

upon. Orders had been issued to turn them all off except the heads of the Indian families, or such as possessed improvements. Government had taken measures to purchase land from the Indians who had gone to Arkansas. If this bill should pass, the same plan would be carried further; they would send and buy them out, and put white men upon their land. It had never been known that white men and Indians could live together; and in this case, the Indians were to have no privileges allowed them, while the white men were to have all. Now, if this was not oppression with a vengeance, he did not know what was. It was the language of the bill, and of its friends, that the Indians were not to be driven off against their will. He knew the Indians were unwilling to go; and therefore he could not consent to place them in a situation where they would be obliged to go. He could not stand that. He knew that he stood alone, having, perhaps, none of his colleagues from his state agreeing in sentiment. He could not help that. He knew that he should return to his home glad and light in heart, if he voted against the bill. He felt that it was his wish and purpose to serve his constituents honestly, according to the light of his conscience. The moment he should exchange his conscience for mere party views, he hoped his Maker would no longer suffer him to exist. He spoke the truth in saying so. If he should be the only member of that House who voted against the bill, and the only man in the United States who disapproved it, he would still vote against it; and it would be matter of rejoicing to him till the day he died, that he had given the vote. He had been told that he should be prostrated; but if so, he would have the consolation of conscience. He would obey that power, and gloried in the deed. He cared not for popularity, unless it could be obtained by upright means. He had seen much to disgust him here; and he did not wish to represent his fellow citizens, unless he could be permitted to act conscientiously. He had been told that he did not understand English grammar. That was very true. He had never been six months at school in his life; he had raised himself by the labor of his hands. But he did not, on that account, yield upon his privilege as the representative of freemen on this floor. Humble as he was, he meant to exercise his privilege. He had been charged with not representing his constituents. If the fact was so, the error (said Mr. C.) is here, (touching his head) not here (laying his hand upon his heart). He never had possessed wealth or education, but he had ever been animated by an independent spirit; and he trusted to prove it on the present occasion.

A TRIBUTE TO F. JOHN WHITE

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 24, 2012

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor F. John White. Mr. White, the Chief Executive Officer of Public Financial Management, Inc. and a member of its Board of Directors, will celebrate his retirement after a lifetime of service to his company, profession, and community.

As CEO of Public Financial Management, Inc., Mr. White is responsible for the overall daily management of the firm and chairs the PFM Management Committee, the primary policy-making body in the firm. In his role, Mr. White has spearheaded PFM's growth in personnel, technology advances, and business

practice expansion. He has helped to expand PFM over the past 30 years from a single office with five employees in 1980 to over 445 employees in 31 offices nationwide.

Mr. White has also taken the lead in PFM's effort to develop and maintain a strategic consulting practice designed specifically to assist state and local governments in strengthening credit ratings. He led the team that wrote the original Five Year Plan for the City of Philadelphia in 1992 enabling Philadelphia to recover from a more than \$200 million structural operating deficit and regain an investment grade rating. This effort resulted in upgrades from all three major credit rating agencies and Philadelphia's return to the bond market after a two-year absence.

Prior to joining PFM in 1980, Mr. White held policy-making positions in various aspects of local, state and federal governments. He served as Deputy to the then District Attorney Edward G. Rendell of Philadelphia and as Regional Representative in the Pennsylvania Department of Commerce. He spent five years handling administrative and legislative matters for then Congressman William Green, serving on the House Ways and Means Committee.

A life-long resident of Philadelphia, Mr. White is a graduate of The William Penn Charter School and Muhlenberg College. He serves on Penn Charter's board of overseers as Treasurer.

Mr. White's long and impressive career showcases his commitment and service to his profession and community. Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in thanking F. John White for his work and congratulate him on the occasion of his retirement.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RON KIND

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 24, 2012

Mr. KIND. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to record my vote on the House floor during the vote on H.R. 3117 and H.R. 1141 on January 23, 2012 because of family commitments in Wisconsin. Had I been present, I would have voted in favor of both H.R. 3117 (Roll No. 5) and H.R. 1141 (Roll No. 6).

IN RECOGNITION OF TOMMY FELLO AND THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF TOMMY'S RESTAURANT

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 24, 2012

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I would like to bring to your attention the 40th anniversary of Tommy's Restaurant, and its owner, Tommy Fello.

What later became "Tommy's" on Coventry Road in Cleveland Heights started out as a part-time job at a 7-stool lunch counter at the corner drug store for Tommy when he was in the 9th grade in 1967. By 1972, just a year and a half after graduating from Cleveland Heights High School, Tommy bought the lunch counter and renamed it Tommy's. Having

learned to make Lebanese specialties, such as falafel, hummus and baba ghanouj, from the lunch counter, he incorporated these and other items to cater to a growing demand for good food and healthy lifestyles. His menu includes vegetarian, vegan, macrobiotic, and gluten-free foods. But one can also get hamburgers, hot dogs and meat pies. After 45 years cooking and 40 years as the owner, Tommy still works long hours behind the grill making sandwiches and other treats for his many customers.

With success, Tommy always found ways to give back to his community. Every year on Earth Day, Tommy Fello can be found at the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo in Ohio's 10th Congressional District, feeding all the volunteers the wonderful food he cooks at his restaurant. On New Years Day every year, Tommy opens his restaurant for a 4 hour pancake breakfast with all proceeds donated to the local arts community. Tommy's Restaurant has provided a first job to thousands of youths in the Cleveland area since opening. Tommy has worked as a mentor for many local schools and is often asked to give entrepreneurial and motivational speeches to students of all ages.

Tommy's Restaurant is a Cleveland-area landmark. His website lists many customers of national and local renown, including TV personality Al Roker, actress Alicia Silverstone, the late Cuyahoga County poet laureate Daniel Thompson, blues musician Mr. Stress (who also has a sandwich named in his honor), comedian Molly Shannon (who once worked at Tommy's), actor Danny DeVito, the late graphic novelist Harvey Pekar, singer Patty Smith, and movie director Jim Jarmusch. I am proud to also be on this list.

I am also proud to know this fine individual who has worked hard, found much success, and has given so much back. Other business-owners on his street have nicknamed him the King of Coventry or the Mayor of Coventry because of their appreciation for all his hard work and dedication to the community. Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring Tommy Fello on his celebration of 40 years owning Tommy's Restaurant.

BLACK JANUARY

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 24, 2012

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a landmark event in history known as "Black January". This was a day when Azerbaijani citizens stood up to the Soviet government and gave up their lives for freedom from communism and dictatorship. Indeed, January 20, 1990, in Baku, Azerbaijan, has become a symbol of when the Soviet empire lapsed.

At midnight, on January 19, 1990, twenty-six thousand Russian troops flooded the capital city of Baku with tanks. Armed with a state of emergency declared by the U.S.S.R. Supreme Soviet Presidium and signed by then President Mikhail Gorbachev, the incursion was intended to suppress a growing independence movement. The end result was the opposite as the incident inflamed Azerbaijani nationalism and contributed to the breakup of the Soviet Union.

The national independence movement had reached a remarkable momentum with hundreds of thousands demonstrating for independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity. The emerging democratic groups and protesters called for independence from the Soviet Union and removal of Communists officials. On the night of January 19–20, more than 130 people died, 611 were injured, 841 were arrested and 5 went missing. In the days after the invasion, thousands of Azerbaijanis surrounded Communist Party headquarters demanding the resignation of the republic's leadership. Soviet troops were eventually withdrawn from Baku, but political control was maintained for almost another 2 years until Azerbaijan's parliament declared independence in October 1991. The Republic of Azerbaijan has maintained its independence for more than 17 years.

Today, Azerbaijan has developed into a thriving country with double digit growth, in large part due to a freely elected president and parliament, free market reforms led by the energy sector, and, most importantly, no foreign troops on its soil.

Mr. Speaker, let us remember those who sacrificed their lives and those who stood against communism and dictatorship on the monumental "Black January" day on January 20, 1990.

HONORING THE CARROLL SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL DRAGON FOOTBALL TEAM

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 24, 2012

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I recognize the Carroll Senior High School Dragon football team for winning the 2011 Class 5A Division I Texas State Championship title.

The Dragons finished the season with a perfect 16–0 record and the program's eighth state championship. Carroll High School competes in the University Interscholastic League Class 5A, the most competitive athletic class composed of the largest schools in Texas.

Carroll had a thrilling 2011 season, winning three playoff games after being behind in the second half. The state championship was especially exciting where the Dragons played Fort Bend Hightower High School at Cowboys Stadium with an attending crowd of 42,822.

Hightower had a 29–28 lead over Carroll starting the fourth quarter. In Hightower's first possession of the fourth quarter, Carroll linebacker Will Davis caused a fumble that was recovered by the Dragons on Hightower's 29-yard line. With key positioning in Hightower territory, Carroll quarterback Kenny Hill led the offense to a touchdown with five plays. Carroll then scored a two-point conversion giving them a lead of 36–28.

With 9:18 left in the fourth quarter, the Carroll defense shut down the Hightower offense. On a second down, cornerback Sabian Holmes made a pivotal play breaking up a pass near the end zone, and on the third down, linebackers Will Davis and Jeff Miller sacked the Hightower quarterback, forcing a punt. Following the punt return, the Dragon of-

fense shrewdly ran down the clock to win the state championship title.

I am extremely proud of the entire Carroll football team. I would like to take a moment to recognize all of the players who contributed to this championship:

Drew Ahmuty, Derek McLemore, Ryan Weigel, Jared Bales, Ray Crockett, Peyton Williams, Cameron Feuchter, Ben Sego, Connor Dyer, Corey Kemp, Tanner Jacobson, Austin Miller, Kyle McKinney, Blake McWhirter, Sean Dickson, Brandon Viohl, Kenny Hill, Conner Combs, Tyler Hunter, Ian Moss, Tyler Barnes, Kellen Day, David Stroope, Tanner Hutyr, Britton Wallace, Michael Stephens, Anthony Custable, Matthew Zauber, Chris Swart, Luke Kissick, James Noetzel, Sabian Holmes, Reid Hall, Roy Peryea, Robert Harless, Jeremy McClellan, Zach Hernandez, AJ Ezzard, Nick Melocik, Aaron Hoagland, Carter Bishop, Adaryan Jones, Matt Swoyer, Travis Martin, Derek Kalata, Hunter Westmoreland, Drew Brown, Will Davis, Conner Owens, Alex Johnston, Sam Downey, Joseph Formella, Steven Bergmark, Nash Neu, Dillon Rake, Jacob White, Landon Howard, Christian Poucket, Jeff Miller, Brian Bonacci, Nick Arst, Jackson Mitchell, Korbin Wayton, Edgar Gonzalez, Hunter Lackey, Michael Gavin, Nicholas Berman, Austin Tyrone, Dustin Flegle, JJ Prince, Alec Deutsch, Brady Stallings, Kyle Arpaia, Patrick Mundlin, Raymond Proietti, Ryan Hauser, Caleb LaCombe, Kyle Rae, Jack Proskovec, Evan Brown, Clay Hochstrate, Avery Hill, Connor Chase, Andrew Olear, Gabe Callan, Matt Jackson, Holden Sheehan, Connor Wakeham, Grant Drewelow, Cam Manning, Chad Kwong, Garrett Hale, Keaton Duhon, Joe Heineman, Sammy Silver, Haydn Billman, Caden Carlton, Brandon Gordon, Hunter Peck, Jesse Martinez, Cenani Lalani, Luke Timian, Blake Collins, Jake Webb, Al Tolbert, Matt Watford, Davin Campbell, Connor Page, James Hagerman, Scott Marks, Brock Sales, Ty Cummings, Joseph Depinto, Nash Dickey, Spencer Sunstrum.

Of course, no championship team is complete without those behind the scenes. Head Coach Hal Wasson; Asst. Coaches Clayton George, Tim Wasson, Mike Loveless, Tony Holmes, Austin Cranford, Aaron Lineweaver, Robert Drake, Brad Skinner, Kirk Rogers, Rob Royer and Brandon Murdock; Team Managers Colt Meachem, Nick Foster, Nick Bromley and Brendon James; Athletic Trainers Derek Abell, Allison Loftin and Carrie Saulters; and Student Trainers Sye Noble, Cameron Spence, Ragan Sims, Scott Miritillo, James Sarandis, and Brad Mason were all key contributors to Carroll's 2011 championship.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the 24th Congressional District of Texas, I ask all my distinguished colleagues to join me in congratulating the Carroll Senior High School Dragons football team for its victory in the 2011 Class 5A Division I state Texas state championship.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROBERT L. TURNER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 24, 2012

Mr. TURNER of New York. Mr. Speaker, because of travel delays due to inclement weather,

I missed the two votes on January 23, 2012. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on House Resolution 3117, the Permanent Electronic Duck Stamp Act of 2011 (Rollcall 5) as well as House Resolution 1141, the Rota Cultural and Natural Resources Study Act (Rollcall 6).

I understand the responsibility of representing the residents of the Ninth Congressional District of New York and I regret missing these two votes.

CONGRATULATING BACARDI ON ITS 150TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 24, 2012

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Bacardi on its 150th anniversary. The company was founded by Don Facundo Bacardi Massó in Santiago de Cuba on February 4, 1862, and overcame multiple adversities to become the largest privately-held spirits company, one that today sells more than 200 brands and labels in more than 150 markets globally, and the third largest spirits company in the world. Family-owned and run for seven generations, the Company employs nearly 6,000 people around the world. Bacardi has a significant presence and history in the United States.

As its business grew in Cuba, Bacardi capitalized on growing opportunities abroad and expanded outside of Cuba as Cuba's first multinational company. In 1916, the Company established a bottling facility in New York City. Bacardi rum is distributed by Bacardi U.S.A., Inc. based in my home district of Coral Gables, Florida. Having toured the offices recently, I've seen first hand the energy and excitement in the employees about the company.

I congratulate the Bacardi rum brand on its 150th anniversary and commend the Bacardi Company for 150 years of business perseverance and commitment to continue sustainable business practices, fairness to employees and generosity to the community at large that built Bacardi during the past 150 years.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE ST. IGNATIUS FOOTBALL TEAM

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 24, 2012

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the St. Ignatius Football Team, which won the 2011 Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA) Division I State Championship.

St. Ignatius High School was founded in September of 1886 on Cleveland's West 30th