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IN HONOR OF THE UKRAINIAN
AMERICAN YOUTH ASSOCIATION

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 8, 2005

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in tribute and recognition of the Ukrainian American Youth Association (UAYA), as they celebrate their 80th Anniversary as a world wide youth organization. In northeast Ohio, the UAYA is celebrating the 40th Anniversary of the establishment of the UAYA Campgrounds in Huntington, Ohio.

For more than a century, Americans of Ukrainian heritage have infused the richness of Ukrainian heritage throughout our Greater Cleveland community. Their significant contributions within all facets of our society, along with their collective focus on preserving and promoting the history of the Ukraine, is enhanced with every new generation of Americans of Ukrainian heritage.

The leaders and members of the UAYA provide vital opportunities for American youth of Ukrainian descent to attain a true understanding of the history, faith, culture of the Ukraine. The UAYA also provides vital cultural opportunities for young people to become active and lasting members of their local Ukrainian community—a community centered around family, faith and tradition.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor of the Ukrainian American Youth Association, as leaders and members celebrate the vital and ongoing legacy of teaching, preserving and sharing memories, customs and culture of their beloved Ukraine. Through the efforts of the UAYA, the heart of the Ukraine transcends borders, oceans and time, and lives on within each new generation of children of Ukrainian heritage—in Cleveland, Ohio, and around the world.

MANKATO, MINNESOTA RECOGNIZED AS ONE OF THE "100 BEST COMMUNITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE"

HON. GIL GUTKNECHT

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 8, 2005

Mr. GUTKNECHT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the city of Mankato, Minnesota, for being a great place to live and grow up.

On Nov. 1, the city of Mankato was recognized as one of the "100 Best Communities" for Young People by America's Promise, an organization founded by former Secretary of State Colin Powell. At the awards ceremony in Washington, DC, Mankato also received a special award for its outreach efforts to Gulf Coast residents.

Located on the beautiful Minnesota River in the heart of Blue Earth County, Mankato is a great place to live. But as America's Promise has recognized, Mankato is also a great place for young people. Boasting one of the lowest high school dropout rates among the Nation's

small cities, Mankato remains committed to education and family values.

In particular, I would like to recognize the parents and teachers of the city who devote their time to Mankato's youth. I would also like to commend Kathy Brynaert, Independent School District #77 School Board Chair and Anna Thill of the Mankato Area United Way who attended the awards ceremony and accepted the honor on behalf of the city.

In addition to the award for being one of the "100 Best Communities for Young People," Mankato was also recognized for its work in aiding communities devastated by recent hurricanes. Red Cross volunteers and professionals from Mankato immediately responded to the tragedy of Hurricane Katrina by traveling to the Gulf Coast to lend a helping hand. Meanwhile, back in Mankato, community residents and local organizations rallied to collect money and supplies for hurricane victims. Local students designed cards offering their love and support that were delivered to children there.

I hope my colleagues will join me in honoring and congratulating these outstanding Americans.

TRIBUTE TO ROBERT SARGENT
SHRIVER

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 8, 2005

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise to honor Sargent Shriver on his 90th birthday today. It is fitting that we take this wonderful occasion to reflect on his life of service to our country.

Martin Luther King once said, "Everyone can be great because everyone can serve." Sargent Shriver embodies this ideal. A man of stellar character and tireless energy, Ambassador Shriver has been long recognized as a true humanitarian and a dedicated public servant.

Ambassador Shriver received his bachelor's degree from Yale University in 1938. He also attended Yale Law School where he earned an L.L.B. in 1941. Shriver began his lifelong commitment to public service in the United States Navy during World War II.

In 1961, Mr. Shriver answered the call of duty again when, at the request of President John F. Kennedy, he established and became Director of the Peace Corps. He helped organize operations around the world, from Africa and Asia to Latin America. Under his steadfast leadership, the Peace Corps provided medical, educational and technical assistance to foreign communities, while giving millions of Americans the opportunity to share our culture and values and democratic way of life with those less fortunate. Shriver's service to our country took a diplomatic turn when he served as our Ambassador to France from 1968 to 1970.

Through his commitment to turning his ideals into reality, Sargent Shriver has inspired generations of young people to work to improve the lives of others through public service. As Director of the Peace Corps, Ambassador Shriver once stated, "I say what our nation needs now is a call to peace and service—peace and service on a scale we have scarcely begun to imagine." These words still

ring as true today as they did when they were first spoken.

While Ambassador Shriver is best known as the Founding Father of the Peace Corps, he has also been instrumental in the creation of many other programs which have the goal of helping Americans to better their lives. Among those programs are Head Start, Job Corps, Legal Services, Upward Bound, Community Action, Foster Grandparents, and the Special Olympics.

In 1994, President Clinton recognized Ambassador Shriver's extraordinary commitment to public service by awarding him the nation's highest civilian honor, the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud Sargent Shriver's accomplishments and his undying commitment to humanitarian efforts and I wish him well on his birthday and in the years to come. Happy Birthday, Sargent Shriver. We salute you!

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CHARLIE NORWOOD

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 8, 2005

Mr. NORWOOD. Mr. Speaker, though I was absent during the legislative week of Tuesday, November 1 through Friday, November 4, 2005 and Monday, November 7, 2005 for medical reasons, I wish to have my intended votes recorded in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD for the following votes:

November 1, 2005:

Rollcall vote 557 on H.R. 3548—"aye"; and Rollcall vote 558 on H.R. 3989—"aye".

November 2, 2005:

Rollcall vote 559 on H.R. 1606—"aye"; Rollcall vote 560 on H.R. 4061—"aye"; and Rollcall vote 561 on H.R. 1691—"aye".

November 3, 2005:

Rollcall vote 562 Appealing the Ruling of the Chair concerning the Iraq War Investigation—"aye"; Rollcall vote 563 on H. Res. 527—"aye"; Rollcall vote 564 on Amendment numbered 2 in House Report 109-266—"nay"; Rollcall vote 565 on Amendment numbered 5 in House Report 109-266—"nay"; Rollcall vote 566 on Amendment numbered 6 in House Report 109-266—"nay"; Rollcall vote 567 on Amendment numbered 11 in House Report 109-266—"nay"; and Rollcall vote 568 on H.R. 4128—"aye".

November 4, 2005:

Rollcall vote 569 on H.R. 3057—"nay".

November 7, 2005:

Rollcall vote 570 on H. Con. Res. 260—"aye"; Rollcall vote 571 on H.R. 1973—"nay"; and Rollcall vote 572 on H. Res. 444—"aye".

IN RECOGNITION OF MS.

KATHLEEN TURNER

HON. RICK RENZI

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 8, 2005

Mr. RENZI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer congratulations and recognition to Ms. Kathleen Turner as she completes her tour of duty