

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING PRESIDENTIAL
SCHOLARS OF PINE CREST
SCHOOL

HON. E. CLAY SHAW, JR.

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2005

Mr. SHAW. I rise today to recognize and honor the dedication and ambition of three recent graduates of Pine Crest School in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Kyle Mahowald, Andrew Malcolm, and Caitlin McAuliffe have each been recognized as National Presidential Scholars. The Presidential Scholars program was introduced by Executive Order in 1964 as a means of applauding the efforts of the Nation's top high school graduates. This year, only 141 winners were chosen from a candidate pool of over 2,700. With three, Pine Crest has the most honorees of any school in the Nation. I am confident that this achievement foreshadows what their bright futures may hold.

The efforts of these students extend far beyond the classroom. Kyle, Andrew, and Caitlin have reached out to their fellow peers, taking leadership roles in various student organizations and serving as mentors for younger students. Additionally, they have reached out to their communities, giving countless hours from their busy schedules to raise money for various worthy causes. Kyle Mahowald even became the youngest person to compose the Sunday crossword puzzle for the New York Times.

The educators and parents of Pine Crest School play a critical role in the success of all of their students. I commend Raymond Sessman, Anthony Jaswinski, and Gordon Ivanoski for their dedication and guidance to these three students. Only with the support of truly caring teachers can future generations of American students hope to reach their dreams.

On behalf of Florida's 22nd District, I wish to recognize Kyle Mahowald, Andrew Malcolm, and Caitlin McAuliffe for their admirable efforts and wish them the best of luck in their studies at Harvard, Princeton, and Yale, respectively. Their accomplishments are a shining example to all of South Florida's students and students across the Nation.

TRIBUTE TO JOHN AND BETTY
ANN DONEGAN FOR THEIR OUT-
STANDING SERVICE TO THE
COMMUNITY

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2005

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to join Harbor Health Services and the many family, friends, and community members who have gathered to

pay tribute to two outstanding members of the Branford community and my good friends, John and Betty Ann Donegan. John and Betty Ann have dedicated a lifetime to public and community service—making all the difference throughout the Branford community.

As Harbor Health Services celebrates its 25th Anniversary, it is only fitting that they should honor Betty Ann who, as a charter board member, helped give life to this outstanding organization. Since its inception, Harbor Health Services has provided invaluable programs and services to those with behavioral health needs and has become a leader in quality care and service. Through her efforts and guidance on the Board, Betty Ann's involvement with the organization has helped to make it the success it is today. However, it is not just for her good work with this agency that she is being honored.

Both John and Betty Ann have devoted countless hours to the Branford community. Every community should be so fortunate as to have a couple who so willingly give of themselves to make a difference in the lives of others. Betty Ann's reputation as an active and dynamic volunteer is only further enhanced when you consider the innumerable contributions she has made. Whether chairing benefits for the Branford Volunteer Service Center, the celebration of the reopening of the James Blackstone Memorial Library, or the Branford Festival, it seems that Betty Ann is always available to lend a helping hand to ensure that these community events are a success.

John has also demonstrated a unique commitment to public and community service. He has represented Branford residents as a member of the Representative Town Meeting, served on the Branford Board of Education, and has for many years served as the town's Judge of Probate. In addition to his public service, John has also devoted much of his time to community organizations. For 25 years he served as Secretary of the Branford Community Foundation, he is the immediate past president of the Pine Orchard Yacht and Country Club and has served as volunteer counsel for the Branford Volunteer Service Center. Through all of these efforts, John has quietly enriched the community, improving the quality of life for all of its residents.

On a more personal note, I must also thank John and Betty Ann for their many years of special friendship. When I first ran for Congress in 1989, the Donegans were some of the very first to support my efforts. Even during a horrible blizzard, they opened up their home to introduce me to the Branford community. They are true friends and I am certainly fortunate to have their support and encouragement.

Their dedication and commitment to public and community service is unparalleled. John and Betty Ann reflect all that community leaders should be. I am certainly proud to call them my friends. I am pleased to stand today and join all of those gathered in extending my deepest thanks and appreciation to John and Betty Ann Donegan as they are so fittingly

honored by Harbor Health Services with their Community Service Award. There are few who have demonstrated such generosity and compassion. They have left an indelible mark on the Branford community—a legacy that has touched the lives of thousands.

UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS
DARTMOUTH STUDENTS HAVE
ENTERED THIS YEAR'S DEPART-
MENT OF ENERGY SOLAR DE-
CATHLON

HON. BARNEY FRANK

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2005

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments of a gifted group of students from the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth who have designed and built an entry at this year's Department of Energy Solar Decathlon.

The Solar Decathlon brings 18 college and university teams to participate in this innovative solar competition to design, build, and operate the most attractive and energy-efficient solar-powered home. Student teams built their solar houses on their respective campuses and will transport them to the National Mall in Washington, DC, where they will form a solar village on the National Mall.

The solar village is open to the public October 7–16, 2005. The teams' solar houses are open for touring every day except October 12, when they are closed for competition purposes. An overall winner will be announced on October 14.

I especially wanted to note that after the competition the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth Solar Decathlon Team will be donating their solar home to Habitat For Humanity where it will be permanently installed in Northeast DC as a Habitat-provided home. I'm proud to have the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth in my district and to represent these bright young people who have worked so hard to draw attention to the benefits of alternative energy.

CONGRATULATING PASQUALE
CASTAGNA AS RHODE ISLAND'S
2005 OUTSTANDING OLDER WORK-
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HON. JAMES R. LANGEVIN

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2005

Mr. LANGEVIN. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to congratulate Pasquale Castagna, recently honored as Rhode Island's 2005 Outstanding Older Worker. Mr. Castagna, at the age of 84, continues to manage the Grandview Bed and Breakfast in Westerly, RI, and still finds the time to give back to his community through service and dedication.

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