

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN RECOGNITION OF DON EATON

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 26, 2013

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor former San Carlos Mayor Don Eaton who has been named 2012 San Carlos Citizen of the Year. It is only fitting that Don is recognized for his public service over 36 years.

His dedication to our community is described perfectly in his own words: "I believe that it is our duty to leave this community better than we found it." Don served on the city council for 15 years and has undoubtedly left San Carlos better than he found it. Just to begin the list of his contributions to San Carlos, residents can thank him for a traveling Vietnam Wall, the "Week of the Family," and the successful library bond measure.

Don was instrumental in the Holly Street grade separation project which was completed through the passage of Measure D. He also was a co-negotiator and chief spokesperson for the city in the Harbor Industrial Area annexation and he served as a representative to the Association of Bay Area Governments for San Mateo County cities.

Prior to joining the city council, Don was the chair of the San Carlos Planning Commission. During his council service, he did three additional jobs by also serving on the South County Fire District Commission, the South Bay Side Systems Authority and the San Carlos Redevelopment Agency Oversight Board. Of course, he also ran his own business as a banker and thus proved to be one of the most indefatigable persons in San Carlos during that era.

After leaving the council, Don retrieved part of his life for himself and his family, but, never one to avoid an opportunity to serve San Carlos or the region, he is currently on the board of directors of the Hiller Aviation Museum and the Bay Area Council Economic Institute. He also sits on my Financial Services Advisory Committee offering me, along with other distinguished members, his perspective on current economic trends in our region.

Don is a native Californian and earned his Bachelor of Arts and Masters in Business Administration from Brigham Young University. He is a Vietnam veteran.

Don and his wife Glenna live in San Carlos where they raised four children.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to rise with me to honor Don Eaton upon recognition of the obvious: Don Eaton should be San Carlos Citizen of the Year and perhaps, should they ever create such a title, citizen of the past four decades. I am absolutely certain that Don Eaton will live up to his new title and continue contributing to his beloved community of San Carlos for many years to come.

CELEBRATING CHIEF LOUIS SANTOSUS' 50 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE MINEOLA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my friend and former classmate, Chief Louis Santosus, on the occasion of the celebration of 50 years of service to the Mineola Volunteer Fire Department.

A life-long Mineola resident, Chief Santosus and I were classmates at Mineola Public Schools. After graduation, Chief Santosus joined the Mineola Junior Fire Department in 1963. In the 50 years since, he has remained an active firefighter committed to serving his neighbors with great selflessness and dedication.

Chief Santosus has served in many capacities including Vice President and President of Company No. 1 of the Mineola Volunteer Fire Department. Throughout his service, he rose through the ranks to serve as Captain, and then as Chief, of the Mineola Fire Department. He was an integral part of building up the Mineola Junior Fire Department into the Junior Fire Department, as it is known today throughout the region. He has been honored as Company No. 1 Firefighter of the Year, Town of North Hempstead Firefighter of the Year, and Firefighter of the Year of the Mineola Fire Department. These great distinctions are just some of the examples of the value Chief Louis Santosus brought to his community and his peers.

In addition to his commitment to the fire department, Chief Louis Santosus has held positions on the Village of Mineola Board for 17 years as Trustee and Deputy Mayor. Presently, he serves as a member of the Fire Council and the Nassau County Critical Incidence Stress Management Team.

Chief Santosus and his wife, Patricia, have four children—Patti, Bonnie, Gary, and Brian—and nine grandchildren. Both Brian and Gary currently are Lieutenants in the FDNY, and Brian is an Ex-Captain of Company No. 1.

Today I join the officers and members of Company No. 1 of the Mineola Volunteer Fire Department in celebrating and honoring my long-time friend Chief Louis Santosus' 50 years of dedication and service to the people and communities of Nassau County, Long Island.

RECOGNIZING THE 45TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BOB BONDURANT SCHOOL OF HIGH PERFORMANCE DRIVING

HON. MATT SALMON

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SALMON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Bob Bondurant School of High Performance Driving in Phoenix, Arizona on their forty-fifth anniversary.

After racing since a teenager, Bob Bondurant was in a tragic accident during a race flipping his car eight times, injuring his ribs, legs, feet, and back. Determined to help drivers of all levels avoid accidents like his own, Mr. Bondurant took his passion of racing and turned it into an opportunity to advise and instruct others. On February, 14, 1968, he opened the Bondurant Driving School with three cars and three students. From this small start, the Bondurant School grew and in 1990 opened their purpose-built driver training facility in Phoenix, Arizona—the Firebird Raceway.

The world-famous Bondurant School established a name for themselves by sticking to their core principle and driving motivation to offer professional and everyday drivers with the best track-intensive training in the world. Throughout their 45 years in operation, the Bondurant School has trained more than four-hundred thousand people to become safe and effective drivers both on and off the racetrack.

This milestone is a shining reminder of how core principles, hard-work, close friends, and a passion for your work produce lasting results. Today, I am pleased to call on my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Bondurant racing family on their impressive accomplishment and core ethos of driver safety.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST. MATTHEW CATHOLIC CHURCH

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the 150th anniversary of St. Matthew Catholic Church in San Mateo, California. Since its founding in 1863 the buildings, parishioners and pastors have changed, but the church has always been a place for comfort, solace, community and friendship for everyone.

A century and a half ago, Archbishop Alemany sent Father Denis Dempsey to San Mateo to establish the first parish in the county. A small wooden-steeple church was built on the corner of Third Avenue and A Street—today Ellsworth Avenue—on a piece of land donated by Charles B. Polhemus, an investor in the San Francisco-San Jose Railroad. Father Dempsey was the pastor for 18 years and

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