

It would also be difficult to find anyone who has given more of himself and his gifts for others than Dr. James Hardy. I know my colleagues join me in expressing profound appreciation for his over 41 years of service as teacher, researcher, clinician and healer.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 19, 1997*

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I wish to clarify for the RECORD my reasons for missing the two recorded votes that took place yesterday, Wednesday, June 18, 1997, on the House floor for H.R. 437, the National Sea Grant College Program Authorization and the approval of the House Journal. I was unfortunately delayed in coming to Washington because I was attending the funeral of a friend, Mr. Andrew H. Aman, Sr.

#### FREEMASONS OF SUFFOLK COUNTY, LONG ISLAND CELEBRATE THEIR COUNTRY

### HON. MICHAEL P. FORBES

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 19, 1997*

Mr. FORBES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Freemasons of Suffolk County, Long Island, whose celebration of Flag Day will encompass two great remembrances: that of the storied and patriotic past of the United States of America, and that of the honorable role of past and present Masons in American history.

As Americans across the land from New York's First District to Hawaii raise the Stars and Stripes on Flag Day, they will celebrate the birthday of our greatest and most treasured national symbol, and at the same time, they will be honoring the work of those Americans who have built the many important customs and traditions that we honor with each raising of the flag. Since this Nation's inception, the songs we sing and the words we intone in times of war and times of peace have been penned by Freemasons. The names Francis Scott Key and John Philip Sousa are part of our national lore—these men are as revered as the wonderful songs they penned. What often goes unrecognized, however, is the fact that these great Americans were Freemasons, and that their organization made so many important contributions to our national identity. Our children would not recite the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag if not for a Mason's work, and our "Star Spangled Banner," written with such passion at a time when the shores of the United States were under attack in 1812, would never have been put to paper. The organization was a breeding ground for patriotism, and to this day the Freemasons remain true to their initial ideals. Indeed, their group's lore serves as almost a textbook of American history.

On Flag Day, the Freemasons celebrate their country—and their group's contributions to that country's history—in grand style. The entire Long Island community is invited to hear

spirited renditions of great patriotic songs, and to be bathed in a sea of red, white, and blue. Revolutionary War-period cannons will be fired, and war veterans and community Boy and Girl Scouts will march side by side, both touched by the legacy of past Freemasons. Americans, both young and old, are affected by the power of the "Star Spangled Banner," for Francis Scott Key's words are so moving that it is not difficult to feel the bombs bursting in air; to see the rockets' red glare. In the years since the Second Continental Congress forged this Nation, dozens of stars have been added to the flag to represent the admittance of new States to the Union.

It seems that with each new star on Old Glory—a term which was also coined by a Mason—a new voice arose from the ranks of the Masons to weave another piece of the great American story. With their Flag Day celebration in Southampton, Suffolk County's Freemasons will be regaled with the same songs and traditions as their fellow Americans from throughout the land, but they can take special pride in knowing that, without their forefathers, our National Anthem, Pledge of Allegiance, and the design of the flag itself would be very different today. I would ask my fellow members of Congress to join me in applauding the work of the Freemasons, who have helped construct American patriotism as we have celebrated it for hundreds of years. And today, they still gather in the name of patriotism, to celebrate the American ideals of liberty, equality, and justice for all. There could be no more fitting tribute to the work of past Masons than this celebration of their works. For when we celebrate Flag Day, we are also celebrating the contributions of men such as Masons John Philip Sousa, Francis J. Bellemy, and Francis Scott Key.

#### AFFIRMING THAT THE DISTRIBUTION OF PHONORECORDS TO THE PUBLIC BEFORE JANUARY 1, 1978, DID NOT CONSTITUTE PUBLICATION OF THE MUSICAL COMPOSITION EMBODIED IN THAT PHONORECORD UNDER COPYRIGHT LAW

### HON. HOWARD COBLE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 19, 1997*

Mr. COBLE. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to introduce an important piece of legislation which will affirm that the distribution of phonorecords to the public before January 1, 1978, did not constitute publication of the musical composition embodied in that phonorecord under the 1909 Copyright Act. It is intended to restore the law to what it was before the decision of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals in *La Cienega Music Co. versus Z.Z. Top*.<sup>1</sup>

Until that decision, it was the long-standing view of the Copyright Office and the understanding of the music industry, as reflected in their business practices, that the sale or distribution of recordings to the public before January 1, 1978, did not constitute publication of the musical composition embodied on the recording. This view was confirmed by the Sec-

ond Circuit Court of Appeals in *Rosette versus Rainbo Record Mfg. Corp.*<sup>2</sup>

The *La Cienega* decision has, therefore, placed a cloud over the legal status of a large number of musical works recorded and sold before January 1, 1978. Moreover, it has called into question the long established practices of the Copyright Office. This bill will remove the cloud and bring the law into conformity with the second circuit opinion and Copyright Office practices.

#### TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE NICHOLAS M. ROLLI, MAYOR OF THE TOWNSHIP OF VERONA

### HON. BILL PASCHELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 19, 1997*

Mr. PASCHELL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call to your attention the Honorable Nicholas M. Rolli, mayor of the Township of Verona, New Jersey.

Mayor Rolli, a lifelong resident of Verona, was born on September 29, 1954. He has served on the Township Council since 1981 and served as mayor from 1987 to 1989 and 1991 to 1993. He additionally served as deputy mayor from 1993 to 1994. Mayor Rolli was selected to fill a vacancy on the Essex County Board of Chosen Freeholders when James Treffinger resigned to take the position of Essex County executive and was elected to fill that term on November 7, 1995.

Mayor Rolli, who worked his way through college at a supermarket and as a musician, graduated from Seton Hall University in 1976 with a B.S. in accounting and is active in alumni affairs, giving back to the school which gave him so much.

Mayor Rolli is the Director of Financial Communications for Philip Morris Co., Inc., the world's largest consumer packaged goods company. He has held this position since 1993. Previously he was the Manager of Financial Communications and prior to joining Philip Morris, Mayor Rolli was the Manager of Investor Relations with the Colgate-Palmolive Co. He is a member of the National Investor Relations Institute and the Association for Investment Management and Research.

Mayor Rolli is the founder of the Verona Mayor's Charity Ball, a nonpolitical, nonprofit fundraising program aimed at supporting civic and youth programs in Verona. The program has raised over \$20,000 in its first 3 years.

Mayor Rolli is the President of the Italian-American Club of Verona and received the group's Distinguished Service award in 1991. He was named as one of the outstanding young men of America in 1988 and is a lecturer at Our Lady of the Lake Church in Verona. Mayor Rolli is a past trustee of the North Jersey Developmental Center, a volunteer position to which he was appointed by Gov. Thomas Kean.

Mayor Rolli and his wife, Judy, are the proud parents of their two children, Deana and Mark, ages 12 and 9 respectively, who attend Verona public schools.

Mr. Speaker, I would like for you to join me, our colleagues, Mayor Rolli's family and

<sup>1</sup>44 F.3d 813 (9th Cir.), cert denied, 64 U.S.L.W. 3262 (Oct. 10, 1995).

<sup>2</sup>354 F. Supp. 1183 (S.D.N.Y.), aff'd per curiam, 546 F.2d 461 (2d Cir. 1976).