

RECOGNIZING RUSSELL J. SALVATORE AS EXECUTIVE OF THE YEAR

**HON. BRIAN HIGGINS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 21, 2013*

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Russell J. Salvatore as the Buffalo Niagara Sales & Marketing Executives' choice for their 2012 Executive of the Year. Russ is a talented businessman, food service visionary and generous philanthropist, who is truly inspired by his love of the people of Western New York.

From an early age, Russ saw the great potential for service through entrepreneurship through his father, Joseph Salvatore. Joseph owned Salvatore's Restaurant, a family eatery on Buffalo's East Side. Growing up his father's restaurant, Russ developed a passion for service, tireless work ethic, and an appreciation for the value of a warm meal.

Joseph passed the family business down to Russ and his brother in 1967. Shortly after, Russ pursued his own endeavors, purchasing a small hot dog stand on Transit Road and transforming it into Salvatore's Italian Gardens. For nearly forty years, Russ lived and breathed Salvatore's. His tireless work turned Salvatore's Italian Gardens into a renowned restaurant and banquet center, winner of countless awards and national recognition. By 1995, Salvatore's had become a destination in its own right, allowing Russ to open an attached hotel, Salvatore's Garden Palace. Russ truly enjoyed every aspect of his daily work, and although he signed over the business to his son Joseph in 2003, he remained closely involved until 2006, when he chose to retire.

Russ's passion for serving Western New York drew him out of retirement before long. He returned to work at age 75, opening Russell's Steaks, Chops, and More, in November 2008. Russell's quickly became one of our region's most prominent steakhouses. The month after, Russ opened Salvatore's Grand Hotel next to his new restaurant, creating another successful combination of a well-regarded hotel and fine dining establishment.

Russ's philanthropic efforts are as renowned as his business endeavors. He is a public supporter of countless charities, events, scholarships, and causes. To encourage students pursuing careers in food service and hospitality, he formed a partnership with Trocaire College to found the Russell J. Salvatore School of Hospitality and Business. Situated on a satellite campus next to his new steakhouse, students at the school gain concrete experience through internships at Russell's Steaks, Chops and More, and Salvatore's Grand Hotel.

In the wake of one of our region's most tragic days, Russ stepped in to aid heart-broken local families. On February 12, 2009, a passenger plane known as Flight 3407 crashed to the ground in Clarence Center, New York, killing all on board. To honor the fifty victims, Russ helped secure a memorial in Heroes and Patriots Park.

Perhaps one of Russ's most well-known gestures is his purchase of 10,000 Buffalo Bills tickets, which prevented a "black-out" of a home game in December 2012. Russ's investment allowed one of the season's last

games to be broadcast on local television. He donated nearly all 10,000 tickets to local organizations, patrons of his restaurant, and community members, to show his deep gratitude to the people of Western New York.

Mr. Speaker, thank you for allowing me the opportunity to recognize Mr. Russell Salvatore's great contributions and admirable generosity. Buffalo is nicknamed the "City of Good Neighbors," and Russ epitomizes this spirit. I congratulate him on the incredible honor of being named Executive of the Year, and I wish him continued fulfillment and the absolute best in all of his future endeavors.

HONORING MAINE MAPLE SUNDAY

**HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD**

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 21, 2013*

Mr. MICHAUD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join Maine's maple syrup producers in celebrating Maine Maple Sunday on March 24, 2013.

The history of maple syrup in Maine dates back to before the colonists first landed on our shores. Native American tribes from throughout the Northeast first developed the practice of drawing sugar and syrup from the sap of maple trees. Hundreds of years later, maple syrup remains a staple of Maine's economy and cultural heritage.

Maine Maple Sunday is always held on the fourth Sunday in March. Sugarhouses open their doors on this day to offer free samples and demonstrations to enthusiastic customers from all over the Northeast. Nurtured by Maine's unique soils and climate, the maple syrup on display during Maple Sunday is among the finest in the world.

I would like to extend a special thank you to Arnold and Elaine Luce of Anson, T.A. Greene of Sebago, the family of the late Linwood Foster of Skowhegan, John Hodgkins of Yarmouth, Robert Smith of Skowhegan, the family of the late Chester Basford of Fairfield, John and Eva Steeves of Skowhegan, and Pete Tracy of Farmington for their hard work in making Maine Maple Sunday possible. Their efforts are responsible for the successful continuation of one of Maine's oldest and proudest traditions.

Mr. Speaker, please join me again in congratulating Maine's maple syrup producers on putting together another Maine Maple Sunday.

HONORING WILLIAM "BILL" BLOIS SEAL

**HON. ALAN S. LOWENTHAL**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 21, 2013*

Mr. LOWENTHAL. Mr. Speaker, I have known Judge Seal for many years and have respected, appreciated and admired her leadership on education issues in my district.

It was with great sadness that I learned of the passing of her father William "Bill" Blois Seal—a native Long Beach son who bravely served his country in war and later served his community as an educator for more than four decades.

Bill was born at Seaside Hospital in 1924, attended schools in Long Beach and graduated from Wilson High School.

Enlisting in the Army in 1942, Bill's youthful hobby of pigeon ing led him to service as a Pigeoneer in the U.S. Army. Homing pigeons and their handlers served in all fronts of the war, often times providing communications when other means were not available or too unsecure.

Bill was in the fourth wave to land at Omaha Beach during the Normandy Invasion and wound up spending his 20th birthday just days later in a foxhole on the Allied beachhead. He later served through the push across France and fought in the Battle of the Bulge, the last major German offensive of the war.

Selected for officer training, Bill's tour in Europe was cut short as he was sent back to the States. The war ended before Bill could be re-deployed and he returned to Long Beach to continue his interrupted education.

He entered Long Beach City College, and then moved on to the University of Southern California where he earned both undergraduate and Master's degrees in education.

During this time, Bill married his high school sweetheart, Betty. They would remain married until her passing in 2011. They would go on to have three children: son Christopher and daughters Judy and Nancy.

As a young educator, Bill joined the Long Beach Unified School District, becoming part of the original faculty at both Stanford Junior High and Millikan High schools. His career eventually took him to back to Long Beach City College, where he had begun his higher education and where his own father had worked as a Dean.

At the end of his 43-year career in education, Bill had become a beloved figure in Long Beach, both for his educational work and for his work on behalf of Vietnam War veterans and the Cambodian community.

Bill passed away on March 15, 2013 at Long Beach Community Hospital in the arms of his beloved daughter, Judy.

THE KEYS TO LIFE: HONORING AN AMERICAN HERO, CORPORAL ADAM KEYS OF THE 618TH ENGINEER SUPPORT CO., THE UNITED STATES ARMY

**HON. CHARLES W. DENT**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 21, 2013*

Mr. DENT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor one of Pennsylvania's most heroic sons, Adam Keys of the United States Army, 618th Engineer Combat Team. On July 14, 2010, while on patrol in his vehicle, a thousand pound IED went off, killing four of Adam's Brothers in Arms, including his best friend Jesse Reed. Adam and Jesse were close friends at White High School and joined the Army together. Close to death, miraculously Adam survived to begin his new battle. Adam lost his legs and an arm in this horrific attack. I have spent time with Adam and his mother, Julie Keys, on a number of occasions. Adam's bravery and Mrs. Keys' strength go unmatched. This poem, "The Keys to Life," authored by Mr. Bert Caswell—a tireless and devoted advocate for our wounded warriors—is

in honor of Adam's courageous sacrifice for our nation and the inspiration he offers to his family, friends, and those he meets along his journey today.

#### THE KEYS TO LIFE

Along the road of life. . .  
 There are some Keys to so realize. . .  
 That which, we should all so live by!  
 Up which rise so very high,  
 up above all else which now so lies!  
 Where, faith and honor. . .  
 but so touch the sky!  
 That which so determines,  
 who we are as realized!  
 When, who so lives and so dies!  
 All in these the short moments of our  
 lives. . .  
 All in that most magnificent code,  
 that which we should all so live by. . .  
 A code of honor,  
 that which so makes even the Angels cry!  
 That all in our stead,  
 so determines if we have so followed or led!  
 And so left behind!  
 When, to this world we say goodbye. . .  
 For The Greatest Things of All,  
 we find in hearts of courage full who come to  
 call!  
 Who so serve our country armed with words  
 like,  
 Strength In Honor, Faith and Courage. . .  
 who all in the darkest nights will not so be  
 discouraged. . .  
 With words like Duty, Country, and God,  
 which so ranks the highest of them all. . .  
 As The Key To Life is so found,  
 all in a heart of faith which now so astound!  
 So very deep down,  
 inside of one's soul that which comes to  
 call. . .  
 All in your most splendid life,  
 as Adam we have so saw. . .  
 Which brings such tears,  
 to even the Angel's eyes which now fall. . .  
 That gives one the strength to so coura-  
 geously stand tall!  
 While, all those darkest of all nights of all!  
 As we so see Adam's fine heart so come to  
 call!  
 But, to wear that uniform. . .  
 of The United States Army,  
 and march off to war with hearts of courage  
 warm. . .  
 To so face of death,  
 but For The Greater Good all in a Heroes  
 quest!  
 All in your most heroic sheen,  
 To But Be The Best!  
 And Adam,  
 when in that moment of truth,  
 as there you were so close to death!  
 As your fine life hung by just a thread. . .  
 As four of your Brothers In Arms,  
 now beside you so heroically lie dead!  
 And you so saw,  
 what this war had done. . .  
 and you so began to cry for your lost loved  
 ones. . .  
 As it was all in that moment of truth,  
 as when you so gallantly denied death!  
 As your fine heart so chose to fight,  
 to rise up with not much left!  
 As you so dug deep down inside,  
 and so reached for the skies!  
 But, to Live or Die?  
 As somehow,  
 you so found that faith and courage to so  
 survive!  
 As Pennsylvania's Pride,  
 as you so wiped away all of those tears from  
 your eyes!  
 And you so began your new battle cry!  
 As all out on your road to recovery,  
 as you so passed them all so by!  
 As somehow we must catch up to you,  
 so try!  
 For it's all within your great heart of faith,

that you found the way. . .  
 But where The Key's To Life So Lie!  
 As you so unlocked all of that heartache and  
 pain,  
 and would not compromise!  
 As your fine heart got up,  
 and so began to rise!  
 And for all of your fallen Brothers In Arms,  
 you so carry with you now inside!  
 As you so honor them all in this way,  
 all in what your most courageous life now  
 portrays!  
 As you are Army Strong in every way!  
 Hoo. . . ah. . . as you so rebuild your life day  
 after day!  
 For a heart can take us to places,  
 to where dreams are so made this!  
 Can so help us to win wars,  
 and bring us back from the dead as the world  
 we so amaze!  
 Even without legs, and arms. . .  
 can help us walk again and hold the world in  
 our arms this day!  
 For Adam they may take your strong arm  
 and legs!  
 But, they can not so touch Adam,  
 what's within your fine heart of faith so  
 armed!  
 Because, Adam you are Army Strong!  
 And your fine life is but a song,  
 a song of character and faith to us which  
 now belongs. . .  
 With The Keys To Life to keep us strong!  
 So we better start running,  
 if we want to catch up to you!  
 Because, some people are put upon this  
 earth. . .  
 To So Teach and So Beseech Us All In Their  
 Great Worth!  
 So surely Adam,  
 as you have so shown us all what so truly  
 comes first!  
 And your fine Mother,  
 who through thick and thin stood. . .  
 Has so stood by you in the very worst!  
 And helped you with your rebirth!  
 For these are The Keys To Life,  
 chapter and verse!  
 And if ever I have a son,  
 I wish he could be as courageous as this one!  
 Who with his fine heart of gold,  
 so shines like the morning sun,  
 for all of us to so behold!  
 Because Adam,  
 all in what your fine life is about. . .  
 Are also found the keys to Heaven no doubt!  
 As you have so bravely shown us all,  
 how to so live with and without!  
 But, up in Heaven. . .  
 you need not arms nor legs. . .  
 And Adam my son,  
 that's where you're going one fine day. . .  
 Up with our Lord where you will run. . .  
 For you have so shone us all,  
 The Keys to Life,  
 my son!

#### RECOGNIZING DR. WILLIAM J. MCKINNEY

#### HON. JACK KINGSTON

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 21, 2013*

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Dr. William McKinney, a nationally recognized teacher, scholar, and academic leader, on his appointment as the 9th President of Valdosta State University and to wish him luck during his inaugural week.

Dr. McKinney earned a Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering and a Bachelor of Arts in History from Bucknell University and

both a Master of Arts in History and Philosophy and a Ph.D. at Indiana University-Bloomington. Prior to his appointment as Valdosta State University President, Dr. McKinney served as the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs at Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne, as the Chairperson of Philosophy and Religion at Southeast Missouri State, and as Dean of the College of Humanities, Fine and Performing Arts at Slippery Rock University in Pennsylvania.

As a lifelong supporter of a liberal arts education, Dr. McKinney has published well over 100 papers, book chapters, and reviews on everything from environmental ethics to civic engagement. I know he will be an asset to the Valdosta State University Campus. I am proud to have him representing Valdosta State University and my home state. Congratulations, again, to Dr. McKinney. I look forward to working with him in the years to come.

#### HONORING THE CAREER OF CAPTAIN JOHN DEMARCO

#### HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 21, 2013*

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the extraordinary career of Captain John DeMarco, upon the occasion of his retirement from the Niagara Falls Police Department.

A third-generation police officer, Captain DeMarco has a proud family legacy of public service. His grandfather was well-known as a Niagara Falls motorcycle cop. His father was a chief in the New York State Park Police, serving for forty years. His brother, Bob, will remain active in the Niagara Falls Police force as a Juvenile Detective.

Prior to his career in the Niagara Falls Police Department, Captain DeMarco pursued higher education, earning a degree from Niagara University in 1972. After graduation, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps, honorably serving our nation for twelve years.

Upon returning home to Niagara Falls, Captain DeMarco earned a place in the police department's patrol unit. He rose through the ranks, becoming a patrol lieutenant, then a deputy to Superintendent Christopher Carlin in 2000. When Superintendent Carlin left for active military duty from November 2001 to October 2002, he entrusted Captain DeMarco to serve as acting police superintendent, a role he continued to serve under Carlin's successor, John Chella.

As an officer, Captain DeMarco understood and revered the police department's immense responsibility to protect their neighbors. He sought to build trusting relationships with community members, working in conjunction to create a safer Niagara Falls. Active within the community himself, he is a founding member of the Niagara Falls Law Enforcement Foundation and continues to serve on the Niagara Police Athletic League.

Captain DeMarco served Niagara Falls with great pride and bravery. On February 7, 2009, two fellow officers, Walter Nichols Jr. and Michael D. Bird, were shot on South Avenue. The police force united, performing at their