

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF JOSE SAN NICOLAS

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 14, 2013

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and service of Jose Salucnam San Nicolas, former Commissioner of the village of Agat, Guam; he was fondly known as "Joe Pineda" by his family and closest friends. Born on December 15, 1945, Joe dedicated more than 40 years of his life as a public servant to the people of Guam, beginning as a youth and church leader in Agat, Guam's largest southern village. His desire to serve and his spirit of community paved the way for his election in 1970. He became one of Guam's youngest public officials at the age of 25. In 1974, after serving only one term as Assistant Commissioner, Joe was elected as the Commissioner of Agat. He passed away on December 27, 2012, at the age of 67.

As Commissioner of Agat, Joe paid particular attention to helping young people find constructive and productive activities, such as village clean-up and beautification projects. He also encouraged participation in the celebration of Guam's Liberation Day festivities, intramural sports, and involvement in church functions and religious education.

As a devout Catholic, Joe served as a "Techa", or traditional prayer leader, of rosaries and novenas. He volunteered his skills in leading prayers for families throughout Guam, as well as in California, Hawaii, Washington state and Germany. After his term as Commissioner of Agat, Joe continued to serve his community as a techa; he also held several different government posts, working for the Guam Legislature and Governor Carl T.C. Gutierrez as a Special Assistant for community outreach.

Joe will be missed by all who knew and loved him. I extend my condolences to his family and loved ones, including his children, Dwayne and Charmaine.

TRIBUTE TO CHIEF RICHARD H. GOBBLE, II

HON. SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. CAPITO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the bravery of City of Ripley Fire Chief Richard H. Gobble, II. Chief Gobble, a lifelong resident of the community he serves, heads an all volunteer fire department in Ripley, WV, a small town in my district.

On the morning of December 29, 2012, Ripley's Mayor received an anonymous letter de-

tailoring a heroic event that happened the week earlier, just before the Christmas holiday. The letter's anonymous author had been traveling down Route 33 when he witnessed a frightening car wreck, in which the vehicle left the road and landed in the frigid waters of a nearby creek.

The first emergency responder on the scene was a man from the fire department, who, according to the anonymous author, waded into the cold waters without hesitation to help the trapped motorist. The fireman successfully retrieved the elderly man from his almost completely submerged car and helped him to shore, reassuring him along the way that everything would be alright. By the time the fireman helped the elderly man to the creek bank, other members of the fire department, paramedics, and police had arrived on the scene to assist.

Once the elderly man was safe from the frigid waters and receiving medical treatment from paramedics, the letter's anonymous author asked a member of the fire department for the name of the fireman that risked hypothermia to save the motorist. The fireman responded, "That's our chief!" It was Ripley's volunteer fire chief, Richard Gobble, who had rescued the man from the frozen creek and saved his life.

Mr. Speaker, the level of devotion to community by Chief Gobble is one deserving of great respect and recognition.

I wish to thank Chief Gobble for his service to his community. The City of Ripley is fortunate to have such a heroic man leading their fire department.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE RETIREMENT OF RICHARD HENRY RAILEY FROM UPS

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 14, 2013

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask for the House's attention today to recognize Richard Henry Railey who is retiring from the United Parcel Service in Opelika after 34 years of service.

Mr. Railey was born on October 18, 1957, in Ashland, Alabama, to Talma and Georgia Alberta Railey. He graduated from Wadley High School in 1976 as Class Salutatorian, lettering in both football and baseball and serving as Class President.

He attended Southern Union State Junior College receiving an A.S. Degree and serving as President of the Student Government Association. He then attended Auburn University and graduated in 1981 with a B.S. Degree in Vocational Agri-Business with a teaching certificate.

In November of 1978, Mr. Railey started working part-time at UPS while in school at

Auburn. In 1979, he was promoted to part-time management and in 1984, to full-time management. In April of 1981, Richard married Debbie Renee Gilbert in Pine Mountain, Georgia, and later they had two sons, Patrick Ryan Railey and David Richard Railey. While at UPS, Richard has also volunteered at United Way, taught Junior Achievement at Opelika High School and Auburn High School and achieved many job promotions during his time there.

Mr. Speaker, we join his family and friends in celebrating Mr. Railey's retirement and wish him the very best.

HONORING THE LIFE OF BETTY RAMACHER

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 14, 2013

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life of Betty Ramacher, who passed away on November 20, 2012, at the age of 86. A respected elected official and community leader, Betty leaves behind a wonderful legacy and serves as an example for generations to come.

Betty was a woman of many trades. She served as a first grade teacher in Caruthers, California and operated a dress shop in the Fig Garden Shopping Center in Fresno, California. With her background as an educator and small business owner, Betty successfully ran for the Fresno County Board of Supervisors in 1983. Betty served the third supervisorial district for five years.

Betty's progressive ideas along with her ability to get things done made her a well-respected political mind in California's San Joaquin Valley. Aspiring political candidates would often reach out to Betty first when running for office. Betty and her husband, Richard, were a formidable team—especially when it came to organizing campaigns and winning elections.

Along with being a political trailblazer, Betty was also a wonderful wife, mother, and grandmother. Betty's family was everything to her. She was a caregiver for a majority of her life—providing for her disabled son, Eric, for over 50 years, and caring for Richard after his stroke. Betty truly understood the importance of love and family.

Betty leaves behind her daughter, Mary and son-in-law, Ted Mooradian; her grandchildren, Ali Mooradian-Pesce and her husband Andres, Lauren, Jacob, and Joseph Mooradian.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to the life of Betty Ramacher. Her unwavering commitment to bettering the lives of residents in Fresno County will never be forgotten. Betty will be remembered as a woman with a kind heart and loving soul.

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HONORING MR. GORDON PROUT

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 14, 2013

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in commemoration of the life of Mr. Gordon Prout. Mr. Prout, a resident of Tinton Falls, New Jersey, passed away on December 17, 2012 after decades of public service as a civil engineer for the New Jersey Department of Transportation.

Prior to his 34 years of public service, Mr. Prout served his country honorably in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II. He was a navigator on a B-17 Flying Fortress for nine missions over Europe before being shot down and captured. Consequently, he spent 16 months as a prisoner in Stalag Luft I in Germany. Mr. Prout successfully returned home on the Queen Mary after being liberated by the Soviets in May, 1945.

Mr. Prout is survived by his devoted wife of 67 years, Anne Bruno Prout; a daughter and son-in-law, Judith and Mickey McCabe of Monmouth Beach and Bayonne; a son and daughter-in-law, Donald and Deborah Prout of VA; four grandchildren, Allison McCabe Matto and her husband Joseph, Michael McCabe and his wife Tina, Derek Prout and his wife Jessica and Bryan Prout and his fiancée Taylor Lytle; and five great-grandchildren, Madelyn, Luke, Grace, Aiden and Abigail.

Mr. Speaker, I sincerely hope that my colleagues will join me in honoring Mr. Prout for his lifetime of public service to the state of New Jersey, and his dedicated service to our country.

HONORING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SAINT PAUL CURLING CLUB

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 14, 2013

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to the unique history of the Saint Paul Curling Club on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of the organization. Since 1912, the club has called Selby Avenue in Saint Paul, Minnesota its home. Today, it is the largest curling club in the United States with more than 1,200 members.

The sport of curling has a deep and rich history in Minnesota's capital city. In 1885 two clubs formed under the names of the Saint Paul Curling Club and the Nushka Curling Club. The first games were played on the frozen Mississippi River near Raspberry Island in downtown St. Paul. In 1904 the first Saint Paul Curling Club closed and the Capitol City Curling Club was formed the following year. In 1912 the Capitol City and Nushka Curling Clubs merged to form the current Saint Paul Curling Club and the new club took up residence in its current home on Selby Avenue.

During its century on Selby Avenue, the Saint Paul Curling Club has witnessed many changes—seasonal outdoor ice sheets have been upgraded to year round indoor refrigerated rinks; financial woes and declining membership in past decades have given way

to booming times and a surge in membership; and a neighborhood in decline has been reborn. Throughout all these changes and more, the Saint Paul Curling Club has remained at 470 Selby Avenue. It has not only survived, it has invested in painstaking restoration as well as expansion of its historic home. Throughout its history on Selby Avenue, the Saint Paul Curling Club has served as a foundation for this neighborhood, which is once again a thriving residential community and bustling destination for dining, shopping, and socializing.

Central to the Saint Paul Curling Club is the sport of curling. Not only is it the largest curling club in the U.S., it has frequently played host to both national and international competitions. The club has hosted numerous bonspiel's, which are curling tournaments, and in 1988 they hosted the USCA Men's Championship. The club is also home to former Olympians from the 2010 Vancouver games, John Benton and Allison Pottinger. The club has helped bring recognition and respect to the City of Saint Paul.

Mr. Speaker, in honor of all the past and present members of the Saint Paul Curling Club, I am pleased to submit this statement for the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD recognizing the Centennial Anniversary of this Saint Paul landmark.

TRIBUTE TO COMMISSIONER JOE E. MILLER

HON. SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 14, 2013

Mrs. CAPITO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the career and lifetime achievements of West Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles Commissioner Joe E. Miller. Commissioner Miller's record of public service is one of devotion and self sacrifice; both during his military career and in his time as a public servant.

Joe Miller began serving his fellow citizens in 1958, when he joined the United States Marine Corps, where he attended Officer Candidates School. Over the next twenty years Miller would serve two tours in Vietnam and receive numerous awards and promotions, before finally retiring in 1978 at the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

In 1997, Miller was appointed to the position of Commissioner of the West Virginia Division of Motor Vehicles by Governor Cecil Underwood and reappointed in 2009 by Governor Joe Manchin. Throughout his time as Commissioner, Miller has successfully overseen many challenging projects for the Division of Motor Vehicles. Highlights of his tenure include West Virginia's compliance with the Real ID Act of 2005, integration of the Electronic Commercial Driver's License Testing System, and development of the division's Regional Office Plan, stating, "Every citizen in the state should have reasonable access to essential DMV services."

Commissioner Miller resides in Putnam County with his wife, Darleen S. Miller. He has five children, daughters; Jenny, Debbie, Susie, Heather (deceased), and one son, Mike.

Mr. Speaker, the State of West Virginia, and indeed, the United States of America owe Commissioner Joe E. Miller a debt of gratitude for his many years of honorable service.

34TH ANNUAL DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. MEMORIAL BREAKFAST

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 14, 2013

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, as we celebrate the birth of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and reflect on his life and work, we are reminded of the challenges that democracy poses to us and the delicate nature of liberty. Dr. King's life, and, unfortunately, his untimely death, reminds us that we must continually work to secure and protect our freedoms. Dr. King, in his courage to act, his willingness to meet challenges, and his ability to achieve, embodied all that is good and true in the battle for liberty.

The spirit of Dr. King lives on in the citizens of communities throughout our nation. It lives on in the people whose actions reflect the spirit of resolve and achievement that will help move our country into the future. I am honored to rise today to recognize several individuals from Indiana's First Congressional District, who will be recognized during the 34th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Breakfast on Saturday, January 19, 2013, at the Genesis Convention Center in Gary, Indiana. The Gary Frontiers Service Club, which was founded in 1952, sponsors this annual breakfast.

This year, the Gary Frontiers Service Club will pay tribute to local individuals who have for decades unselfishly contributed to improving the quality of life for the people of Gary. Notably, David D. Chube Sr., MD will be honored with the prestigious Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Drum Major Award for 2013. Additionally, several individuals will be recognized as Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Marchers at this year's breakfast including, Patricia Diana DeNeal, Elder Rozelle Hammonds, Pastor Dr. Marion J. Johnson Jr., Joseph Slay Jr., and Ann West-Walker. Finally, Ferba R. Hines was selected as the 2012 Yokefellow of the Year.

Though very different in nature, the achievements of each of these individuals reflect many of the same attributes that Dr. King possessed, as well as the values he advocated. Like Dr. King, these individuals saw challenges and faced them with unwavering strength and determination. Each one of the honored guests' greatness has been found in their willingness to serve with "a heart full of grace and a soul generated by love." They set goals and work selflessly to make them a reality.

Mr. Speaker, I urge you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in commending these honorees, as well as the Gary Frontiers Service Club officers, President Oliver J. Gilliam, Vice President Sean Jones, 1st Vice President James Piggee, Recording Secretary Linnal Ford, Financial Secretary Sam Frazier, Corresponding Secretary Ferba R. Hines, and Treasurer/Seventh District Director Floyd Donaldson, as well as Breakfast Chairman Clorius L. Lay, in addition to all other members of the service club for their initiative, determination, and dedication to serving the people of Northwest Indiana.