

I also want to acknowledge Larry's indispensable partner, Connie, their three children and their grandson. I know that they are proud of his extraordinary career and the latest honor he has richly earned.

LEGISLATION TO ENCOURAGE HOUSE MEMBERS TO HIRE WELFARE RECIPIENTS BY INCREASING THE MEMBER STAFF ALLOTMENT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 12, 1997*

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today I introduce a bill to encourage Members of the House of Representatives to act in the spirit of welfare reform and to set an example by hiring at least one welfare recipient to work in either their Capitol Hill or their district office. The bill increases the number of staff that Members are now permitted to hire from 22 to 23 without any increase in their budgets, provided that the extra staff member is full-time and a welfare recipient. Members may hire welfare recipients now, as some have done, but others feel constrained by the limit on the total number of employees. By allowing an additional position, this legislation may also encourage the hiring of welfare recipients who are hard to place because of lack of experience and opportunities. Members may credit a welfare recipient from this city or region to her own home State's work participation rate, if desired.

The Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 requires that, by the year 2002, 50 percent of all families—including 90 percent of two-parent families—receiving welfare be in the workforce or in work activities. In only 1 year, this year, half that number or 25 percent must be working—including 75 percent of two-parent families. This is a daunting goal to achieve nationwide, especially considering the wide differences in the economies of the States, cities, and rural areas and great differences in the skills and background of welfare recipients today. Yet large penalties ultimately totaling up to 21 percent of a State's grant may result if the quotas are not met. At a time when we are asking private employers to hire welfare recipients, we must take the lead.

The President has directed Federal agencies to take steps within the next 30 days to hire welfare recipients. Congress must also do its part. While this revenue neutral bill contemplates no increase in a Member's allowance, it removes a hurdle to hiring a welfare recipient for offices that already have the authorized number of staff or must use their full complement.

Under current rules, Members are allowed to hire 22 staff members, 18 permanent and 4 nonpermanent, in their Washington and district offices. The last time the number of permanent staffers was increased was in 1975—from 16 to 18—and the 4 nonpermanent staff positions were added in 1979. There is no corresponding increase in Member allowance.

Several Members have already begun to hire recipients of public assistance. This legislation encourages others to follow by reducing one possible impediment. This legislation is

also in the spirit of the Congressional Accountability Act that applies the same laws to Congress as to other Americans. Employers are not required to hire welfare recipients, and neither are we. They are encouraged to hire welfare recipients, and so should we. I urge each and every Member to cosponsor this bill and to help ensure its early passage.

JOHN T. BARTOSIEWICZ HONORED AS MAN OF THE YEAR BY THE PULASKI ASSOCIATION OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL MEN, INC.

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 12, 1997*

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to John Bartosiewicz of Greenpoint, Brooklyn, who is being honored this Sunday as the Pulaski Association of Business and Professional Men's Man of the Year.

John grew up in a musical family, and his success as a musician was identified quickly. During his childhood, he was known for his musical talent whether he was singing or playing an instrument. In 1967, he joined the St. Cecilia Choir of St. Stanislaus Kostka Church in Greenpoint, Brooklyn, as a bass section voice. In 1974, John took over as the music director and conductor of the choir. Under his aggressive and masterful style of teaching and conducting, the St. Cecilia Choir has recorded four record albums, made numerous television appearances, and performed numerous times throughout the New York metropolitan area including at an ecumenical service for Pope John Paul II.

In addition to his musical achievements, John has also been involved in politics, business, and community affairs throughout his entire life. While attending St. Francis College and majoring in political science, he interned with the newly city councilman, Abraham G. Gerges. Bartosiewicz worked on the successful election campaign and became part of the councilman's staff for almost 2 years. From 1976 to 1988, John managed six campaigns for reelection to the New York State Senate on behalf of his brother, Tom Bartosiewicz. He worked closely with community leaders, volunteers, and a dedicated hard-working staff, and that work resulted in landslide victories. Following his brother's retirement from the Senate, John kept active in Greenpoint politics.

In 1976, John Bartosiewicz joined his mother and father in the family-owned business of Newell Fuel Co. as general manager. Through his efforts the company modernized its operations and office location establishing itself as a creative energy efficient leader in the fuel oil industry.

John is also very active in fund-raising campaigns benefiting his parish of St. Stanislaus Kostka Church and the community. In particular, he was instrumental in raising funds for the Pope John Paul II Cultural Center in Washington, DC.

In June 1996, Bartosiewicz joined Vijax Fuel Corp., where he presently serves as marketing and heating installations manager. Through Vijax, John instituted a "give back to the community" program which benefits the youth of

Greenpoint. Entitled "Energy for Youth," the program provided financial support to the activities of the Greenpoint YMCA, the St. Stanislaus Kostka Athletic League, and the Greenpoint Lions Club Toys for Tots Program.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating John Bartosiewicz on this well-deserved honor.

IN HONOR OF THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FRESNO SERVICE CENTER OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE

HON. CALVIN M. DOOLEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 12, 1997*

Mr. DOOLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise before my colleagues today in order to pay tribute to the Fresno Service Center of the Internal Revenue Service which celebrates its 25th anniversary this year.

The Fresno Service Center of the Internal Revenue Service has made countless contributions to its community. More than 40,000 local residents have received valuable job training and developed lasting careers at the service center. The Fresno facility has been commended for providing meaningful job opportunities to youth, veterans, and the disabled.

In addition to job creation, the service center has played an important financial role in the community. Since it opened in 1972, the service center has contributed nearly two and a half billion dollars to the local economy through employment and related expenditures. Due to the generosity of the service center's employees, over two million dollars has been donated to local charities through the Combined Federal Campaign.

I commend the Fresno Service Center's dedicated employees—past and present—for their admirable service, and I hope that their fellow citizens will continue to support them with vigorous appreciation.

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HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 12, 1997*

Mr. PAUL. Mr. Speaker, I was encouraged to come across this recent review in the Austin American-Statesman of a new movie which did well at the recent Sundance Film Festival. The film, "Waco: The Rules of Engagement," deals with the horrible events which occurred in Waco, TX, in 1993. This review correctly describes the hideous event—as shown in the nonfiction "Waco" documentary—which left so many innocent children dead, and so many questions left unanswered. The film apparently answers some of the questions, revealing never-before-released recordings of the conversations between Federal police and the Davidians, as well as never-before-seen footage of the final minutes of the siege. I am pleased to share this review with my colleagues.