

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. C.A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 31, 2009

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Madam Speaker, on Thursday, March 26, 2009, during the debate on the FLAME ACT, I inadvertently voted "aye" on rollcall 161, the Rep. Goodlatte Amendment. I meant to vote "no."

IN RECOGNITION OF DAVID WARREN

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, when David Warren came to the Richland County Public Library (RCPL) in Columbia, S.C., in 1979, he brought leadership and vision that would expand and transform the library and reintroduce it to the Richland community. Since that time, the RCPL has grown in size and scope—including the construction of a 242,000-square-foot Main Library, the expansion of five and the construction of 2 new branches, an increase in the circulation of materials to 3.3 million and the library's collection to over 1.3 million pieces.

As executive director of the Richland County Public Library, Warren has been recognized across the country and internationally for his leadership and strength in library management. His reputation as an innovator has led to numerous appointments with local, state, and national organizations. Under Warren's leadership, RCPL was named the National Library of the Year in 2001, bringing positive national attention to the Midlands and South Carolina. His vision and ability to think outside the box has enabled RCPL to set a new standard for public library systems in South Carolina and the Southeast.

Named Librarian of the Year by the South Carolina Library Association in 1991 and Public Administrator of the Year by the South Carolina Chapter of the American Society for Public Administrators for 1992/1993, Warren's leadership and commitment to his community has justly earned him this recognition and much appreciation from those who have benefited from his tremendous efforts.

I congratulate David Warren on his retirement and wish him many more years of success and service.

IN MEMORY OF JOHN WOODWARD, JR.

HON. ELTON GALLEGLY

OF CALIFORNIA

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Mr. GALLEGLY. Madam Speaker, I rise in memory of John Woodward, Jr., whose very life proved that one could be gentle, kind, civil and honest—and financially successful.

John Woodward became an entrepreneur relatively late in life. After serving in Guam and Okinawa with the U.S. Army during World

War II, John was drafted by Chrysler Corporation while he was still a business major at the University of Southern California.

He spent the next few decades working his way up the auto industry corporate ladder, including about a decade traveling around the country establishing dealership franchises. Then, in 1976, John and his wife, Nada, who he had met during World War II when she was an Army nurse, moved their family to Thousand Oaks, California, where he opened Westoaks Chrysler Dodge.

The dealership's motto was, "Where People Care." By all accounts, John made sure the dealership lived up to that motto right up until he sold it last year.

In addition to opening his own dealership, John also was instrumental in starting the Thousand Oaks Auto Mall. As an active member of the Thousand Oaks-Westlake Village Regional Chamber of Commerce, John led the fundraising drive for the Chamber's first building.

But John's civic mindedness did not end with business promotion. He believed in his community and worked tirelessly on its behalf. John was a key donor to the Community Conscience of Conejo Valley and supported a multitude of children's sports teams, civic groups and charitable organizations. Among his many accolades was being named the Chamber's Man of the Year.

My wife, Janice, and I were privileged to call him our friend.

Madam Speaker, John's wife of nearly sixty years died four years ago. Many were touched by their legacy of honesty and civility, but none more than their three children, Ginny, Nancy and John III; and their four grandchildren. I know my colleagues will join Janice and me in offering our condolences to John's family and all who knew him and called him a friend.

Godspeed, John.

HONORING ALLEN BUSHMAN

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

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Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Allen Bushman upon being named as a "Distinguished Life Member" by the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 9896. Mr. Bushman was honored on Saturday, January 31, 2009.

Allen Bushman was born in March 1930 in Fairview, Utah, and at age eighteen he enlisted in the newly formed United States Air Force. He completed his basic training at Lackland Air Force Base in Texas. He went on to serve in a variety of assignments, including an aircraft engineering mechanic for the B-29 and B-36 bombers and the KC-97 Stratotanker. These aircrafts were instrumental during the Korean War, completing missions from Japan and Okinawa to bomb targets in North Korea. After the war, Mr. Bushman completed Aircraft Maintenance Technician School and qualified as an Inflight Air Refueling Boom Operator. The Stratotanker was an aerial refueling tanker; it was vital to the Air Force as the B-47 became the primary bomber for world-wide strategic operations.

During the 1960s, Mr. Bushman completed courses at the USAF Advanced Flying School

and was selected for advanced training for the KC-135 and completed the Combat Crew Training Squadron Course. He also completed the Management Course for Air Force Supervisors and the Special Vehicle Repairman Course. Mr. Bushman was assigned as the boom operator on the KC-135 where he flew on missions from Okinawa and Guam, refueling the B-52 and other aircraft flying to and returning from missions over North Vietnam. During his twenty-two years of service he served with a number of wings and squadrons including 22nd Bomb Wing, 98th Bomb Wing, 111th Bomb Wing, 95th Bomb Wing, 90th Air Refueling Squadron, 99th Air Refueling Squadron and 924th Air Refueling Training Squadron.

Master Sergeant Bushman retired from the Air Force at Castle Air Force Base on February 28, 1970. He was awarded with the Air Force Commendation Medal for Meritorious Service, the Air Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Korean Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Air Force Good Conduct Medal, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award, National Defense Service Medal and the Air Force Longevity Service Award for his service during the Korean War, Vietnam War and the Cold War. Upon his retirement, he completed a two year business management course at Merced College and became a fence contractor. He is a life member of Chowchilla Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 9896, and a member of the Church of Latter Day Saints. He and his wife, Carla Gene, continue to live in Chowchilla, California; they have nine children, twenty-seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Allen Bushman upon being named as a "Distinguished Life Member" by the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 9896. I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing Mr. Bushman many years of continued success.

SPREAD THE WORD TO END THE WORD CAMPAIGN

HON. PATRICK J. KENNEDY

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KENNEDY. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize and commend the efforts of the Spread the Word to End the Word Campaign; a grassroots organization founded by college and high school students toward promoting greater awareness and respect for people with intellectual disabilities.

Created by young people with and without intellectual disabilities, Spread the Word to End the Word promotes the undeniable truth that everyone matters, everyone is accepted and, most importantly, everyone is valued. Today, young activists across the country are leading local efforts to raise awareness and collect pledges from peers and the community to vow not to use the "R-word" and recognize March 31, 2009 as a national awareness day for The Spread the Word to End the Word campaign.

In 1966, speaking at the University of Cape Town in South Africa, my uncle, Robert Kennedy said, "Each time a man stands up for an ideal, or acts to improve the lot of others, or strikes out against injustice, he sends forth a