

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN HONOR OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY
TREASURER JIM ROKAKIS

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 12, 2005

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Cuyahoga County Treasurer Mr. Jim Rokakis, as he is recognized by the Cuyahoga County Democratic Party for his service to our community.

A life-long Clevelander, Mr. Rokakis continues to focus on the well-being of Clevelanders, and beyond. After graduating from the Cleveland-Marshall School of Law, Mr. Rokakis set out to promote positive change within our community. In 1978, he was elected to serve as the Ward 15 representative to the Cleveland City Council. For nearly twenty years, he served the residents of the Old Brooklyn neighborhood with integrity and dedication. For the last seven years of his tenure as Councilperson, Mr. Rokakis served as the Chair of the Finance Committee.

In March of 1997, Mr. Rokakis was elected to the office of Treasurer of Cuyahoga County. In this capacity, Mr. Rokakis has consistently demonstrated a vision and focus on improving the tax collection process. His complete renovation of the system has resulted in greater efficiency regarding the County's tax collection and disbursement processes. Under his leadership, the office of the Treasurer has been awarded with many honors, especially regarding his inner-city housing initiatives.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honor and recognition of Mr. Jim Rokakis. His dedicated service, focused on the well-being of the residents of Cleveland and Cuyahoga County, has served to strengthen our entire community.

A TRIBUTE TO ANTONIO BONILLA

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Antonio Bonilla who is being honored at the Brooklyn Caribe Lions Club dinner dance as "Businessman of The Year."

Antonio is a successful businessman who was born in Isabela, Puerto Rico. He came to New York in 1953 and has worked in various jobs, including carpentry, cooking, and marketing.

One of his first employers was Emerson Radio Corporation, where he worked for over 10 years. Then in the 1960's his wife, Leonor, exposed him to Mexico's culture, including its people, food, and music. By 1971, his dream to open a Mexican restaurant had become a reality. Together with his family, they found and renovated the space on the corner of Second Ave and 26th Street in Manhattan and named it Mexico Lindo Restaurant.

Today the restaurant has become a popular nightspot for the entertainment and political communities. Antonio is a distinguished businessman whose cooperation with many religious and political organizations has established him as a philanthropist. He is very proud of the fact that he has always held a job, and that all his accomplishments have been the product of hard work.

Antonio and Leonor have three daughters Adriana, Claudia and Lara. Together as a family, they have strived to stay one step ahead of the competition. This award should serve to inspire and encourage him in continuing the important work he has already begun.

Mr. Speaker, Antonio Bonilla has been a leader in his community and has been a wonderful example of how dedication and perseverance can lead to success. As such, he is more than worthy of receiving our recognition today and the award of Businessman of the Year. Thus, I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring this truly remarkable person.

HONORING THE 2005 GLADNEY CUP
GOLF TOURNAMENT AT THE
CONGRESSIONAL COUNTRY CLUB
IN BETHESDA, MD

HON. KAY GRANGER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 12, 2005

Ms. GRANGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding event that is conducted for the benefit of one of the best organizations in my district, the Gladney Center for Adoption.

On Monday, May 2, 2005, the Gladney Cup Golf Tournament will occur at the Congressional Country Club in Bethesda, MD, to benefit the Gladney Center for Adoption. The Gladney Adoption Center was founded more than 100 years ago in Fort Worth, TX, to find "loving homes for orphaned children" and today is one of this Nation's leading adoption services, which specializes in international and domestic adoptions. The center has placed more than 26,000 children in loving homes and has assisted more than 36,000 women experiencing crisis pregnancies. The Gladney Cup Golf Tournament is a premier event which raises much needed funds for the center's international and domestic adoption programs. The first Gladney Cup Golf Tournament was held at the famed Colonial Country Club, which is located in my district. The caliber of the inaugural tournament attracted more than 200 players and raised more than \$1 million for the Gladney Center. The 2005 Gladney Cup Golf Tournament is the third event and the reputation of the tournament, coupled with the beautiful and prestigious greens of the Congressional Country Club, again is attracting players and corporations from around the country who not only derive satisfaction from playing on a challenging golf course, but also who are committed to helping the Gladney Adoption Center.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize the Gladney Cup Golf Tournament, the organizations and individuals who are participating in the event so that more children may have happy homes in which to live and so that women who are experiencing a crisis pregnancy have a loving and supportive place to which to turn to for help.

NORTH RIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL
BAND WINNER OF JOHN PHILIP
SOUSA FOUNDATION "SUDLER
SILVER CUP"

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 12, 2005

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the North Ridge Middle School Band of North Richland Hills, located in the 26th Congressional District of Texas, on winning the 2004 "Sudler Silver Cup."

This award was given by the John Philip Sousa Foundation to only two middle school bands in Canada and the United States in order to promote better international understanding. The John Philip Sousa Foundation is a non-profit foundation dedicated to the promotion of international understanding through the medium of band music. Through the administration of band related projects, the foundation seeks to uphold the standards and ideals of that icon of the American spirit, John Philip Sousa.

The North Ridge Middle School Band won this prestigious honor for demonstrating excellence at the international level under the leadership of director Cynthia Lansford. Not only do bands competing for this award have to show superiority in their musical skills but they must also do so under the same director for a period of several years.

I am proud of this fine band from North Richland Hills Middle School, and I applaud the students, band director and parents who made this achievement possible. I am honored to represent you in Congress.

HONORING CATHERINE SANTEE,
WINNER OF THE 2005 LEGRAND
SMITH SCHOLARSHIP

HON. JOHN J.H. "JOE" SCHWARZ

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 12, 2005

Mr. SCHWARZ of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, let it be known, that it is with great respect for the outstanding record of excellence she has compiled in academics, leadership, and community service, that I am proud to salute Catherine Roselyn Santee, winner of the 2005 LeGrand Smith Scholarship. This award is given to young adults who have demonstrated their true commitment to playing an important role in our Nation's future.

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