

civil rights movement, to his time as a Presidential appointee during the Carter Administration, to his service as an elected official first on the Atlanta City Council and finally as a Member of Congress, JOHN LEWIS has never wavered.

The victories our country can claim in this fight are in no small part due to the selfless sacrifices of JOHN LEWIS. For his humble service, for his commitment to justice and equality for all people, he deserves to be honored in this small way. I call on my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in working for the swift passage of this legislation.

CONGRATULATING THE SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA, CHAPTER OF UNICO NATIONAL ON THE OCCASION OF ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 16, 2005

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask you and my esteemed colleagues in the House of Representatives to pay tribute to the Scranton Chapter of UNICO National on the occasion of its 50th anniversary.

Built from the initiative of Dr. D.J. Maldonado and Attorney John Morano, among others, the Scranton Chapter of UNICO was chartered in June 1955 and immediately began supporting community efforts through scholarships and the then Boys' Club.

Over the years, the Scranton Chapter of UNICO has grown in generosity and prestige, supporting scholarships for college students at six local colleges, supporting the good work of the St. Francis of Assisi Kitchen and the now Boys and Girls Club.

Scranton UNICO also contributes to the national effort to find a cure for cancer through the UNICO V Foundation.

Scranton UNICO also supports Italian studies through book donations and language classes.

Scranton UNICO promotes convivial camaraderie among its 330 members, the largest UNICO chapter in the United States of America.

UNICO was founded in 1922 as an Italian American service organization dedicated to performing good works as a means of uplifting the prestige of its members. UNICO stands for unity, neighborliness, integrity, charity and opportunity. The motto of UNICO is "service above self."

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating the Scranton chapter of UNICO as its members celebrate their 50th anniversary. Time and time again, UNICO members distinguish themselves by helping others and making their community a much better place to live.

TRIBUTE TO FRANK TING-KUO CHEN

HON. JOE BACA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 16, 2005

Mr. BACA. Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect that I pay tribute today to the life of

Frank Ting-Kuo Chen, a man whose contributions to family and community cannot be understated. Frank was a man of great compassion and character. He will be deeply missed, but always be fondly remembered.

Frank's life is a true example of the achievement of the American Dream. Mr. Chen was born on January 1, 1941, in Taipei, Taiwan, the seventh child in a family of five sons and three daughters. In 1965 he married his love, Cha Cheng Chen, and they went on to celebrate 40 years of marriage.

Frank began his own company in Taiwan in 1970, where he manufactured and traded products that were distributed across the United States. He went on to hold several positions in public office, including serving as District Representative for the Chung Shan district in Taipei from 1976 to 1977. Frank had a passion for reading and worked for the newspapers China Post and the Stars and Stripes.

In 1977 Frank moved to the United States to give his children a better education. He settled in Moreno Valley, California, where he expanded his business and went on to achieve his lifelong dream of sending his children to college. Even with Frank's successful business career, he always made time for his wife and family. He is survived by Cha Cheng Chen, and his children, Suzanne, Ping and Lee.

Frank tirelessly devoted himself to his community, and in particular to facilitating the cultural exchange of Chinese Americans in the greater Los Angeles area. He was involved with numerous civic organizations in Southern California, and in particular the Chinese Students Association of the University of California at Riverside. He was later appointed as an official delegate of Taiwan's Overseas Chinese Affairs Commission, where he dedicated himself to providing assistance to immigrants and new residents in the Inland Empire. In 1988, he founded and served as President of the Inland Chinese Association, which has since grown to over 1,000 members. In 1989, he spearheaded the establishment of the first Inland Empire Chinese Language School. He later also led the movement to establish the Chinese Pavilion, a major landmark in downtown Riverside, to commemorate the early Chinese immigrants who inhabited the area in the late 19th century.

Although Frank is no longer with us, his legacy will never leave us. He dedicated his life to his family and his community, and in doing so improved the lives of thousands. His life is an example to all of us of how one person can make a difference. We are all truly better for having known Frank Ting-Kuo Chen.

SCIENCE, STATE, JUSTICE, COMMERCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2006

SPEECH OF

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 15, 2005

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2862) making appropriations for Science, the Departments of

State, Justice, and Commerce, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes:

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Chairman, today, Congressman WEINER offered an amendment to H.R. 2862, the Science, State, Justice & Commerce Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2006. Representative WEINER's amendment, which ultimately failed, would have restored \$126 million to the COPS program to help state and local governments hire police officers. The offset for the amendment came from the National Science Foundation (NSF) and would have returned that agency's funding to Fiscal Year 2004 levels, which actually represents a \$30 million increase over what NSF received for Fiscal Year 2005. I voted for the amendment, because I believe and support the important work the COPS program allows, but I was troubled by the offset, knowing how important science and research are to my community.

I voted for Mr. WEINER's amendment because I have seen firsthand how important COPS programs are to local cities and communities like Cheektowaga, Jamestown and Dunkirk in my district in Western New York. In fact, since 1994, \$25,609,762 in COPS grants have been awarded to law enforcement agencies in the 27th District of New York. These grants have funded 329 additional police officers and sheriffs' deputies to engage in community policing activities including crime prevention. In my district, 29 local and state law enforcement agencies have directly benefited from funding made available through the COPS Office, \$1,848,680 has been awarded to add 16 school resources officers to improve safety for students, teachers, and administrators in primary and secondary schools and \$3,268,820 has been awarded for crimefighting technologies. This funding has allowed officers to spend more time on the streets preventing crime through timesaving technology, information-sharing systems, and improved communications equipment.

Sadly, our underlying appropriations bill zeroes out funding for the COPS program, leaving local governments to foot the bill. Cutting the COPS program altogether is unacceptable—it is one of our most useful and successful tools in reducing crime.

I also recognize the importance of the NSF, which provides funding and guidance to laboratories, universities and research centers across the country. In New York State in Fiscal Year 2003, the NSF provided over 1,672 awards totaling approximately \$389 million to more than 142 institutions in the State of New York as well as \$1,816,000 in fellowships.

While I regret the offset of the amendment and the need to transfer NSF funding to allow the COPS program to continue, NSF would still have received more in Fiscal Year 2006 than it did in Fiscal Year 2005 to continue its mission. The COPS program, however, without Congressional action on the House floor, will cease to exist. Mr. Speaker, that is why I supported Representative WEINER's amendment.