

HONORING DETECTIVES WILLIAM CRAIG AND DONALD DIECIDUE, OFFICERS OF THE YEAR

HON. CARRIE P. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 19, 1995

Mrs. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, Detectives William Craig and Donald Diecidue of the North Miami Police Department's homicide unit were recently chosen to share the title of 1994 Officers of the Year.

I want to join with our community in congratulating these outstanding law enforcement officers on their selection for this great honor. Detectives Craig and Diecidue are truly community assets.

Life-long residents, Detectives Craig and Diecidue are each veterans with over 20 years of investigative experience. They are described by North Miami Police Chief Kenneth Each as highly dedicated professionals who consistently perform to the highest law enforcement standards.

Detectives Craig and Diecidue have worked together very effectively to solve some of the more serious crimes in North Miami, and due in great part to their bravery and diligence, our community is a safer place in which to live.

Thank you, Detectives Craig and Diecidue, for a job well done.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PETER DEUTSCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 19, 1995

Mr. DEUTSCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise to voice my support for S. 2, the Congressional compliance bill, and the conference report which passed the House on January 17, 1995. As the record shows, I voted in support of this measure twice: Once on August 10, 1994 at the close of the 103d Congress (H.R. 4822); and again on January 4, 1995, when the House of Representatives passed this measure in the 104th Congress. Accordingly, had I not been unavoidably detained in travel, I would have voted "yea" on the vote for S. 2.

TRIBUTE TO LIZ KNISS

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 19, 1995

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Honorable Liz Kniss, outgoing mayor of the city of Palo Alto, CA, for her contributions to our community, particularly her extraordinary service as mayor during Palo Alto's centennial year of 1994.

Mayor Kniss made it a priority to use Palo Alto's leadership in high technology to better serve her constituents. As a highly effective advocate of using cutting edge technology in city government, she was successful in making Palo Alto the first city in the Nation to be on the Internet and help its citizens to connect with the White House on the information superhighway.

Liz Kniss knows the value of a strong, vital local economy and is an ardent promoter of

the Palo Alto business community. During her tenure the city council passed the economic resources plan, a guide to making Palo Alto a place that will be attractive to businesses.

Liz Kniss is a powerful advocate on behalf of children and families. And because of her leadership, a Family Resource Center has been introduced and is destined to become a reality under her persuasive guidance.

It's been a privilege to work with Mayor Kniss and have the honor of representing her and the city she so ably serves. Mr. Speaker, Liz Kniss was an outstanding mayor of an outstanding city and continues to serve with distinction as a city councilmember. I ask my colleagues to join me in saluting her for her exemplary performance of her mayoral duties during Palo Alto's centennial year of 1994.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE U.S. NAVAL SHIP REPAIR FACILITY ON GUAM: 50 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE

HON. ROBERT A. UNDERWOOD

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 19, 1995

Mr. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, 50 years ago, in January 1945, the U.S. Navy formally inaugurated the Naval Ship Repair Facility on Guam. In the years that have followed, SRF-Guam has demonstrated a standard of excellence and of service beyond the call of duty.

SRF-Guam was originally established during World War II as the industrial department of the naval operation base to meet the defense needs of the Western Pacific. It played a vital role in U.S. military successes to end the war in the Pacific by giving the U.S. Navy the flexibility and speed to meet its repair needs.

By the close of World War II, the naval operating base was staffed by over 4,000 personnel, utilized 11 floating drydocks and had as many as 166 commissioned vessels undergoing repairs at any given time. These repairs ranged from minor operational maintenance to rehab of major battle, storm and collision damage on aircraft carriers, battleships and cruisers. Since 1945, SRF-Guam has continued to perform these functions both in times of crises, such as the Korean and Vietnam conflicts, and peace.

Today, SRF-Guam is under the immediate command of Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet and under the area coordination of Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Marianas. With its strategic location in the Western Pacific, SRF-Guam contributes vital repair, maintenance, overhaul, and shore support, including phased maintenance capabilities to the U.S. 7th Fleet, U.S. Coast Guard, Military Sealift Command and local Federal activities. Additionally, SRF-Guam provides authorized repair and shore support services to the Government of Guam and private agencies.

SRF-Guam is the only facility of its kind on U.S. soil in the Western Pacific. The jobs at SRF-Guam are being performed by U.S. citizens, and the investment we make in the workers is an investment in our future competitiveness.

The SRF-Guam Apprenticeship Program is a perfect example of an investment that has paid off and where the role of government has been constructive. Over the years, hundreds of young men and women have benefited from

the skills they acquired during their training, which has enabled them to secure high-paying jobs that would not have been available to them otherwise.

On this 50th anniversary, I heartily commend the men and women who have served at SRF-Guam. Congratulations on your 50th anniversary and for a job well done.

LT. FLORENCE STARZYNSKI WASHINGTONIAN OF THE YEAR

HON. JOHN J. LAFALCE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 19, 1995

Mr. LAFALCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and acknowledge the achievements of Arlington Police Lt. Florence Starzynski who, through her tireless commitment to the community, has been honored as one of the 1994 Washingtonians of the Year by Washingtonian magazine. Each year, the magazine chooses from hundreds of candidates who have demonstrated a long-standing dedication to improving the Washington area community. Since 1971, nearly 400 individuals have been honored as Washingtonians of the Year.

Lieutenant Starzynski, a native of Buffalo, NY, attended Annunciation Grade School on the west side of Buffalo and the Holy Angels Academy in North Buffalo. Her commitment to others was apparent soon after her graduation from Oneonta State College when she began teaching at Kensington High School. Her subsequent service in the Peace Corps further illustrated her desire to improve the lives of others. Lieutenant Starzynski presently serves in the Arlington Police Force in Arlington, VA. I wish to thank Sister Louise Alf of the Franciscan Missionary Sisters of the Divine Child in suburban Buffalo, who informed me in advance of her sister's selection by Washingtonian.

As we acknowledge Lieutenant Starzynski's achievements here today, I wish to thank her for the compassion and selflessness she has shown towards her fellow citizens. By opening her heart and her home to the less fortunate, she has succeeded in making her community a better place for all.

I believe we would all do well to emulate such service. She has touched many individuals throughout her life and I wish her continued success.

LT. FLORENCE STARZYNSKI: 1994 WASHINGTONIAN OF THE YEAR

It was one of the most poignant moments of Florence Starzynski's career as an Arlington police officer. "We went to this little clapboard house just off a main street and there was a man in there, mean as a snake and drunk as could be, carrying on and throwing stuff around. There were holes in the walls and this violent domestic fight and this poor, beaten-down woman trying to endure. And amidst this fury, this absolute fury, sat this little girl about 6 years old trying to do her homework. That image sticks with me."

That's how Starzynski explains what drives her to do what seems to be nonstop volunteer work.

"When I get a call asking me to help someone out, I find it hard to think of a reason I can't. It always seems do-able."