

HONORING MARY "SCOTTY"
O'SULLIVAN

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 1, 2016

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a beautiful spirit, Ms. Mary P. O'Sullivan, known commonly around the neighborhood as "Scotty." Mary went to her eternal home April 18th, 2016 surrounded by her loving family and friends. Though she is no longer with us, Scotty's contributions to the community will forever live on, as she has left a lasting impact on all of those she was able to touch in life.

Scotty, along with her husband, the late Jimmy "Sonny" O'Sullivan, were the proprietors of "Tara Irish Gift Shop" in Inwood for over 35 years. The store was a local mainstay for decades, selling everything from checkered Irish walking caps and Celtic crosses to green neckties bedecked with little Irish flags. She operated the shop at 609 West 207th Street with Thomas and Kathleen Traynor until 2001, a remarkable run for any business establishment in New York City.

Scotty was also incredibly active in an array of community groups, and was especially active in many Irish-American organizations. She was a long time, beloved active member of the American Irish Association of Westchester and always organized and ran the raffles at the annual Heritage Day. Of course, Scotty's great love was always family. She is survived by her loving in-laws and many nieces & nephews.

Scotty's life was an inspiration, and she will forever be a part of the amazing Irish-American community in New York. I want to thank the American Irish Association of Westchester for honoring her at this year's Annual Dinner Dance.

CELEBRATING SYLVIA
ROSENBLATT'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. LOIS FRANKEL

OF FLORIDA

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Ms. FRANKEL of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Sylvia Rosenblatt, who turned 100 years young in November. Sylvia is a dedicated volunteer in our South Florida community and a beloved mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother.

Throughout her life Sylvia has been committed to helping others. She volunteers for numerous organizations including the Mandel Jewish Community Center and the Forgotten Soldiers Outreach, where she helps pack and ship care packages to soldiers overseas.

I join with Sylvia's friends, family, and the ACE Lifelong Learning Center in celebrating her birthday. I wish her good health and continued success in the coming year.

HONORING MARCUS JOHN
BRADSHAW

HON. JANICE HAHN

OF CALIFORNIA

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Ms. HAHN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Marcus John Bradshaw, the grandson of Jimmie Bernstein, and a former neighbor of mine when I lived in Long Beach, California. Marcus John Bradshaw was born to John and Sheri (Bernstein) Bradshaw on July 26, 1988, in Hazel Crest, Illinois. Marcus was blessed to have three older brothers, Eric, John and Timothy. Known for his kindness, Marcus was steadfastly loyal and faithful to all who were blessed to know him.

Marcus attended Western Avenue Elementary School in Flossmoor, Illinois, where he played soccer and baseball. Marcus went to Parker Junior High School in Flossmoor, where he played volleyball, golf, as well as participated in a national chorus. Outside of school, he was a member of a traveling baseball team, for which he played second base. Marcus graduated from Homewood-Flossmoor High School in 2006. He lettered in volleyball, participated in intramural sports, and became an official ball boy for the Chicago Bears. During the 2006 season, Marcus went to the Super Bowl when the Bears played the Indianapolis Colts. His school chronicled his experience as an NFL ball boy for the Chicago Bears in a feature article for its newspaper, the Homewood-Flossmoor High School Voyager. Marcus attended DePaul University, where he participated in the volleyball club and enjoyed playing flag football with friends. In 2010, he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Management.

Marcus began his professional career as a Brand Ambassador for Powerade and Fuze. He was then promoted to Event Manager for Powerade. He also worked as a Construction Coordinator for Goodman Networks. Following his tenure there, he worked for Bradshaw Construction & Management, first as a Field Inspector at Chicago's Midway Airport and then as a Quality Assurance Inspector at O'Hare International Airport. Marcus proved to be a consummate professional, known for his strong work ethic and his consistent punctuality.

His travels included Mexico, the Caribbean islands, Australia, as well as two trips to China including the 2008 Olympics in Beijing. Marcus' sparkling personality, infectious smile, and winning ways reflected his humorous side. He was witty and fun to be around. His favorite pastimes included fantasy football and fantasy basketball. In addition, he skied, continued to play volleyball and golf, and as a testament to his athletic prowess, served as a wide receiver for the Chicago Thunder semi-professional football team.

Marcus truly enjoyed life to the fullest and experienced much in his 27 years. Marcus made his transition to everlasting peace and joy on July 5, 2016, from the rare incurable disease, autoimmune hemolytic anemia. Marcus will forever remain in the minds and hearts of those who love him as his spirit soars with the angels in the presence and love of God.

Marcus is survived by those that honor and cherish his memory including: his parents,

John and Sheri Bradshaw; his brother Eric and his wife Ana; his brother John and his wife, Sylvia; his brother Timothy; his maternal grandmother Jimmie Bernstein; as well as a host of loving family members and a legion of friends throughout the nation.

IN RECOGNITION OF JOSHUA,
JONLUKE, AND CALEB O'CAIN,
AND ALEX MARJANOVICH

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

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Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to acknowledge Joshua, Jonluke, and Caleb O'Cain, and their friend Alex Marjanovich from my district for their charitable service to our veterans through their book collection efforts. Eagle Scout candidate Joshua O'Cain decided on this endeavor for his final project, which consisted of making boxes where people can donate their used books for the children of our nation's veterans and active duty service members. Given the need at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center's pediatric department, these boys decided to focus their efforts at filling their high demand.

I am honored to have these young men living in Virginia's 10th Congressional District. I commend their hard work to help our veterans and their families who make so many sacrifices to preserve freedom and democracy for others. Their project is a reflection on the noble nature of the Boy Scouts of America's continuous work to better our great nation. These young men not only embody charity and selflessness, but are also helping inspire it in others.

The O'Cain family has also strived to help servicemen and women through their work with Military Operation Kindness, an organization which sends troops stationed overseas thank you letters and care packages. Astonishingly, the O'Cain family has sent over 600 of these thank you notes this year alone. I cannot express how grateful I am to the O'Cain family and others like them who do so much to aid the members of our armed forces.

Mr. Speaker, Joshua, Jonluke, and Caleb O'Cain and Alex Marjanovich exemplify a spirit of comradery and a dedication to serving others that makes America truly great. I would encourage my colleagues to join me in thanking these young men for their work to help the families of America's heroes. I wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

HONORING ST. BARNABAS PARISH

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Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, as we in the Bronx and Westchester celebrate the installation of the seventh Pastor of the St. Barnabas Parish, I want to take a moment to celebrate both the Parish's rich history and the wonderful people who make up its congregation.

Established in 1910, the parish was placed under the patronage of St. Barnabas with the Reverend Michael Reilly as the first Pastor.

The Parish included what is known as the Woodlawn section of the Bronx and McLean Heights/Yonkers entity, the Church and Rectory were erected on the actual line separating the two cities.

Monsignor George McWeeney was appointed the second Pastor and served until 1965. Under his leadership, a new High School building and Chapel were erected. The third Pastor was Monsignor John J. Considine who served until his retirement in 1986. His twenty-one years as Pastor saw a phenomenal growth in the Parish. The fourth Pastor was Monsignor Timothy S. Collins who served until 1994 when he was appointed Pastor of Our Lady of the Rosary (The Mother Seton Shrine). During his eight years tenure, Monsignor supervised the remodeling of the Rectory, Parish Center and High School Chapel.

The fifth Pastor Monsignor Francis X. Toner was appointed in 1994 until his death in 2003. Msgr. Toner re-organized the parish's services to accommodate the changing demographics of the parish. Monsignor Edward M. Barry, the sixth Pastor, was appointed in 2004. On the occasion of the parish's 100th anniversary Msgr. Barry conducted a fund raiser for the complete renovation of the church, as well as installing an elevator.

And just this year, the St. Barnabas community has warmly welcomed Father Brendan A. Fitzgerald, who served as Pastor of Regina Coeli Parish, Hyde Park, 2012–2016. A native of Ireland, Fr. Fitzgerald has already had a very distinguished career and will no doubt bring great wisdom to the parish. I want to congratulate him on his installation, and congratulate the entire St. Barnabas community.

REMARKS BY FORMER NATO SECRETARY GENERAL ANDERS FOGH RASMUSSEN

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

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Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD the text of a speech delivered by former Secretary General of NATO Anders Fogh Rasmussen, who is a dear friend and former Prime Minister of our ally Denmark. He spoke at the "Celebration of Democracy" dinner hosted jointly by the National Democratic Institute and International Republican Institute, and his remarks testify to the strong bonds between our nation and its NATO allies. He also reaffirms a core component of our foreign policy: that the world needs strong American leadership in the years ahead, just as it benefited from our leadership in the twentieth century.

I'm extremely pleased to see the International Republican Institute and the National Democratic Institute work so closely together in a bi-partisan manner to promote freedom and democracy.

During the last 70 years, we've got used to a world where protectionism was replaced by free trade, closed societies were replaced by open societies, and dictatorship was replaced by democracy. During these 70 years the world has experienced an unprecedented era of peace, prosperity and progress.

Now, we are living in an era where the fear of the consequences of globalization has led

to stronger support for protectionism, fear over the influx of immigrants and refugees has led to stronger support for closed borders, the fear of chaos and weak leadership in democracies has led to stronger support for tough men and autocracy.

Under these circumstances, there is a strong need for good men and women who will stand up for the basic ideas upon which we so successfully have built and developed our free societies.

Secretary Albright and Senator McCain are such solid people.

As American ambassador to the United Nations and as Secretary of State you, Madeleine Albright, was a staunch proponent of American engagement in the Balkans to stop the bloodshed. And it wasn't until the United States took leadership that a lasting peace was created.

As Secretary General of NATO, I asked you to lead the preparations for a new strategic concept. You and your group of experts did an outstanding job, and in 2010, we adopted a new strategic concept for NATO.

Madeleine, you have always been a steadfast fighter for freedom and democracy. And your mood can always be read in the pins you're wearing. In the book, "Read My Pins", you said: "I had this wonderful antique snake pin. So when we were dealing with Iraq, I wore the snake pin". You had balloons, butterflies and flowers to signify optimism and, when diplomatic talks were going slowly, crabs and turtles to indicate frustration.

John, I'm so happy to also be with you tonight. First of all, congratulations on your re-election as US senator. Recently you turned eighty, but if we didn't know, we wouldn't believe it. You are still going strong, and you are setting an example for all of us to continue working as long as we can.

We have met on several occasions in Europe. You have been a frequent guest at the Munich Security Conference, as leader of the US delegation and as a highly valued speaker. We have never doubted your position as one of the strongest American voices in favor of American global leadership and continued engagement in Europe.

You were disappointed that NATO did not engage more in Syria. You also criticized me. Tonight I can tell you, I agreed with you. But I couldn't get the allies to support even prudent planning for an operation.

John, you have always remembered America's friends and allies. I still recall how warmly you thanked me for my personal support for the United States and my country's contribution to international military operations all over the world.

John, we owe you great respect. And I would like to use this occasion to express my admiration and my gratitude for your service to the United States and to the world.

We all know that Secretary Albright and Senator McCain belong to different political parties. But they are united in their desire to see freedom and democracy flourish in the world. Madeleine and John, you represent the very best in the American democracy: the bi-partisan support for American global leadership.

Let me put it directly: the world needs a policeman. The only capable, reliable and desirable candidate for that position is the United States. We need determined American global leadership.

The world is on fire. The Middle East is being torn up by war, terrorism and humanitarian catastrophes that have forced millions of people to flee. Europe is almost sinking under the refugee burden and internal political division. In North Africa, Libya has collapsed and become a breeding ground for terrorists who are spreading instability

throughout the region. In Eastern Europe, a resurgent Russia has brutally attacked and grabbed land by force from Ukraine. China is flexing its muscle against its neighbors around the South China Sea. North Korea is a rogue state that threatens its neighbors and the United States with a nuclear attack.

There is a link between the American reluctance to use hard power and this outbreak of fire. If the US retrenches and retreats or even if the world thinks that the US retreats, it leaves behind a vacuum that will be filled by the bad guys.

If the United States withdraws to concentrate on "nation building at home", the forces fighting against liberal democracy and our way of life will gain ground. The US will be faced with stronger foes, weaker friends and a more insecure world. That would definitely not make America great.

Appeasement doesn't lead to peace. It just incites tyrants. Any failure to counter oppression will only invite further oppression. That is the lesson of the twentieth century—a lesson we must never forget.

That's why President Truman established a new, rules-based world order, centered around a series of international institutions and economic programs. He created an American led world order that set the stage for the Cold War. Truman elevated engagement to moral choice directly affecting every single American citizen, because it was based on American values. He said: "I believe that we must assist free peoples to work out their own destinies in their own way."

In 1961, President Kennedy expressed what is probably the strongest commitment to American global leadership ever given by a president of the United States: "Let every nation know, whether it wishes us well or ill, that we shall pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe, to assure the survival and the success of liberty."

And President Reagan ended the Cold War peacefully due to his firm conviction that capitalism is superior to communism. He said: "America's economic success is freedom's success; it can be repeated a hundred times in a hundred nations". He was firmly convinced that peace does not come from weakness or retreat. It comes from economic and military superiority. Peace through strength.

President Truman showed strong leadership and effective conduct by establishing the world order that for seven decades secured an unprecedented peace, development and wealth. President Kennedy came to stand as a beacon for the free world with his energetic and eloquent communication. And President Reagan led the United States and the world to the victory over Communism and oppression by his firm conviction of American exceptionalism.

Hopefully, future US presidents will combine President Truman's effective conduct, President Kennedy's inspiring communication and President Reagan's firm conviction. This would prepare the ground for strong American global leadership and a better and safer world. And make America great again.

The United States is indispensable in its ability to protect and promote freedom and to prevent conflicts, to resolve conflicts and to help with post-conflict reconstruction. However, the United States should not be left to carry out that job alone: Smart American leadership should strive for alliance-building.

There is a need to create an overwhelming, credible, and strong democratic supremacy in order to counterbalance the rising and assertive autocracies.

To create a stronger global democratic community, the American president should use his convening power to assemble the