

IN RECOGNITION OF CLINTON
KIRK

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 7, 2006

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I respectfully ask the attention of the House today to pay tribute to Mr. Clinton Kirk, a constituent of mine who has dedicated the past 20 years of his life to staying healthy and fit.

Mr. Kirk resides in Valley, Alabama, and is in his eighth decade of life. He is known around the area as "The Walking Man." Kirk says when he began his walking in 1982, he would walk around 5 to 6 miles a day in the early morning. Over 20 years later, he says he now walks about 1 mile a day and says he attributes his good health to his walking habit. Amazingly, Mr. Kirk has walked over 50,000 miles since 1982, and began keeping a daily log of the distance he covers in 1986.

I salute Mr. Kirk for his continued efforts to exercise and stay healthy, and commend him at this milestone for serving as an example for us all to take care of ourselves and stay fit.

HONORING THE CONTRIBUTIONS
OF PAUL AND SYLVIA HOLLINGER

HON. JOSEPH R. PITTS

OF PENNSYLVANIA

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Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the legacy and service of Paul and Sylvia Hollinger.

Fifty years ago, Paul Hollinger got his start in Christian radio as a singer for WMBI at the Moody Bible Institute in Chicago.

After leaving Moody, he continued his broadcasting career in Pennsylvania as a sales representative or WEZN in Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania.

In July 1961, Paul began with WDAC radio in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, and he's been capably serving that station ever since. In 1981, his wife, Sylvia, joined him at the station and continues to play a crucial role in its operations to this day. Together, Paul and Sylvia have grown WDAC into the tremendous success that it is today.

WDAC's consistently high ratings are a testament to the God-given talents that the Hollingers have brought to the station's leadership ranks.

With programs offering sound Biblical wisdom for living a life of integrity, as well as practical guidance for raising a God-honoring family, WDAC provides a wonderful resource to the Lancaster community.

Paul and Sylvia have also been active in the community outside of their roles at WDAC. They give charitably of their time and resources, serve as leaders in the pro-life movement, and are strong supporters of the conservative family values that Lancaster County holds so dear.

Paul and Sylvia's retirement this month from WDAC's daily operations caps more than four decades of distinguished service, and it's a legacy worth honoring.

We live in an age of eroding decency and growing vulgarity on our Nation's airwaves.

Under the leadership of Paul and Sylvia Hollinger, WDAC has consistently and successfully gone against this trend.

The high-quality, family-friendly Christian programming that WDAC has committed itself to is a wonderful influence on the surrounding community every single day.

Paul and Sylvia have played an enormous role in making this happen and their legacy of positively impacted lives grows with each new listener.

I congratulate the Hollingers on a wonderful life of service, and wish them all the best in whatever the future holds.

TRIBUTE TO FORTUNE "TINO"
BOSCO

HON. JIM DAVIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DAVIS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Fortune "Tino" Bosco, of Tampa, Florida, who lost his battle with cancer last month. Fortune described himself to many as "just a poor Italian immigrant," but to all who knew him, he was so much more—a grand story teller, a civil rights advocate, a political powerhouse, a bocce ball enthusiast and a dedicated family man.

Born in Lanciano, Italy, Fortune earned a degree in law and economics from the University of Rome, and went on to serve in the Italian National Police and at Interpol, the Paris based international police agency. Also a professional soccer player, in the 1950s, Fortune played on the Italian Olympic soccer team.

In 1954, Fortune arrived in the United States on the Andrea Doria. Later, when the famed ship collided with another cruise liner, Fortune worked as a translator for the rescued Italian passengers. It was during this time that Fortune met the love of his life, Marjorie Nettleton, who was also helping the accident victims. Marjorie and Fortune would go on to settle in Florida and start a family, which became the focal point of Fortune's life.

Fortune earned his second law degree at University of Miami. Afterwards, he was hired as a civil rights attorney by the U.S. Department of Justice and transferred to Tampa to serve in the Office of Economic Opportunity. His passion for protecting civil rights brought him to Selma, Alabama in 1965 to participate in the historic civil rights march.

Always proud of his Italian heritage, Fortune was also known for his weekly "La Pagina Italiana" column in Tampa's trilingual La Gaceta newspaper. Even as Fortune struggled with retinitis pigmentosa, which slowly robbed him of his eyesight, Fortune continued to write his column, play bocce ball and chess games and actively participate in local and state political campaigns.

Fortune was active in a host of local community groups including the Sons of Italy, Mona Lisa Lodge and the Italian Club of Tampa. He served on the Mayor's Alliance for People with Disabilities and was an honorary member of the Board of Directors at the Lion's Club.

In so many ways, Fortune represented the heart and soul of Tampa. On behalf of the entire Tampa Bay community, I would like to ex-

tend my deepest sympathies to Fortune's family.

TRIBUTE TO HOWARD C. "CHIP"
CONLEY

HON. COLLIN C. PETERSON

OF MINNESOTA

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Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota. Mr. Speaker, I take this opportunity to honor Chip Conley's service to his country, to this House, and to our Nation's farmers and ranchers. Chip will retire from the staff of the House Agriculture Committee at the end of this Congress.

Mr. Speaker, Chip was hired as the Agriculture Committee's economist by Chairman E. (Kika) de la Garza in 1985. By all accounts, from the moment he got there, Chip was the go-to guy on nearly every bit of work in the Committee's jurisdiction. This was so much the case that on his birthday one year, Chairman de la Garza handed out buttons printed with the commonly uttered phrase: "Where's Chips?"

Mr. Speaker, the Agriculture Committee's big task that comes along periodically is the writing of a Farm Bill. Chip played an integral role in four farm bills—each one of which proved to be a more monumental undertaking than the last. In addition to casting policy for the production of food and fiber, the Farm Bill also includes provisions to update the food stamp program and other programs that are so important to the daily needs of our most vulnerable citizens. In addition to the tremendous expertise Chip displayed regarding the economics of these programs, he always demonstrated a thorough command of programmatic details. His diligence and abundant creativity through many sleepless nights have had an enormous impact, and he will be sorely missed.

Mr. Speaker, you don't have to work with Chip for too long to realize that his efforts are inspired by an enduring, true desire to improve the lives of others. Before he began his professional career, Chip served in India as a Peace Corps volunteer. He spent 2 years in Hissar from 1970–1972, providing extension services to dairy farmers.

Mr. Speaker, I should also express the gratitude of the House to Chip's wife—Jan Rovecamp. Jan herself served as a staff member and was working for the House when she and Chip met and they discovered their mutual interests in hiking and other outdoor pursuits. Jan also aided the Committee by her constant support of Chip and her tolerance for his long hours. They both have hearts of gold, and for nearly 15 years they have volunteered their time to Food and Friends. Each Friday, they spend the middle of their day delivering food and providing companionship to people living with life-challenging illnesses.

Mr. Speaker, I am saddened to see Chip go. Through his work on legislation, he has touched the lives of many Americans. In the city of Washington, he has gained the respect and admiration of countless colleagues from all philosophical backgrounds. To the Members and staff of the Committee, he is a true friend.

On behalf of the Agriculture Committee, I extend to Chip and Jan my deepest appreciation for their service, and wish them much happiness in retirement.