violations of policies or procedures by police personnel. Kockos earned his Police Instructor Certification in that same year. In January of 1993, Kockos was promoted to lieutenant and assigned to Police Administration.

Over the years, Kockos continued to advance his honorable career. He was made commander of the multi-agency Tarrant County Narcotics Intelligence and Coordination Unit in January of 1995. In 1997, he received the Master Police Officer Certification from TCLEOSE and, a few months later, was reassigned to the Patrol Division after successfully serving the narcotics unit. Starting in 2001, Kockos led the Criminal Investigation Division for nearly three years before returning to the Patrol Division. On February 3, 2011, Kockos was promoted to the rank of captain and was assigned to command the Communications, Property, Records, and Detention Divisions.

Years of steadfast service saw many honors and memories for Captain Kockos. He received twenty commendations, a certificate of achievement for his work in the D.A.R.E. program in 1997, and won Supervisor of the Year in 2007—an award he was nominated for nine times, demonstrating the relationships and respect that he had on the force. One memorable commendation was for an occasion on

which Kockos used his certified scuba diving expertise to recover a murder weapon from a lake.

Before entering the Euless Police Department, Kockos had a history of selfless service to others. His father was an Assistant Chief in the Dallas Police Department. Kockos himself was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force who served four years, two as a military policeman, and was honorably discharged in 1979. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice from University of Texas at Arlington in 1983. He is an avid golfer and has two adult children, Chris and Matt, with his wife Judy of 32 years.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the 24th District of Texas, I ask all my distinguished colleagues to join me in thanking Steven Kockos for his 30 years of public service as an officer of the Euless Police Department.

TRIBUTE TO DR. WINSTON L. YANG

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 26, 2013

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an article by Dr. Winston L. Yang, Professor Emeritus of Asian Studies at Seton Hall University in New Jersey published in the Asian Pacific Business Journal, a Colorado-based news outlet, in its June 2011 issue. It is my privilege and honor to share this article with the American people and enshrine it in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

CHENG MING, A POWERFUL VOICE FOR DEMOCRACY IN CHINA

(By Winston L. Yang, Ph.D.)

Since the establishment of the Communist Government in China in 1949, the Chinese people have been suffering under the Communist one-party tyranny. The Chinese Communist Party (CCP) has denied such universal values as democracy, freedom, human rights and the rule of law.

Even though the People's Republic of China (PRC) has recently replaced Japan as the world's second largest economy, the Chinese people have been living under the widespread official corruption and the Communist suppressions. All pro-democracy movements have been crushed by the CPP. Hundreds and thousands of political prisoners who advocate democratization are still in the PRC's jails. One of the best examples is Mr. Liu Xiao Po, who advocated peaceful political reforms and stressed the need for political liberalization in China. He was put on trial and sentenced to an 11-year jail term. Nevertheless, Mr. Liu was honored with the 2010 Nobel Peace Prize. He has been hailed all over the world as a "democratic hero." Yet his wife, Liu Ciao, has been under house arrest ever since.

Back in May, 1989, well over half a million Chinese college students gathered in Beijing's Tiananmen Square to demand freedom and democracy. The students protested against the suppressive policy of the Chinese Communist Government. Such legitimate, peaceful protests and demands, however, were suppressed by the Communist armed forces. When the smoke cleared, hundred of students lay dead.

In the view of the violent Communist suppression of freedom and democracy, Mr. Wen Hui, a well-known writer and journalist, founded Cheng Ming, a monthly political