

OPENING OF NEW LEED GOLD CERTIFIED CUB FOODS STORE IN ST. PAUL, MN

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 9, 2009

Ms. McCOLLUM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Minnesota-based grocery retail company Cub Foods for its planned opening of one of the nation's first LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Gold Certified grocery stores in St. Paul, Minnesota.

The new store, located in the heart of St. Paul's Phalen neighborhood, will be the first LEED Gold Certified grocery store in Minnesota and the second in the United States. It received an award from the Environmental Protection Agency's GreenChill Partnership at Gold-Level Certification for outstanding use of environmentally friendly refrigeration technology. I want to congratulate Brian Huff, President of Cub Foods; Mark Halvorson, Phalen Cub Foods Store Manager; and Jeff Noddle, Chairman and CEO of Cub Food's parent company SUPERVALU for their outstanding environmental leadership in setting a new standard in the grocery retail industry.

As a member of the Congressional Green Buildings Caucus I firmly believe that energy efficiency in our nation's buildings must play an important part in a 21st century energy strategy for the United States. The innovations Cub Foods brings to the St. Paul Phalen community with its new LEED store are exceptional and should be replicated nationwide. The new 62,900 square-foot store has skylights to illuminate 75 percent of occupied spaces and has the first commercial parking lot in Minnesota illuminated using only LED lights. It incorporates a landscape irrigation system that uses 50 percent less water than typical systems. In addition, 75 percent of the building construction waste will be recycled. Such innovations must become the standard for America's buildings as we tackle the challenges of climate change and energy security.

In addition, the Phalen Cub Foods store was an integral part of St. Paul's East Side redevelopment project and has created approximately 135 new part-time and full-time jobs for the neighborhood. As we face a global recession, such green projects are a win-win for the environment and our economy.

As Cub Foods commemorated their 40th Anniversary in 2008, the commitment Cub is making to the long-term well-being of the environment, their customers and employees truly exemplifies Minnesota's strong tradition of community and responsible stewardship of our community and our planet. I congratulate Cub Foods on its efforts and look forward to continuing our shared fight for a greener building sector and stronger economy.

RECOGNIZING THE 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY OF MR. AND MRS. ENCARNACION AREVALO GUERRA

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 9, 2009

Mr. CUELLAR. Madam Speaker, I proudly rise today in recognition of the 50th Wedding Anniversary for Encarnacion 'Carny' Arevalo Guerra and Emma Flores Guerra. The lives of these individuals have been uniquely American, and this Golden Anniversary of theirs is a special moment for not only them, but for their family and friends.

Encarnacion Arevalo Arevalo was born May 15th, 1940 in McGregor, Michigan to Sacarias Bonilla Guerra and Ines Arevalo. Emma Flores Guerra was born December 13th, 1940 in San Antonio, TX to Alfredo Saucedo Flores and Ofelia Cavazos Flores. From San Antonio, Emma's family moved to Saginaw, Michigan that she met Encarnacion. Both fathers of the honored couple worked at General Motors during the 1940's, a crucial period when manufactures were devoting all effort to preparing the military with proper equipment.

Music played an important role in both of their lives. As children they loved music and would attend weekly dances in Saginaw, Michigan as young adults. This later would inspire them to start a business. When both were in junior high, attending Central Junior High in Saginaw, Encarnacion played the saxophone, and Emma the French horn. This is where they met and began their relationship. Not all went as planned however as Emma's family was forced to move back to San Antonio. This would not stop their relationship however. The young couple stayed in touch by writing letters to each other at every chance they had.

It was January 10, 1959 that the two married in a large ceremony at St. Joseph's Catholic Church. After marriage, Encarnacion supported his growing family with his continued employment at General Motors in Saginaw for 10 years. It was during this time that the two welcomed 5 daughters into their family: Cynthia, Sylvia, Judith Ines, Belinda, and Elaine.

After leaving GM, the family moved to Laredo, Texas. It was here the couple purchased and converted the Bowl-A-Rama into what we now know as the "Casa Blanca Ballroom". The Ballroom has become a landmark and has held a prominent place in the lives for Laredoans for almost 40 years now.

From here the couple went on to purchase their first radio station in Nuevo Laredo and name it "Radio Canon". This proved to a wise investment, and the Guerra's later purchased share holdings in seven more radio stations. After a short try at retirement, the two returned to the business and acquired three new radio stations: Z-93, Energy 98, and K-Onda. In 1995, the couple moved to San Antonio, but remain active in the communities. Today, when Encarnacion is not tinkering in his garden, the two are fulfilling their dream of traveling the world. The Guerras are a vibrant example of living the American dream.

Madam Speaker, please join me in celebrating them on the 50th Wedding Anniversary not just as local icons in Texas, but model citi-

zens of the United States of America. They are true stewards of the American dream, and I celebrate them and thank them for their contributions to the Great State of Texas.

TRIBUTE TO MRS. JOSEPHINE ARNOLD

HON. FRED UPTON

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 9, 2009

Mr. UPTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Mrs. Josephine Arnold of Portage, Michigan, for her nearly 30 years of distinguished service to the Portage Senior Center and the greater Kalamazoo area.

Jo began working with the Portage Senior Center in 1979 and was named its charter director in 1992 when the Portage City Council created the Department of Senior Services to give the senior center a direct link to the council. Since its inception 30 years ago, the Portage Senior Center has gained 2,000 members and currently has a regular daily attendance of 200 senior citizens. Under Jo's leadership in 2000, the Portage Senior Center became Michigan's first nationally accredited senior center and one of an elite group of 127 centers that have been nationally accredited. Throughout the years, Jo's overriding goal at the center has been to promote personal growth, health, friendship, and independence for area seniors and all generation participants. In addition to her career with the city of Portage, Jo has been an active community member as an instructor at Kalamazoo Valley Community College and as the activities director of Friendship Village.

Jo has been an inspirational figure, exuding friendship, generosity, and leadership in her commitment to a population often neglected by society. Her dedication to community development will be remembered for years to come and her example followed to continue to aid senior citizens in Kalamazoo.

Once again, I would like to personally congratulate and thank Jo Arnold for her many years of public service to the citizens of this great country. Southwest Michigan is truly a better place because of her contributions.

125TH ANNIVERSARY OF MOUNT FERN UMC

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 9, 2009

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the one hundred twenty-fifth anniversary of the Mount Fern United Methodist Church, in Randolph, New Jersey.

The first service at Mount Fern Church was held on November 11, 1883. Mount Fern Church was an offshoot of the Millbrook Methodist Church established 50 years earlier in 1833. Mount Fern was built to serve the growing surrounding community and the workers at Mine Hill who did not have transportation to Millbrook.

John R. Spargo is the person most responsible for the church at Mount Fern. He donated the land, provided the financing, helped