

IN RECOGNITION OF 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF UNION DAIRY IN FREEPORT, ILLINOIS

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 10, 2014

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Union Dairy of Freeport, Illinois, on the occasion of their 100th Anniversary.

Union Dairy started as a partnership between Albert J. Hill and Conrad F. Kaiser who had been delivering milk to customers across town. They began producing ice cream in 1934. Many of their original flavors were created by their early employees, including Orange Pudding, which is still a favorite today.

Over the past 100 years, Union Dairy has excelled at providing good old fashioned American treats and delights to its loyal customers. They still offer classic ice cream soda, a traditional treat that you don't see every day. Over its history, Union Dairy has produced as much as one hundred thousand gallons of ice cream in a year, and sold as much as six hundred gallons of ice cream per week.

Today, Union Dairy, in addition to their long-established offerings, also prepares standard fare that is anything but. With a focus on local ingredients, they serve hamburgers ground fresh daily from a local family owned butcher shop and Freeport's own Mrs. Mikes potato chips.

Mr. Speaker, I again want to recognize Union Dairy on this notable event, and am glad that places like this exist, helping to bring smiles to faces of people throughout our community.

HONORING THE DEDICATED SERVICE OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL CHARLES R. "C.R." DAVIS

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 10, 2014

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Lieutenant General Charles R. "C.R." Davis upon the occasion of his retirement after 35 years of honorable service to our great Nation in the United States Air Force.

A native of Spartanburg, South Carolina, General Davis' career in the Air Force began in 1979 after receiving his commission through the Air Force Academy. Throughout his decorated career and myriad assignments ranging from flying test aircraft to setting acquisition plans and policy, General Davis' commitment to service never wavered. As a testament to his dedication, General Davis was a distinguished graduate from every school he attended, as well as a First Assignment Instructor Pilot. As all great leaders do, General Davis led from the front by setting the example that others should follow.

In his final assignment as the Military Deputy to the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition, General Davis was responsible for the research and development, test, production, and modernization of all Air Force programs, an annual combined worth of \$40 billion. Other career highlights include Senior

Acquisition Executive for the Air Force, where he was responsible for the award of over 260 major contracts that directly preserved and enhanced over 250 mobility, fighter/attack, bomber, and other weapons systems and Commander, Air Armament Center and the Air Force Program Executive Officer for Weapons, Air Force Material Command at Eglin Air Force Base in my district, where he oversaw the development, acquisition, testing, deployment and sustainment of all air-delivered weapons.

Having flown over 3,400 hours in 53 different types of aircraft, General Davis has either been protecting our Nation's skies in fighter jets or ensuring that our Nation's skies remain protected by testing or procuring our Nation's latest technology. While he has had to make tough decisions to achieve cost savings, he also contributed to the Secretary of Defense's initiative to rebuild the acquisition workforce, resulting in 1,465 new positions. Whether instructor pilot, fighter pilot, test pilot, squadron commander, system program office director, wing commander, program executive officer, or center commander, General Davis always exemplified the Air Force core value of exuding excellence in everything he did.

Mr. Speaker, General Davis leaves a legacy of integrity, selfless service, and an excellence that is unparalleled. He consistently conducted himself in a professional manner, which brought great credit upon himself and the United States Air Force. His exemplary character and years of service has helped shape Air Force acquisitions, while ensuring the tip of the spear is always sharp and that our Nation's Air Force was equipped to remain the greatest in the world. Without question, he concludes a career of which he and his family can be very proud. On behalf of the entire United States Congress, it is a privilege to honor the career and service of Lieutenant General C.R. Davis. My wife Vicki and I congratulate him and wish him, his wife Susan, and their family all the best.

CONGRATULATING MARTHA HERRON ON HER RETIREMENT FROM PPL

HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 10, 2014

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize and congratulate Martha Herron on the occasion of her retirement as Regional Director of the PPL Corporation. In her remarkable 47 year career with PPL, Ms. Herron has had a profound impact on both the company, and the greater Hazleton community through her assiduous service and leadership.

Initially unable to afford college, Ms. Herron worked at a textile factory and saved money so that she could enroll in business school, eventually earning a certificate that ultimately helped her get her first job in 1967 as a clerk at PPL, then known as the Pennsylvania Power and Light Co. Through hard work and dedication, she rose through the ranks to become the regional affairs director in 1995, a position she has held to this day.

When Ms. Herron began her career, she found a professional environment that was not sympathetic to females with few women avail-

able to serve as mentors. The decision to fill this void lead Ms. Herron to begin her legacy of helping other women develop professionally by providing the needed resources to foster growth and development. She challenged and successfully changed PPL's policy of requiring expecting mothers to resign and then reapply, and also served as a founding member of the PPL Women's Network, a group dedicated to assisting developing women in a competitive work environment in order to reach their highest potential.

As a result of her efforts, Ms. Herron received the Woman of the Year Award by Soptimist International, was named on the list of "Who's Who of American Women," and was recognized as one of Pennsylvania's "50 Best Women in Business." As well as helping women throughout the Hazleton area, Ms. Herron has volunteered countless hours and resources to multiple organizations such as the Community Area New Development Organization (CAN DO), the Greater Hazleton United Way, the Greater Hazleton Chamber of Commerce, and Volunteers of America. In her role with PPL, Ms. Herron has had the opportunity to work with colleagues throughout the 29 counties that PPL served. Through that exposure, she was able to bring back ideas and programs to Hazleton, creating groups such as Leadership Hazleton, an organization modeled after Leadership Wilkes-Barre and dedicated to training volunteers to serve area nonprofits. I can personally attest to Ms. Herron's dedication to bettering Hazleton. During my time as mayor of Hazleton, Ms. Herron was always a willing and helpful resource to my office.

Mr. Speaker, on the occasion of her retirement, I commend Martha Herron for her years of service to PPL and to our community. I know that she looks forward to spending time with her family and friends, including her husband, Terrance, her son and his wife, Terry and Kelly, and her grandsons TJ and Jack. I thank her for all that she has done and continues to do for Northeastern Pennsylvania and wish her the best in her future endeavors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DONNA F. EDWARDS

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 10, 2014

Ms. EDWARDS. Mr. Speaker, due to Maryland's Federal Primary Election day being Tuesday, June 24, 2014, I was absent from votes in the House, and instead in my Congressional District in Maryland. I, therefore, missed rollcall votes 341 and 350-354. Had I been present, I would have voted:

"Nay" on rollcall No. 341 (H. Res. 636, the rule providing for consideration of H.R. 6, the Domestic Prosperity and Global Freedom Act, and H.R. 3301, the North American Energy Infrastructure Act);

"Aye" on rollcall No. 350 (Pallone amendment);

"Aye" on rollcall No. 351 (Waxman amendment);

"Aye" on rollcall No. 352 (Welch amendment);

"Aye" on rollcall No. 353 (Motion to recommit H.R. 3301, the North American Energy Infrastructure Act); and

"Nay" on rollcall No. 354 (Final passage of H.R. 3301).

SUPPORTING KNOWLEDGE AND INVESTING IN LIFELONG SKILLS ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 9, 2014

Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H.R. 803, the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act. I supported this legislation when it first passed the House last March, and I'm proud to stand here today as we vote to send to the President a bipartisan, bicameral agreement that will reform the nation's broken job training system and help put Americans back to work.

This legislation makes the necessary reforms to make our job training programs more efficient and effective. The bill empowers local boards to customize the services they provide to better reflect their region's employment and workforce needs and aligns workforce training and development programs with the needs of the local economy and education level of applicants.

Equally important, H.R. 803 takes important steps to ensure that Americans with disabilities have both the opportunity to develop the skills they need to succeed and have access to competitive and integrated workplaces. Too often, we overlook the fact that Americans with disabilities experience an unemployment rate that is double that of able-bodied Americans. More troubling is the fact that most of these Americans want to work and have the ability to work but don't have the opportunity. This bill starts to change the status quo. But, we can do more to empower all individuals with disabilities to fulfill their potential just like every American.

Finally, I would like to thank Chairman KLINE for his good work on this and all disability issues.

RECOGNIZING NEW TRAVELING EXHIBITION—NATIVE VOICES: NATIVE PEOPLES' CONCEPTS OF HEALTH AND ILLNESS

HON. TOM COLE

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 10, 2014

Mr. COLE. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize a new interactive exhibition, Native Voices: Native Peoples' Concepts of Health and Illness. This new exhibition, which examines concepts of health and medicine among contemporary American Indians, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians, will start to travel on August 26, 2014, throughout the United States and is scheduled to open in Oklahoma, a state with a rich Native American heritage that I have the privilege to represent.

Native Voices, developed by the National Library of Medicine, part of the National Institutes of Health, explores the connection between wellness, illness, and cultural life through a combination of interviews with Na-

tive people, artwork, objects, and interactive media.

The National Library of Medicine has a history of working with Native communities as part of the library's commitment to make health information resources accessible to people no matter where they live or work. The Native Voices exhibition concept grew out of meetings with Native leaders across the country.

According to the Library's Director, Donald A.B. Lindberg, MD, the exhibition honors the Native tradition of oral history and establishes a unique collection of information that visitors will find both educational and inspirational.

Topics featured in the exhibition include: Native views of land, food, community, earth/nature, and spirituality as they relate to Native health. It also highlights the relationship between traditional healing and Western medicine in Native communities as well as economic and cultural issues that affect the health of Native communities. Other efforts by Native communities to improve health conditions is included as well. The exhibition also touches on the role of Native Americans in military service and healing support for returning Native veterans.

To make the Native Voices exhibition accessible to people even if they cannot visit it when it comes to a nearby community, there is an online version of the exhibition at www.nlm.nih.gov/nativevoices and a free iPad App available through iTunes.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. XAVIER BECERRA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 10, 2014

Mr. BECERRA. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and missed rollcall vote Nos. 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, and 367. If present, I would have voted "yes" on rollcall vote Nos. 362, 363, 364, 366, and 367, and "no" on rollcall vote No. 365.

HONORING RICK LEONARD

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 10, 2014

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Rick Leonard of Winchester, Virginia, who has served as superintendent of Winchester Public Schools since 2009. Mr. Leonard retired from his post at the end of June after 34 years of service to the school system.

After graduating from James Madison University in 1980, Rick began his teaching career when he accepted a job teaching biology at Handley High School. During his time at Handley, he served as a coach, assistant principal and principal of the school.

Mr. Leonard worked his way to superintendent of Winchester Public Schools, assuming this role on July 1, 2009. He held that post until his retirement last month. It's my understanding that he hopes to enjoy some personal time before returning to teach in higher education or run a small business.

I am pleased to submit the following article from The Winchester Star on Mr. Leonard's retirement and I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating him for many years of distinguished service to our nation's youth.

[From the Winchester Star, June 27, 2014]

RETIRING CITY SCHOOLS LEADER CREDITS MENTORS

(By Rebecca Layne)

WINCHESTER.—During an Army exercise in 1991, Rick Leonard and George Craig discussed their futures while leaning on the hood of a jeep.

A biology teacher in the Winchester Public Schools, Leonard was in the interview process to become the assistant principal at Handley High School.

But could he hold down the new job and remain in the Virginia Army National Guard? Craig, now a coordinator of curriculum and instruction in the city school system, thought his friend could do it.

Leonard, however, chose to focus his sole attention on one task.

"If he was going to be the assistant principal, they were going to get everything he had," Craig said. "He had a very, very promising career in the Army. But he chose schools. He wanted to give the schools all of his time."

Leonard, 56, stuck to his promise, and more than 20 years after that conversation, he will retire at the end of the month as the division's superintendent, a job he held for five years.

Despite the hefty title, Leonard said, he has never left the classroom.

"I'm retiring as a public school teacher," he said. "I'm still an educator. I'm a teacher for other adults who work directly or indirectly with students, parents and the community."

Leonard started his stint in the classroom when he was a senior at Warren County High School and took on the role of night custodian.

From there, he went on to the College of William and Mary and later transferred to James Madison University, where he was team captain and an academic All-American in football.

He graduated in 1980 with a bachelor's degree in biology and became a part-time military officer in the Army National Guard.

Also that year, he was hired as a biology teacher at Handley and through the years has served as a teacher, a coach, an assistant principal and a principal—all in the Winchester Public Schools. He has held his superintendent post since July 1, 2009.

"You can always rely on Rick to give a straightforward, honest, thoughtful answer to whatever you're working on," Craig said. "I don't know if I've ever seen Rick not smiling and not positive and enthusiastic about what we're doing. When he leaves [your desk], you're a better person. It's been a good conversation and you know things will be OK."

Leonard said his biggest accomplishments are the successes of the students and the "highly qualified and compassionate" teachers and staff members who guided the division through a lack of adequate funding, an increase in testing rigor, a more diverse student population and increasing poverty rates—a "perfect storm of challenges."

"We were still able to weather the worst recession since the Great Depression of the '30s with a rich curriculum, high standards and schools meeting state and federal requirements," he said.

Leonard also had a role in getting the new \$20 million John Kerr Elementary School project off the ground (it is scheduled to open in fall 2016), along with improving recruitment strategies to attract teachers; expanding the Career and Technical Education