

HONORING THE SHORT MOUNTAIN
VOLUNTEER DEPARTMENT

HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 24, 1996

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, I am taking this opportunity to applaud the invaluable services provided by the Short Mountain Volunteer Fire Department. These brave, civic minded people give freely of their time so that we may all feel safer at night.

Few realize the depth of training and hard work that goes into being a volunteer firefighter. To quote one of my local volunteers, "These fireman must have an overwhelming desire to do for others while expecting nothing in return."

Preparation includes twice-monthly training programs in which they have live drills, study the latest videos featuring the latest in firefighting tactics, as well as attend seminars where they can obtain the knowledge they need to save lives. Within a year of becoming a volunteer firefighter, most attend the Tennessee Fire Training School in Murfreesboro where they undergo further, intensified training.

When the residents of my district go to bed at night, they know that should disaster strike and their home catch fire, well-trained and qualified volunteer fire departments are ready and willing to give so graciously and generously of themselves. This peace of mind should not be taken for granted.

By selflessly giving of themselves, they ensure a safer future for us all. We owe these volunteer fire departments a debt of gratitude for their service and sacrifice.

DR. FAHMY HONORED

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

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Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Dr. Mahmoud H. Fahmy, a distinguished educator and community leader in my Congressional District. Tonight, Dr. Fahmy will be honored for his achievements at a testimonial banquet, and I am pleased to have been asked to participate in this event.

Mahmoud Fahmy was born in Alexandria, Egypt and earned a bachelors degree with honors from Alexandria University. He came to United States to complete his graduate work, earning a masters degree at Columbia University and a doctorate from Syracuse University.

Devoting his life to education, Dr. Fahmy instructed and administered programs in various colleges and universities nationwide, including the New School of Social Research of New York City, Syracuse University, Bucknell University, Bloomsburg University and the University of Pittsburgh. He also served as president of the Pennsylvania Association of Graduate Schools. Dr. Fahmy served as Special Assistant to the President for External Affairs at Wilkes University and held the academic rank of full Professor of Education as well as Dean of Graduate Affairs and Continuing Education. He currently serves as President of the Education and Training Center of Northeastern Pennsylvania.

In addition to his role as an educator, Dr. Fahmy has been a leader and an innovator in other areas of the community. He is currently a member of the advisory board of the Luzerne/Wyoming Counties Mental Health/Mental Retardation Association and chairs its legislative task force and public awareness committee. Dr. Fahmy is also a member of the Ethics Institute of Northeastern Pennsylvania and heads its education subcommittee. In addition, he is a member of the Board of the Economic Development Council of Northeastern Pennsylvania, and is in charge of its International Trade Development Council. Dr. Fahmy helped to establish the Luzerne County Youth and Violence Committee. Recently, Dr. Fahmy was selected by the County Commissioners to serve on the Board of Trustees of Luzerne County Community College where he was later elected chairman.

Internationally, Dr. Fahmy has directed several international educational projects for the U.S. Department of Education and other professional organizations. He is an international education consultant who has performed in various capacities in several foreign countries. He was selected as Citizen Ambassador for the "People to People" program, and served as a delegate to Russia and Czechoslovakia in the area of education organization and teacher education. Recently, he headed a Delegation from Northeastern Pennsylvania to Brazil.

Mr. Speaker, I feel very fortunate to have worked with Dr. Mahmoud Fahmy many times during my tenure in Congress and over the years we have become friends. I am extremely proud to join with his colleagues, family and friends in commending Dr. Fahmy on a lifetime of commitment to his profession and to the betterment of his community.

DOMINIC FRINZI RECIPIENT OF
TED MAZZA COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD, 1996

HON. THOMAS M. BARRETT

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, this Saturday evening, April 27, 1996, the Italian Community Center of Milwaukee will honor Attorney Dominic Frinzi with the Ted Mazza Community Service Award. I join the Italian Community Center in congratulating Mr. Frinzi on this well-deserved recognition.

Milwaukeeans will always remember Dominic Frinzi's quick action to defend the honor of Wisconsin baseball fans. In 1965, when the Milwaukee Braves decided to move to Atlanta, the team wanted to change its name to the Atlanta Braves during its last season in Milwaukee. There was just one problem, there was already a corporation named the Atlanta Braves registered in Wisconsin—courtesy of a certain quick-thinking Milwaukee attorney. Dominic Frinzi prevented the Braves' owners from adding insult to Wisconsin's injury, and earned the recognition of legendary New York Times sportswriter and Wisconsin native, Red Smith.

Wisconsinites are also well acquainted with the slogan "Go with Frinzi—he gets things done!" heard throughout our State during Dominic Frinzi's two bids for Wisconsin Gov-

ernor. Candidate Frinzi was known for his straightforward answers, colorful quotes, and innovative policy ideas. Though he never found his way to the Governor's mansion, Dominic Frinzi's engaging style and his open relationship with the press drew many independent voters into the electoral process.

Born the son of an Italian immigrant in 1921, Dominic Frinzi was given the middle name Henry in honor of the renowned opera tenor, Enrico Caruso. He has lived up to that name, compiling a world-class collection of opera recordings, teaching the Italian Community Center's opera series and coordinating the Golden Age of Opera exhibit at Milwaukee's Festa Italiana. He also served as national president of UNICO, a nationwide Italian American civic service organization, and earned its highest honor, the Dr. Anthony P. Vastola Gold Medal Award. Dominic Frinzi is an original member of the Italian Community Center of Milwaukee and serves on its board of directors.

Dominic Frinzi also served as a Milwaukee County Court Commissioner for 40 years and practiced law for 44. His work in the criminal and civil arenas has earned him the respect of the Wisconsin legal community.

Dominic Frinzi's long and distinguished career of public service, his work to expand our community's cultural horizons and his devotion to the Italian-American community exemplify the spirit of the Ted Mazza Community Service Award. I commend the Italian Community Center on an excellent selection, and I congratulate Dominic Frinzi on this well-deserved honor.

IN MEMORY OF GILBERT MURRAY

HON. GEORGE P. RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

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Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, today marks the first anniversary of the death of Gilbert Murray, the former president of the California Forestry Association.

Gil was known by all as someone who cared deeply about the outdoors. More specifically, he committed his personal and private life to maintaining the proper balance between protecting nature and developing the natural resources that are necessary to our civilization. He loved the outdoors and passed his appreciation of nature onto his friends and family.

Tragically, 1 year ago an environmental extremist took the life of Gilbert Murray, depriving his family of a loving husband and father. His death was senseless. While claiming to promote the environment, someone took the life of Gilbert Murray, a person who dedicated his career and life to promoting the sensible use of California's forest. As we continue to debate environmental issues in this country, let us remain wary of the arguments of those who are unwilling to accept a reasonable balance between the needs of nature and humans.

Mr. Speaker, I hope that all of my colleagues will join with me today in honoring Gilbert Murray by learning and promoting the ideals that Gil held so close to his heart.