

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING SHERIFF BOB
KIMMERLY

HON. FRED UPTON

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 15, 2000

Mr. UPTON. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct pleasure today to recognize my friend, and one of the most dedicated public servants I know—Berrien County Sheriff Robert Kimmerly. With the retirement of Bob Kimmerly, Berrien County and the entire State of Michigan will lose years of valuable service and experience in law enforcement.

As a resident of Berrien County, I have seen the results of Bob's work firsthand. Since being elected Sheriff in 1992, Bob sought to enforce the laws in our area in a firm, fair and impartial way—and I think he's been successful. In addition to working to upgrade the technology and communication between State and local law enforcement agencies, Bob has also worked to facilitate communication between these agencies and the community.

The close and effective working relationship Bob maintained with the community will clearly be remembered as one of the hallmarks of Bob's service. He worked to foster a close working relationship with senior citizens and law enforcement, implemented e-mail communication between Neighborhood Watch Groups, Senior Citizen Centers and law enforcement and partnered with area schools to provide student violence prevention and response programs.

Bob has worked not only for the safety of our communities, but the officers under his charge. During his tenure, he implemented computer aided dispatching, mobile vehicle locators for patrol vehicles, mobile data terminals and squad car video cameras. These advances, however, were implemented with a keen eye toward fiscal responsibility. As Sheriff, Bob worked to firmly enforce the laws while at the same time reducing the cost of inmate incarceration. Bob was also a creative Sheriff. As such, he implemented a "Work Alternative Program" which provided Berrien County with over 14,000 hours of community service.

Mr. Speaker, I believe I speak for every citizen in Berrien County when I extend our congratulations and best wishes for a retirement filled with happiness and productivity. I submit my remarks into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD to ensure that this and future generations of Americans have the opportunity to reflect on and know of the significant contributions Bob Kimmerly has made to Berrien County and the entire State of Michigan.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JUANITA MILLENDER-McDONALD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 15, 2000

Ms. MILLENDER-McDONALD. Mr. Speaker, I inadvertently missed the vote on H.R. 4577, the Omnibus Appropriations Bill. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on H.R. 4577.

HONORING AN OUTSTANDING
ELECTION OFFICIAL

HON. ROY BLUNT

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 15, 2000

Mr. BLUNT. Mr. Speaker, during the last five weeks much of our national attention in the wake of the Presidential Election has been focused on the technology we use to cast our votes. Pundits and politicians have discussed the strengths and weaknesses of paper ballots, voting machines, punch cards, and optically scanned ballots. It's easy in this debate to forget that the real work of elections is not done by technology, but by tens of thousands of local election judges and election officials.

Today I pay tribute to one of those election officials with whom I have had the pleasure of working over the years. I worked with Rosemary Kochner when I was Chief Election Authority of Greene County, Missouri, and later as Secretary of State. I benefited from her advice and example of dedicated service. Rosemary retires next month after 30 years of working for the St. Louis County Board of Election Commissioners. During that period, Rosemary has risen from being an Absentee Ballot Clerk to serving as the Republican Assistant Director of Elections in the largest election jurisdiction in the State of Missouri.

Rosemary is one of a handful of election officials who are selflessly dedicated to doing all they can to ensure that every qualified voter has the opportunity to cast their ballot on election day and to do so in a way that it gets counted. It is her passion and her commitment to that ideal that makes her an inspiration to all around her.

Those of us who know her will tell you that her real love has been working to see that the men and women of the Armed Forces who are registered to vote in St. Louis County are able to participate on Election Day regardless of where they are serving their country.

But Rosemary has excelled in many areas. She is a recognized authority on Missouri Election Law. Rosemary served with distinction on the U.S. Bicentennial Commission. She is the recipient of the "Federal Voting Assistance Award" from the Department of Defense. I was pleased when as Secretary of

State I was privileged to present her with the "Rosemary Plitt Award" from the State of Missouri for outstanding service during the 1988 presidential election.

I know my colleagues from Missouri join me in thanking Rosemary for her years of outstanding service to her community and that her seven daughters and thirteen grandchildren join all of us in wishing her the best as she begins her retirement. I am sure we haven't heard the last from her.

UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS
BIOLOGIC LABORATORIES

HON. MICHAEL E. CAPUANO

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 15, 2000

Mr. CAPUANO. Mr. Speaker, today I speak on behalf of the University of Massachusetts Biologic Laboratory (MBL). For over 100 years, scientists at the Massachusetts Biologic Laboratory have made great contributions toward improving the public health of the citizens of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the Nation. MBL has collaborated with the National Institutes of Health, the Center for Disease Control, the Department of Defense, and state public health departments across the country to develop vaccines, plasma products and monoclonal antibodies. MBL has done this in its unique role as the only publicly owned and operated, FDA-licensed biological manufacturing facility in the United States.

MBL's national contributions include the development of products such as the smallpox vaccine, the typhoid vaccine, the tetanus vaccine and a scarlet fever antitoxin. MBL also specializes in the development and manufacture of orphan biologicals—those life saving products that are either in limited use or for special populations.

Under the leadership of Thomas Manning, MBL plans to build a new facility at the Old Boston State Mental Hospital property in Mattapan. This new facility will enable MBL to maintain FDA compliance, provide space for new product development and improve operation efficiency of the plant.

This facility will continue the tradition of new and great advancements in the biological community as it provides real opportunity to a community in need of redevelopment and new jobs.

I fully support Massachusetts Biologic Laboratory's plans to develop a facility in Mattapan for its expanded efforts in applied research, development and the production of biological products. The University of Massachusetts Medical School is prepared to make a large financial commitment to this project. With the benefits that MBL's products have brought to our Nation, I believe the Federal Government should also contribute to this effort. I look forward to working with Doctors Donna Ambrosino and Jeanne Leszczynski, and Thomas Manning, to secure Federal funding for MBL in fiscal year 2002.

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