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DRUG LEGALIZATION FICTION

HON. GERALD B.H. SOLOMON

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 28, 1995

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, President Clinton, in his State of the Union Address, criticized Hollywood for the increased level of violence in film. Yet once again, the President was noticeably silent on the drug issue.

In the latest dangerous nonsense from Hollywood, the movie "Pulp Fiction," the character played by John Travolta exclaims how wonderful his recent trip to the Netherlands was, primarily because of their drug legalization policies.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to submit into the RECORD some crime and drug statistics, provided by K.F. Gunning, M.D., the president of the Dutch National Committee on Drug Prevention, for the years since the Netherlands implemented their legalization programs in the early 1980's.

1988–1992 cannabis use among pupils increased 100 percent; 1984–1992 use increased by 250 percent; shootings up 40 percent; car thefts up 62 percent; hold-ups up 69 percent.

Addict Rate in the Netherlands: From 1919–1993, there was a 30-percent rise in registered cannabis addicts. The total number of addicts registered with the Consultation Bureau for Alcohol and Drug Problems has risen 22 percent since 1988 to 54,000 addicts in 1993, of which 25,300 were new addicts.

Organized crime groups: 1988(3), 1991(59), 1993(93).

Mr. Speaker, the test has been conducted and the results are in from the Netherlands. And despite all the misinformation about the consequences of dangerous drug use being put out by the Partnership for Responsible Drug Information, the Drug Policy Foundation, and our friends in Hollywood, the legalization of drugs should never become a serious policy option.

ROBERT A. DEMPSTER

HON. BILL EMERSON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 28, 1995

Mr. EMERSON. Mr. Speaker, Robert A. Dempster was buried yesterday in Sikeston, MO, where he had lived most of his wonderful life. He died last Friday at age 82 after a long illness. Not many in this Chamber knew Robert; but he was my friend, and I cannot let go his passing without sharing a thought or several thoughts about this remarkable citizen who sought no fame, but deserved it; who made a fortune that to him was relevant only in how much he could do with it, not for himself, but to give away, to the benefit of universities and students, churches, hospitals and patients, and to other good causes in his community, region of the State, the State, and the country.

I shall ask permission to include newspaper articles about Robert that will reveal the depth

and breadth of his life, his career, his caring, his compassion, and his commitment. But I want to take this moment to note in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, the closest thing we have to an official national diary, that it is Robert and people like Robert who give this country the inherent strength it has. Somehow, out there among us, is Robert with vision—the understanding of one's duty, the perspective to dream, and the ability to bring those dreams to reality, not for his personal aggrandizement, but for the benefit of all to share and enjoy in the finest, most uplifting and enduring sense.

Robert Dempster made a phenomenal mark in his 82 years. He will be long remembered by those whose life he touched, but also by countless others who will never have had the privilege of meeting him, but will be touched by the generosity of his spirit and his works.

I include a news article from the Cape Girardeau Southeast Missourian, March 26, a news article from the Standard-Democrat, Sikeston, MO, March 26, and an editorial from the Standard-Democrat, March 27.

I also include a special tribute, offered by the Southeast Missouri University Foundation.

[From the Southeast Missourian, March 26, 1995]

SOUTHEAST BACKER ROBERT DEMPSTER DIES (By Mark Bliss)

SIKESTON, Mo.—Retired lawyer and civic leader Robert A. Dempster, one of Southeast Missouri State University's major benefactors, died Friday, March 24, 1995, at his home at the age of 82 after an extended illness.

Dempster was a devoted friend of the Cape Girardeau school. His wife, Lynn Dempster, is a member of the school's Board of Regents.

Over the past 15 years, he contributed nearly \$2 million to the institution.

Dempster's contributions include \$1 million toward construction of a business building, which will be named in his honor. Construction of the \$15.8 million building is expected to begin in May and be completed by August 1996.

Visitation will be held today from 4 to 8 p.m. in Sikeston at the First United Methodist Church Dempster Chapel. Dempster contributed financially to the construction of the chapel in memory of his parents. The funeral will be Monday at 2 p.m. at the church. The Rev. Charles Buck will officiate, with burial in the Sikeston City Cemetery.

Dempster helped establish the Southeast Missouri University Foundation in 1983 and served as its first president. Over the years, the foundation has raised millions for the university.

"He was a wonderful man to us," university President Kala Stroup said Saturday.

Robert Foster, executive director of the foundation, mourned Dempster's death. "I lost a friend," he said.

Foster said Dempster was "the guiding genius behind the foundation."

Although not a graduate of the institution, Dempster devoted the last decade of his active life as an attorney and civic leader to promoting and supporting Southeast.

He was a good friend of Bill Stacy, the university's 12th president.

Dempster endowed scholarships for needy students, and funded the conversion of an apartment building into an academic building and construction of an auditorium for Crisp Hall of Nursing.

"We honor Robert A. Dempster for his vision, dedication and generosity, but first and foremost, we remember him as our friend," university officials said in a prepared statement.

Southeast wasn't the only school Dempster aided. He made numerous financial gifts to his alma mater, the University of Missouri, and particularly its law school. He served as a trustee for the law school.

He was appointed to the University of Missouri Board of Curators in 1978 by then-Gov. Joseph Teasdale and served a six-year term. He was chairman of the finance committee during his tenure on the board.

He was a member of the Board of Trustees of Scarritt College, a Methodist school in Nashville, Tenn.

He practiced law for more than 60 years, retiring in 1993 as managing partner of the Dempster, Barkett, McClellan and Edwards law firm. In 1994, he quit practicing law.

In 1993, he helped fund construction of the Missouri Delta Medical Center's rehabilitation complex, which bears his name.

Dempster was born April 8, 1912, in Ava, Ill., the son of George A. and Emma Dempster.

He moved to Sikeston with his parents in 1915. He attended Sikeston public schools, graduating in 1929.

He attended Central Methodist College in Fayette for two years and then transferred to the University of Missouri law school, graduating in 1934.

During his senior year in law school, he was elected city attorney for Sikeston.

In 1942, he became an officer in the Navy and spent 30 months on the island of Okinawa during World War II. He rose to the rank of lieutenant commander before leaving the Navy.

He resumed the practice of law in 1945 and served six years as Scott County's prosecuting attorney.

In 1960, he founded the Security National Bank of Sikeston. Mercantile Bank bought it in 1982, and he served as board chairman for the bank from 1960 to 1986.

He was a member of the First United Methodist Church, and served in a number of leadership positions. He also was involved in development of the Wesley United Methodist Church.

He was active in civic affairs. Over the years, he served on the chamber of commerce board and as president of the Sikeston Industrial Board.

Dempster served as an honorary colonel on the staff of two Missouri governors.

He and Beatrice Dobbins of Longmont, Colo., were married in 1943. She died in June 1973.

He and Lynn Matthews were married May 23, 1978.

Survivors include his wife, and three stepdaughters, Pam Waltrip of Sikeston, Paulette Mouchett of Jackson, Miss., and Vicki Burke of St. Louis.

Ponder Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

[From the Standard-Democrat, March 26, 1995]

LONGTIME SIKESTON ATTORNEY, ROBERT DEMPSTER, DIES

SIKESTON, MO.—Sikeston attorney and prominent citizen Robert A. Dempster died Friday, March 24, 1995, in his home following an extended illness. He was 82.

Born in Ava, Ill., on April 8, 1912, son of the late George A. and Emma Dempster, he moved to Sikeston with his parents in 1915, where he lived for the remainder of his life.

A 1929 graduate of Sikeston Public Schools, Dempster attended Central Methodist College at Fayette for two years. He then transferred to the University of Missouri School of Law, where he graduated in 1934. During his senior year in the law school, he was elected city attorney for Sikeston, and upon graduation he returned