

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

MR. CHRIS BLUM

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 30, 2009

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, it is with great pride and pleasure that I rise today to recognize the outstanding service of Chris Blum, FAA Regional Administrator for Central Region, on the occasion of his retirement after 38 years of serving the FAA.

Chris began his career in 1970 as a controller at the Miami Air Traffic Control Center. He has since served in various management positions in the FAA's Southern, Central and Great Lakes Regions. In April 2005, he was asked to handle two regions—Central and Great Lakes. This resulted in a twelve-state span, and was a first for the FAA. He was also responsible for such high volume and high visibility facilities as Chicago O'Hare. In 2008, Chris was detailed as the Acting Administrator for Regions and Center Operations, Washington, DC.

Chris has earned the gratitude and respect of his fellow colleagues and fellow citizens. His life's dedication and hard work should serve as an example to the rest of us on how we can better serve each other and our great nation.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join with me in commending Mr. Chris Blum for his dedicated service. I know Chris's colleagues, family and friends join with me in thanking him for his commitment to others and wishing him happiness and good health in his retirement.

HONORING THE TOWN OF TRURO, MASSACHUSETTS ON ITS 300TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. WILLIAM D. DELAHUNT

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DELAHUNT. Madam Speaker, I rise today so that my colleagues in the House of Representatives can join me in congratulating the Town of Truro, Massachusetts on the 300th anniversary of its incorporation. Since its founding, Truro has enjoyed a reputation as a diverse and culturally rich town, whose welcoming residents and awe-inspiring landscapes are famous throughout New England.

Truro's history harks back to November 1620, when the Pilgrims visited the area while their ship, the Mayflower, was anchored in what is now Provincetown Harbor. It was here that the Pilgrims found their first fresh water, and on Corn Hill, overlooking Cape Cod Bay, the voyagers found a cache of seed corn belonging to the natives which they stole to provide seed for their own spring crop. Determining that the land here was unsuitable for their purposes, the Pilgrims continued up the coast of the Cape to present-day Eastham and then ventured across the Bay to Plimoth.

On July 16, 1709, the Town of Truro gained its independence. Formerly a part of Eastham, the nascent Town encompassed the district previously known as Pamet.

During the Revolutionary War, Truro's militia demonstrated remarkable skill and bravery in keeping the British at bay. Once, the members marched in a circular formation behind a barrier dune to convey the impression that there was a large force assembled ready to defend the town. At the time, Provincetown Harbor was controlled by the British, and there was no protection for Truro save its own meager militia.

Truro has a long and distinguished seafaring history, and at one time had a shipyard which produced large vessels in the Pamet River basin. Truro whalers sailing from other ports ventured as far as the Arctic and the Falkland Islands. Ultimately, the Town of Truro's intrepid and expert whalers helped spur an industry that became profitable and culturally significant throughout coastal New England.

In fact, much of Truro's economy was once dependent on the sea. Truro's men were whalers, and the shipyard built large commercial vessels to sustain their activities. There were several try works in town to render the whale blubber into lamp oil, and salt works dotted the shores and hillsides, providing much-needed salt to preserve the catch. These industries—along with subsistence and commercial farming—have been replaced largely by the seasonal tourist industry that currently fuels the local economy.

Today, slightly more than 2,100 residents call Truro home year-round. During the summer months, the tiny Town's population swells by an estimated 17,000 to 18,000 people anxious to experience the breathtaking scenery for which Truro is known. More than half of its landmass is within the Cape Cod National Seashore. Truro's beaches stretch unbroken between its borders, offering water access for swimming, fishing, and boating.

The first lighthouse—what many consider an icon of Cape Cod—was built in Truro at Highland in 1797. At the time, the numerous shoals off the "great backside" claimed many ships as the prevailing winds and waves drove vessels to the shore. This original lighthouse was declared unsafe in 1857 and a new tower, still standing and still in-use, was built to replace it.

Truro, with its glorious sunsets; noisy, storm-surf-beaten beaches; tranquil, sunny berry-laden hills; deliciously refreshing fresh-water springs; adventuresome paths; and acres of protected National Seashore land, has been home or temporary haven to politicians, musicians, puppeteers, pirates, poets, and ordinary folks. Its people are hardy and resilient. Tradesmen and professionals, artists and writers, bards and photographers, fishermen and farmers, retirees and schoolchildren all contribute to the unique fabric of the Town's community. Some grew up here; many others have chosen this special place as their home.

It is with pleasure and pride that I join Truro's residents on this auspicious day to celebrate all the achievements the Town has accomplished, and all those to come. Happy birthday, Truro. May the years ahead be ever prosperous and bright.

CONGRATULATING PAUL GIBLIN, PATTI EPLER, AND RYAN GABRIELSON RECIPIENTS OF THE 2009 PULITZER PRIZE FOR LOCAL REPORTING

HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 30, 2009

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate three Arizona journalists, Paul Giblin, Patti Epler, and Ryan Gabrielson, for earning the most prestigious honor in their profession, the 2009 Pulitzer Prize for Local Reporting. Their hard work and dedicated effort on behalf of The East Valley Tribune are deserving of recognition and should be a source of pride for the people of Arizona.

The Pulitzer Prize for Local Reporting was first awarded in 1948 to honor journalists who display innovation and knowledge of their communities while reporting on important local issues. The Pulitzer Prize Committee offers each winner a \$10,000 award and a commemorative certificate, but more important is these journalists have earned the respect and admiration of their peers and the public.

Paul, Patti, and Ryan have set a new standard for all Arizona journalists with their commitment to excellence through their exhaustive in-depth reporting on the impact of immigration enforcement in Arizona. Despite facing tough conditions with the downsizing of the newspaper industry—both Paul Giblin and Patti Epler have since been laid off by The Tribune—these individuals have reminded us all that investigative journalism is still vital to shedding light on and informing the public about significant issues that face the nation today.

It is only the fourth time in Arizona's history that a local media organization has won a Pulitzer Prize. More significantly, it represents only the second occasion that a Pulitzer Prize has been awarded in Arizona for reporting.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing Paul, Patti, and Ryan's achievement and their continued service to journalism in the public interest.

ADRIAN MURPHY

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 30, 2009

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Adrian Murphy who has received the Arvada Wheat

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