

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

COMMEMORATING THE 190TH ANNIVERSARY OF GREECE'S INDEPENDENCE

HON. FRANK C. GUINTA

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 31, 2011

Mr. GUINTA. Mr. Speaker, today, as we commemorate the 190th anniversary of Greece's independence, we not only reaffirm the ties that link our two great nations together as allies, but we also honor the accomplishments of so many Greek Americans who have made their home in New Hampshire and their immeasurable contributions to the Granite State.

One such Greek American who has dedicated his life to enhancing our community through public service is my friend, Manchester Mayor Ted Gatsas. Throughout his service as an Alderman, State Senator, and Mayor, he has dedicated his life to ensuring that we leave a better state to our children and grandchildren. Mayor Gatsas embodies the hard work, dedication, and fortitude that so many Greek Americans exemplify in our community.

This is a great day for Mayor Ted Gatsas, his wife Cassandra, and all Greek Americans who call New Hampshire home. I wish him the very best and many more years of service to our state.

LYCOMING COLLEGE BICENTENNIAL CHARTER DAY

HON. TOM MARINO

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MARINO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the Bicentennial Charter Day of Lycoming College. Chartered on April 2, 1811, Lycoming College is a national liberal arts and science institution located in Williamsport, Pennsylvania. The College is one of the fifty oldest colleges in the nation.

Lycoming College was founded in 1812 as the Williamsport Academy for the Education of Youth in the English and other Languages, in the Useful Arts, Science and Literature. From its inception, the Academy educated both men and women, and has provided students with financial aid.

The Reverend Benjamin Crever is credited with founding Lycoming College. Crever was a circuit-riding Methodist preacher who alerted the Baltimore Conference to the sale of the Academy, and in 1847 the Baltimore Conference purchased the Academy, subsequently opening the Williamsport Dickinson Seminary. Of the four schools Rev. Crever founded, Lycoming is the only one left operating as an educational institution.

During the term of the school's ninth President, Dr. John W. Long, Lycoming College be-

came an accredited institution. In 1929, Williamsport Dickinson Seminary became the first accredited junior college in Pennsylvania, taking the name Williamsport Dickinson Junior College. The College then became a four-year college of the liberal arts and sciences in 1947, still under the leadership of Dr. Long. Lycoming College took its name in 1947 with reference to the local county and Native American word meaning "great stream."

In 1989, Lycoming College President Dr. James E. Douthat ushered in an era of increased enrollment and revised curriculum. Today, the school has more than 16,000 alumni and is recognized as a tier-one institution by U.S. News and World Report. Lycoming College provides undergraduate education to more than 1,400 students, offering over 30 majors culminating in a Bachelor's Degree of either Arts or Sciences.

Mr. Speaker, as a graduate of Lycoming College, it is with great pride that I rise today to honor this institution of higher learning on the anniversary of its Bicentennial Charter Day. Lycoming College's commitment to education for all, regardless of gender or financial situation, is to be commended. The College has continued to grow in influence and educational prowess since the Charter on April 2, 1811.

COTTONWOOD INC. AND ABILITYONE

HON. LYNN JENKINS

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. JENKINS. Mr. Speaker, the first priority of this Congress must be getting the American people back in the work place. I rise to support one program that is doing just that.

Today in Lawrence, Kansas the men and women at Cottonwood Inc., are manufacturing tie-down straps that our military uses to secure cargo in trucks, humvees, planes, ships and any other means of transportation.

But what makes Cottonwood particularly noteworthy, isn't just that they have been awarded the gold medal for excellence from the Defense Logistics Agency for 9 consecutive years, but that through the AbilityOne program many of the men and women assembling and packaging the tiedown straps have developmental disabilities.

The AbilityOne program provides employment opportunities to those who have severe disabilities by directing the Federal Government to purchase products and services from participating community-based nonprofit agencies that are dedicated to training and employing individuals with disabilities.

The Kansans employed through this program are making significant contributions as citizens to our armed services and are productive members of the Lawrence community.

I proudly support Cottonwood, the AbilityOne Program and its workers in Kansas

for making a difference in unemployment among people with disabilities both in Kansas and throughout the country.

HONORING MR. SANFORD BEECHER

HON. TOM MARINO

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 31, 2011

Mr. MARINO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of my constituent, Mr. Sanford Beecher to celebrate 50 years of practicing law in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Sanford D. Beecher, Jr. was born on August 13, 1932. "Sandy" as he is more commonly known, was raised in Bala Cynwyd, Pennsylvania and attended The Episcopal Academy.

After high school Sandy attended Amherst College in Amherst, Massachusetts. Upon graduation from Amherst, Sandy served our country in the U.S. Army's European Occupation of Germany from 1954-1956. After returning home, Sandy enrolled in the law program at the University of Pennsylvania, being admitted to the Pennsylvania Bar in 1961.

Sandy began his law career at Duane Morris & Heckscher in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, being admitted to the bar in 1961. Today he is "of counsel" to Klemeyer, Farley & Bernathy LLC in Milford, Pennsylvania.

Sandy married Sally Coder in 1954, and is the proud father of five children: Sharon, Susan, Sanford III, Stacey, and Sarah, and has been blessed with eleven grandchildren: Ryan, April, Tess, Gabe, Luke, Christian, Corey, Clayton, Emily, Claire, and Julia.

Sandy is an active member of the community having served as President of the Pike County Chamber of Commerce, the Pike County Ducks Unlimited, and the Pike County Bar Association. He also serves on the Board of Directors of Mercy Community Hospital and is an active member of The Church of the Good Shepherd, St. John the Evangelist.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Sandy Beecher on his 50 year law career and ask my colleagues to join me in praising his commitment to his family, his community, and our nation.

KATHERINE MOORE

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 31, 2011

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Katherine Moore for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Katherine Moore is a 8th grader at North Arvada Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Katherine Moore is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and

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