

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

REMEMBERING ANTONETTE “TONI” LANDOLFI

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 17, 2014

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember and honor the exemplary life of Antonette “Toni” Landolfi, 85, of Niles, who passed away peacefully earlier this year with her son and daughter by her side.

She was a member of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church in Niles, a founder of the Tri-County Association of Nursing Home Social Workers, past President of the American Committee on Italian Migration, and an active member of the local Democratic Party, among many other community organizations.

Toni was honored numerous times for her outstanding service, including her work with the Diocese of Youngstown. For her work in Democratic politics she received the Joseph A. Marino Democrat of the Year Award. She was recognized for her community activism by the Ohio House of Representatives for her dedication to Shepherd of the Valley and she received the Carmen DeChristofaro Service Award for all she did to better the lives of the people of Niles.

Toni enjoyed entertaining and hosting gatherings at her home and backyard pool where she took great pleasure in feeding and serving all who visited.

Preceded in death by her husband Gregory A. Landolfi, Toni will be deeply missed by her daughter Jennie Louise Landolfi of Niles, her son Attorney John Louis Landolfi, his wife Christina and her three grandsons, Johnny, Dante and Marco Landolfi of Columbus, her siblings Pete Cervone of Austintown, Pat Bonanno and Rose (Dominic) Sarno of Niles, her sisters-in-law Rose Raschilla of Youngstown and Mary Jane (Jim) Botsko of Gallatin, TN, many nieces and nephews and her beloved neighbors.

Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pride to honor the life of Toni Landolfi. I will always remember the tremendous support she provided to me throughout my career. She had class and lived with a deep and abiding faith and an amazing Grace. I extend my most sincere condolences to Toni’s entire family. Her contributions to this community will not be forgotten. Northeast Ohio is a better place because of her service and her life.

IN MEMORY OF RON FLORIAN

HON. TOM McCLINTOCK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. McCLINTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of former Mayor of Truckee, California, Ron Florian.

Mayor Florian’s career as a public servant was forged out of love for his community. He was born in Sacramento and moved to Truckee in 1992 to follow in his father’s footsteps as a grocer. Mayor Florian’s work as President of the Truckee Rotary is worthy of note; through his membership in the Rotary Club, Ron gained access to a new way to serve those around him. While he cared deeply about these activities, they did not define him. Ron was a man characterized by an energetic spirit, quick wit, and a boundless capacity for generosity.

Ron Florian took his commitment to service further when he served two terms on the Truckee Town Council and two terms as Mayor. During his time on the Council, Ron proved instrumental in establishing the Truckee Police Department and constructing the Highway 267 Bypass. He consistently worked to make Truckee safer, stronger, and more united. Ron understood what it means to be a part of a community bigger than oneself.

Mayor Florian enjoyed doing the people’s work and loved working side by side with the citizens of Truckee. Even in the instance that he and his colleagues disagreed, Ron considered them friends rather than adversaries. While he received numerous accolades, Ron consistently attributed the accomplishments to his staff, who he believed deserved credit for all the heavy lifting. He loved and valued them, just as he loved and valued the town they all served together. Ron’s grace, wit, and sense of humor will surely be missed.

Ron and his lovely wife, Patti, fulfilled their dream of owning a business together when Florian’s Fine Wines & Specialty Foods opened its doors in 1999. Through his business, Ron continued to serve and unite the town of Truckee, with Florian’s becoming a local meeting place.

One of Ron’s greatest gifts was his commitment to shaping the next generation. Ron’s legacy lives on in the lives that he touched, and it is my privilege to rise in recognition of his many achievements and contributions to Truckee.

HONORING SPC WALTER WINN, WOUNDED WARRIOR OF THE YEAR

HON. RENEE L. ELLMERS

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 17, 2014

Mrs. ELLMERS. Mr. Speaker, today it is my honor and privilege to recognize a true American hero, SPC Walter Winn. SPC Winn was recently recognized as the first ever Wounded Warrior of the Year for his work with the Warrior Transition Battalion at Fort Bragg. SPC Winn entered the WTB program during Operation Enduring Freedom from the heralded 82nd Airborne and 1st Theatre Support Command.

SPC Winn was nominated by officials at Womack Army Medical Center at Fort Bragg for his “dedication, service, integrity, leadership and his inspiration to all Wounded Warriors who have served this great country.”

Out of 3,500 candidates, SPC Winn was chosen for his exemplary perseverance and determination. SPC Winn pressed on in the face of adversity, and as a result, he received high marks in the Warrior Transition Unit.

Mr. Winn is an inspiration to countless veterans and active-duty soldiers at Ft. Bragg and around the country. His commanders have noted that SPC Winn’s compassion and hard work is contagious around the WTB. Mr. Speaker, I am honored and proud to recognize SPC Walter Winn, the Wounded Warrior of the Year.

PREECLAMPSIA AWARENESS MONTH

HON. LOIS CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 17, 2014

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, last month we recognized May as Preeclampsia Awareness Month.

A life-threatening disorder that can occur during pregnancy or the postpartum period, preeclampsia is one of the leading causes of maternal mortality and morbidity, affecting hundreds of women and babies each day.

Preeclampsia is a rapid rise in blood pressure that can lead to seizure, stroke, organ failure or death.

And while all pregnant women are at risk, all too often the symptoms are dismissed as typical pregnancy complaints.

One way to save the baby from preeclampsia complications is through delivery, which is oftentimes conducted prior to a pregnancy being full term in the context of an emergency situation. Pre-term birth can lead to significant and costly health challenges for a baby.

Moreover, there is a strong relationship between preeclampsia and future cardiovascular disease.

Women who develop preeclampsia during pregnancy are four times more likely to develop hypertension later in life and are twice as likely to develop heart disease, stroke, and blood clots.

In this way, preeclampsia during pregnancy can have ramifications throughout a woman’s adult life.

That is why awareness building, as well as research and prevention, are so important. I urge my colleague to work together to ensure that by next May we have done all we can to support these important efforts.

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RECOGNIZING DEPUTY MICHAEL JACOBI AND DEPUTY MATTHEW SWOPE, RECIPIENTS OF THE POLICE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF MICHIGAN POLICE OFFICERS OF THE YEAR AWARD

HON. DAN BENISHEK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 17, 2014

Mr. BENISHEK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize two deputies of the Crawford County Sheriff's Office, Deputy Michael Jacobi and Deputy Matthew Swope on the distinction of earning the Police Officers Association of Michigan's Police Officers of the Year Award. Deputy Jacobi and Deputy Swope are two of five officers to be honored by the Police Officers Association of Michigan for 2014. On behalf of all residents of Northern Michigan, we are honored to have two officers such as Deputy Jacobi and Deputy Swope to be serving and earn this distinction.

On the night of Jan. 16–17, a woman was abducted at gunpoint from the campus of Central Michigan University in Mount Pleasant and forced to the home of a male suspect, later identified as recently-paroled Eric Lee Ramsey, who bound her and sexually assaulted her. He returned her to the car and began driving, stating that he intended to murder her. The woman managed to open the door and jump out of the moving vehicle, taking refuge in a nearby home. The suspect poured gasoline on the home and attempted to set it ablaze before fleeing the scene.

The police were notified, and several hours later the suspect rammed a state police cruiser. After being pursued by more state troopers, Ramsey was able to flee and take control of a large flatbed truck. The word was put out to be on watch for the vehicle, and Crawford County Deputy Michael Jacobi turned around to give pursuit after passing by in the opposite direction. Jacobi became the only officer on his trail after the suspect rammed an additional state police cruiser, disabling it and injuring the officers inside.

Seeing a roadblock, Ramsey turned the vehicle around while Jacobi checked on the status of the injured officers, and crashed head-on into Jacobi's cruiser. He repeatedly backed up and continued ramming the patrol car until the vehicles became jammed together. At this point Jacobi took hold of his M-16 rifle, which he set to full automatic, and fired a burst, holding the gun over his head. However, the gun jammed, and Ramsey exited his vehicle. It was then that Jacobi saw Ramsey holding what he believed to be a firearm. He dropped his jammed M-16 and drew his Glock pistol. During this time, Deputy Matthew Swope arrived on the scene, and Ramsey moved out of sight of Jacobi. Swope placed his vehicle between the truck and Jacobi, a brave action which provided protection to his exposed partner while risking his own safety.

Ramsey then began trying to free his vehicle, and Deputy Jacobi approached the cab. Through the window, he could see that the suspect was pointing the gun at him. Jacobi determined that his partner and himself were in imminent danger, and fired into the vehicle several times. There was no response or

movement from within the truck, leading the deputies to secure Ramsey. They found that the suspect was deceased, and had been brandishing an air-pistol designed to look like a firearm.

Eric Lee Ramsey, after sexually assaulting and attempting to murder a woman, fleeing police and exposing many on the road to extreme danger, and threatening officers with bodily harm, was subdued due to the bravery and service of officers Matthew Swope and Michael Jacobi, who put themselves at great personal risk to protect the public and each other.

For this action in which they put themselves at great risk, they are honored by the Police Officers Association of Michigan and earned the 2014 Police Officers of the Year Award. This is their second time being honored for their dedication, after receiving this award in 2013 for previous actions of bravery. I wish to commend Deputy Jacobi and Deputy Swope for their heroism and well deserved honor of earning the Police Officers Association of Michigan's Police Officers of the Year Award, the second time they have been honored by the Police Officers Association of Michigan for going above and beyond the call of duty. Furthermore, I salute all Michigan law enforcement officials from Isle Royale to Monroe County and Gogebic County to Port Huron in the work they do every day to protect the residents of our state.

HONORING THE HISTORY OF THE BETHEL AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 17, 2014

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the history of the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church. As told by the church itself:

"Bethel African Methodist Episcopal (A.M.E.) Church, under the leadership of Pastor Godfrey R. Patterson who joined in fall 2013, is one of the first African American congregations in the Sacramento Valley in the state of California, and until 1946, Bethel A.M.E. Church was the only African American congregation in Yuba County, California. The Church was organized in 1854, in a home located on California Alley, between Sixth and Seventh Streets, and the address was later changed to 113 Fifth Street—Marysville, California. The Reverend D.E. Stokes was the organizing Pastor, and the first Trustees were: G.A. Cantine, D.W. Sands, and Samuel Rinzel.

The physical building of the church was built in 1863, next door to the home which became the parsonage, and the deed for the land was made to the Trustees at that time: Mr. J. Watkins; P. Churchill; P. Powers; S.W. Williams; Charles Bush; B. Brooks; and J.C. Cork. During the 1864–1865 A.M.E. Church Annual Conference, held at Bethel A.M.E. Church in San Francisco, California, Bethel A.M.E. church was recognized and received into the A.M.E. Church connection; the congregation consisted of twenty-three (23) members.

On July 2, 1921, the church was destroyed by fire along with most of the lower parts of

Marysville. The physical structure of the church was rebuilt in the same location of which it stands today at 115 Fifth Street.

The early Pastors, from 1857 to 1879, were circuit ministers. Many Pastors followed from 1880 to 1970; and in 1970, Reverend Winn, assisted by the "Men" of Bethel, personally remodeled the physical building, and paneled walls in the downstairs kitchen area, as well as remodeled the parsonage. Also, very instrumental in the renovation was the late Waymon Sales, a doer of the Word.

Reverend Charles DeWitt followed reverend Winn, and was followed by Rev. Joseph Forbes who initiated and directed many education and community service projects always in the best interest of both, the Church and the Community.

Pastors of more recent history are: Reverend E.D. Farris (1978–1980); Norris Williams (1980–1985). Reverend LaGrant Moore, now a Presiding elder in the Southern California Conference of the 5th Episcopal district, served from 1985–1987; followed by reverend Percy Leaks (1987).

In 1987, reverend Willie L. Adams was appointed and served until 1992; under his administration, the physical structure of Bethel A.M.E. Church took on a new look; the old parsonage was demolished, and the sanctuary and pulpit areas were enlarged; the upstairs area was reconstructed into a balcony; This construction was made possible through the hard work of "Buckley Construction" and several members of the congregation.

Reverend David Reginald Allen, Sr. served from 1992 to 1994; and Reverend David Wayne Coston, Sr. served from 1994 to 1999. In 1999, reverend Dante L. Rome was appointed to Bethel, and served until April 2007; in July 2004, under the leadership of Rev. Rome, an additional 20 feet was added to the north end of the building, along with a beautiful "stained-glass" window displaying the A.M.E. Church Denomination's symbol of the "cross with the Anvil" depicting the initial pulpit used by our founder, Richard Allen, in a blacksmith shop. Also a baptismal pool was added, and the kitchen and downstairs restrooms were remodeled.

Pastor, Reverend Freda Cash was the first female Pastor who was appointed to the Bethel A.M.E. Church at the Fifth District's Mid-Year Conference in April 2007. Under her leadership a new front entrance was constructed in June 2008. Windows forming a cross on two sides of the structure have engraved on each glass block names of members of the congregation, and family members who have been called from "labor to reward." The new entrance way has been dedicated in honor of a faithful servant, Brother Murphy Buckley.

Also, under Reverend Cash's administration, an "evangelism" team, under the direction of our assistant minister, Rev. Joyce Gardner and Steward, Bro. Paul Lethridge, has been established. Once a month this team reaches out into the community at the Veteran's Park on 5th Street in Marysville, feeding physically and spiritually. And, under the direction of our Evangelist, Terry Hammonds; a homeless ministry that assisted persons in the "Riverbottom" with food, clothing, and other items that assist them during the winter months, has been established.

Lastly, but not least, from the reactivation of our 7:30 a.m. morning "Worship and Testimony" service, the "Early Morning Disciples Alliance" (EMDA) has been established. This group of "early risers" has assisted the church greatly with community outreach activities that bring churches of different denominations together for worship and fellowship."