

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING J. GUADALUPE
VALTIERRA

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 22, 2013

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I stand before you today to honor J. Guadalupe Valtierra and to wish him well upon his retirement from his position as Chancellor at Ivy Tech Community College. Chancellor Valtierra's many years of service and expertise in the field of education have been a remarkable asset to the community of Northwest Indiana, where he has been able to positively impact the lives of countless students and educators. In honor of his retirement, a reception will be held on Wednesday, January 23, 2013 at Avalon Manor in Merrillville, Indiana.

J. Guadalupe Valtierra's professional career began with his passion for education and learning. Following his graduation from Purdue University, Lupe went on to earn a law degree, followed by a master's degree in higher education and student affairs, both from Indiana University. Chancellor Valtierra's career with Ivy Tech Community College spans seventeen years. Prior to becoming chancellor, he served as Director of Student Services. In 2002, Mr. Valtierra became chancellor of the college's Northwest region, which includes the campuses located in Gary, East Chicago, Valparaiso, and Michigan City. In this position, Chancellor Valtierra has been a true leader, supervising and directing the administrative and fiscal operations for the Northwest Region. Under his direction, enrollment in Ivy Tech's Northwest Region grew by more than seventy percent, and today there are more than 16,000 students enrolled in classes. In 2006, the new Valparaiso Ivy Tech campus opened. Chancellor Valtierra oversaw the completion of this project, which included a tremendously successful capital campaign that raised \$3.9 million. During his tenure, the Gerald I. Lamkin Innovation and Entrepreneurship Center, which manages the Society of Innovators and the Dare to Dream Initiative, was also launched. These programs have been a tremendous benefit to the community of Northwest Indiana, fostering a culture of innovation, which is so crucial in today's ever-changing economy.

Additionally, Lupe has selflessly given of his time through his involvement in various organizations and civic activities, including H.O.P.E.—Hispanic Organization Promoting Excellence, the Lake County Good Government Initiative, the Quality of Life Council, Catholic Charities, the Gary Educational Development Foundation Board, the Salvation Army, and the Northwest Indiana Local Government Academy Advisory Board, among many others. For his service and dedication to serving his community, Lupe is to be commended.

Mr. Valtierra's commitment to education and to the community of Northwest Indiana is ex-

ceeded only by his devotion to his amazing family. He and his wonderful wife, Teresa, have one daughter, Adriana.

Today, there are countless citizens throughout Northwest Indiana and beyond whose lives are fuller because of Chancellor Valtierra's life of dedicated public service. They have been educated when otherwise they might not have been. They have fuller careers and loves. I am grateful for Lupe's selflessness, as well as for his friendship.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in commending Chancellor J. Guadalupe Valtierra for his lifetime of leadership, service, and dedication to Ivy Tech and to the field of education. For his uncompromising devotion to his students and his community, Chancellor Valtierra is worthy of the highest praise, and I ask that you join me in wishing him well upon his retirement.

RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE AMSOIL WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP SNOWMOBILE DERBY IN EAGLE RIVER, WISCONSIN

HON. SEAN P. DUFFY

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 22, 2013

Mr. DUFFY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 50th Anniversary of the Amsoil World Championship Snowmobile Derby on Sunday, January 20, 2013, in Eagle River, Wisconsin.

Fifty years ago, the sport of snowmobiling had just begun. Today, the sport has a national economic impact of \$24 billion with an additional international economic impact of \$13 billion. Over 100,000 full-time jobs in North America are generated by the snowmobile industry. These American jobs include jobs in manufacturing, sales, and tourism-related services.

I am proud to have a snowmobile manufacturer with facilities located in Wisconsin's Seventh Congressional District. Polaris Industries, Inc. manufactures and distributes quality snowmobiles, among other high-performance motorized products. This employee owned company is just one example of the positive impacts the snowmobile industry has on our economy.

The history of snowmobiling started in Vilas County, 40 years before the very first snowmobile race took place. In fact, Carl Eliason of Sawyer, Wisconsin, invented the first snowmobile, which was a snow toboggan, with skis and a track to drive the machine over the snow. By 1964, John and Betty Alward in Eagle River, along with Walter Goldsworthy of nearby Three Lakes, WI, gave the winter economy a boost with the sport of snowmobile racing. The initial news release called this the "World's First Snowmobile Derby," which at the time, was an entirely new concept in win-

ter sports celebrations. Between 2,000 and 3,000 people attended that event in 1964. Today, the World Championship attracts over 30,000.

I am thankful for those who envisioned the snowmobile derby and for those who have made this event an incredible success. Snowmobiling is an important part of Wisconsin's heritage and I ask my colleagues to join me in extending my congratulations on the 50th Anniversary of the Amsoil World Championship Snowmobile Derby in Eagle River, WI.

IN HONOR OF SANDRA FABER

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 22, 2013

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Sandra Faber, a University of California, Santa Cruz Professor, who has been selected by the White House to receive the National Medal of Science for her inspiring contributions to the fields of astronomy and astrophysics. Sandra is not only an exceptional and passionate educator; she is an innovative and dedicated scientist.

Sandra is an observational astronomer who specializes in research on cosmology and galaxy formation. She has co-authored nearly 250 scientific papers, which have been cited over 37,000 times. Sandra is currently leading the CANDELS project, the largest project in the history of the Hubble Space Telescope. Her team is making revolutionary discoveries on cosmic evolution and is working to give scientists a view of galaxy formation nearly back to the Big Bang.

A member of the National Academy of Sciences, American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and the American Philosophical Society, Sandra has received many additional awards and honors for her scientific achievements. In 2009, she received the Franklin Institute's Bower Award and Prize for Achievement in Science. In the past year, she was recognized with two lifetime achievement awards, the Bruce Medal of the Astronomical Society of the Pacific, and the Russell Prize of the American Astronomical Society.

Sandra is thrilled to be one of 12 recipients of the National Medal of Science and wants to express her gratitude to the University of Santa Cruz and University of California Observatories. She recognizes that without the collaboration of her fellow scientists and the world class equipment provided by these institutions, her amazing contributions would not have been possible.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to rise today to honor Sandra Faber for her outstanding commitment and dedication to higher education and the scientific community.

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HONORING THE HONOREES OF THE
ANDROSCOGGIN COUNTY CHAM-
BER OF COMMERCE AWARDS

HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 22, 2013

Mr. MICHAUD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Honorees of the 2013 Androscoggin County Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet Dinner. The Androscoggin County Chamber of Commerce serves the people and business community of the greater Lewiston/Auburn area, working hard to strengthen economic opportunity throughout the region and the State.

Each year, the Androscoggin Chamber of Commerce recognizes local businesses, business leaders, and individuals who promote and advance a vital and healthy business environment. These individuals and businesses are committed to strengthening opportunity and prosperity in Maine.

This year's award recipients include Barbara Dagley of Carbonite Inc., recipient of Business Leadership Award for a Larger Company; Kurk Lalemand of Next Level Business Coaching and John Stass of Katandin Furniture, recipients of the Business Leadership Awards for Smaller Companies; Larry Raymond of Issacson and Raymond, recipient of the Ray Geiger Award; Rita Dube, Julia Sleeper and Kim Pelletier, recipients of the Community Service Leadership Awards; Rick Jones of Jones Associates, recipient of the Poland Business Award; Nick Benoit of Benoit's Bakery and Wine Cellar, recipient of the Lisbon Business Award; Nancy Ricker of Ricker Hill Orchards, recipient of the Turner Business Award; Russ Barlow, Principal of the Franklin Alternative School in Auburn is the recipient of the Education Award; Sherry Spencer of Proctor and Gamble—Tambrands, recipient of the "Cool Chamber Award;" Dick Roy of Mechanics Savings Bank, recipient of the Ken Addition Small Business Advocate Award; Kim Jacques of Revelation Massage, recipient of the 2013 New Member of the Year Award; and Susan Hall of The Vault and Kevin Dean and Emil Clavet of Electricity Maine, recipients of the President's Award.

These recipients are among the best that Maine has to offer. Through their leadership and incredible commitment to their communities and the region, Maine is a better place to live and do business.

Mr. Speaker, please join me again in congratulating the Androscoggin Chamber of Commerce and these individuals on their outstanding service and achievement.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 22, 2013

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, on Friday, January 4, 2013, I was unable to be present for a recorded vote. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on rollcall vote No. 7 (on the motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 41).

IN RECOGNITION OF E. JOHN
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HON. RICHARD E. NEAL

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 22, 2013

Mr. NEAL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Public Safety Commissioner E. John Morocco for 46 years of service to the City of North Adams, Massachusetts. Commissioner Morocco, in a career spanning over four decades, has been an instrumental member of the leadership within the city's and throughout Berkshire County's law enforcement duties. It is the dedication Commissioner Morocco has had to his job and to the people that has made North Adams, Massachusetts a safer place to live and to call "home."

Throughout his tenure with the North Adams Police Department, Commissioner Morocco has held various roles over the years. Notable titles include being appointed Detective in 1986, Lieutenant in 1994 and his retiring title of Commissioner in 1996. Commissioner Morocco also served as one of the founding members of the Berkshire County Drug Task Force and is also a past President of the New England Narcotic Enforcement Officers Association.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Commissioner Morocco on his achievements and thanking him for his contribution and dedication to the citizens and City of North Adams, Massachusetts.

BLACK JANUARY

HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 22, 2013

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, as the Co-Chairman of the Congressional Azerbaijan Caucus, I rise today to join with the people of Azerbaijan to commemorate the tragic events of "Black January."

On January 19, 1990, approximately 26,000 Soviet troops stormed Azerbaijan's capital city of Baku in tanks and armored vehicles. That night, the Soviet military opened indiscriminate fire on peaceful demonstrators, including women and children. As a result of these merciless acts 131 people were killed, 611 were injured, 841 were arrested, and 5 went missing.

The Human Rights Watch report "Black January in Azerbaijan" states that "among the most heinous violations of human rights during the Baku incursion were the numerous attacks on medical personnel, ambulances, and even hospitals." The report concludes that the violence used by the Soviet Army constituted an exercise in collective punishment and that the punishment inflicted on Baku by Soviet soldiers may have been intended as a warning to nationalists, not only in Azerbaijan, but in other Republics of the Soviet Union.

Far from crushing the spirit of Azeris, the atrocities of Black January instead consolidated the rising independence movements in the country and united the Azerbaijani nation in its quest for freedom. After 23 years Azerbaijan represents a flourishing country where democratic aspirations of Azerbaijani people

have been materialized as they continue diplomatic relations with the United States.

It is my honor to thank the Azerbaijani people for their friendship and to offer my thoughts and prayers to the families of those who gave their lives for the independence of Azerbaijan. I encourage my colleagues to visit the very moving memorial to Black January in Baku that honors the memories of those killed in these attacks by the Soviet military and to join with me today in standing with Azerbaijanis as they commemorate this tragedy.

TRIBUTE TO UMATILLA COUNTY
SHERIFF JOHN TRUMBO

HON. GREG WALDEN

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 22, 2013

Mr. WALDEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to Umatilla County Sheriff John Trumbo. Sheriff Trumbo retired on January 1, 2013 after a career in law enforcement that dates back to 1973. Since he moved to Pendleton, Oregon in 1977, Sheriff Trumbo has dedicated over thirty-five years of service to the citizens of Umatilla County.

Born and raised in Oregon's Willamette Valley, John learned how to work hard in the family business and later as a crane "high flyer". His love for police service began in 1972 when he joined the Benton County Sheriff's office "Ride Along" program. A year later John became a reserve officer, serving Benton County, Oregon for nearly four years. During this time he joined his colleagues in Benton County who traveled to Pendleton, Oregon and lent a hand with security for the world famous Pendleton Round-Up and Happy Canyon Pageantry Show. Because of these connections and his work, John was offered a job by the Umatilla County Sheriff.

John took the Sheriff up on this invitation and in 1977 moved to Pendleton, an eastern Oregon wheat ranch and rodeo community which he and his wife Carol never left. His wife Carol, an accomplished school teacher in her own right, was there helping John raise their two sons Nick and Michael who now have blessed them with two loving grandchildren, Presley and Cade. Recently Cade was asked to write about a hero in school and chose his "good grandpa the Sheriff" who would be there "just in case anyone is a criminal."

For nearly twenty years John served in various roles in the Umatilla County Sheriff's office, officer in the jail, having the first K-9 unit, Sergeant, Lieutenant, Captain and Under-Sheriff. In 1997, John was sworn in and began his first of sixteen years of service as Umatilla County Sheriff. Always known for his honest and straightforward approach, Sheriff Trumbo was requested and volunteered to participate in many local and state boards, task forces, and councils, including the Governor's Methamphetamine Task Force and the advisory board for Blue Mountain Community College's criminal justice program. He also served as President of the Oregon State Sheriffs Association.

Sheriff Trumbo also implemented programs to aid the citizen of Umatilla County and the region. He organized the nationally recognized