

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY MONTH

HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 28, 1998

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, in honor of Occupational Therapy month, I would like to recognize Occupational Therapists nationwide for the wonderful work they do on a daily basis to help Americans regain their full physical capabilities. I would like to recognize Continued Care Corporation of Miami which will soon be celebrating the opening of its Rehabilitation Division and will become part of this wonderful network of occupational therapy providers.

It is important to realize the contributions that Occupational Therapists make in our daily lives as well as the positive impact they have on the health care community. In addition to contributing to a significant decrease in a patient's hospital length of stay, they also reduce the amount of care and services patients require after discharge. For the patient, the benefits of therapy translate into the prevention of further complications or disabilities and the ability to resume their normal lives.

The commitment of our nation's Occupational Therapists to providing an opportunity for those with physical ailments and disabilities to participate to their fullest abilities should be recognized and recommended.

IN RECOGNITION OF ROY WYSE

HON. RICHARD A. GEPHARDT

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 28, 1998

Mr. GEPHARDT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a good friend and dedicated representative of working people, Roy Wyse. Roy is retiring as Secretary Treasurer of the United Auto Workers International Union after thirty-six years of leadership in the union.

Roy was hired by the Ford Motor Company in 1951, and immediately joined UAW Local 249 in Claycomo, Missouri. After being elected to the shop committee, Roy quickly rose within the UAW leadership. He was elevated to Secretary Treasurer in 1995, the second highest office in the union.

The safety and welfare of the working men and women of the UAW have always driven Roy's life. He has been a tireless fighter on their behalf, and his efforts have had a tremendous impact on the ability of working families to hold a secure job, receive a fair paycheck, and raise a family. Roy has worked to help people outside the union as well. His community involvement has ranged from serving as president of a local board of education, teaching Sunday school classes, and working as a volunteer fireman.

I applaud Roy's commitment to public service, and wish him and his wife Pat all the best in the years to come.

A TRIBUTE TO REDLANDS POLICE CHIEF, LEWIS NELSON

HON. JERRY LEWIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LEWIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I would like to bring to your attention today the fine work and outstanding public service of my good friend, Lewis W. Nelson, the Chief of Police for the City of Redlands, California. After a long and distinguished career, Chief Nelson is retiring and will be recognized for his many years of service at a banquet in his honor on May 21st.

Lewis Nelson served in the U.S. Army as a medical specialist in Vietnam from 1967 to 1969. He received his Associate of Arts degree from San Bernardino Valley College (1970-72), his BS from California State University-Los Angeles (1972-74), a Master of Public Administration from the University of Southern California (1975-77) and a Masters of Science from California Polytechnic University in Pomona (1993-95).

He began his professional career with the Redlands Police Department in 1969 as a police officer. Since that time he has consistently moved up through the ranks receiving promotions to police detective (1973-74), police sergeant (1974-77), police lieutenant (1977-82), police captain (1982-83), and chief of police 1993-present). Throughout his career, he has earned professional certifications from the California Law Enforcement Command College (1992-94), the FBI National Academy (1983), and the Law Enforcement Executive Development Seminar (1998).

Chief Nelson has been a member and leader of numerous professional organizations including the San Bernardino County Chiefs and Sheriffs Association, the FBI Law Enforcement Executive Development Association, the California Police Chiefs Association, the FBI National Academy Associates, Police Futurists Society, the National Institute of Criminal Justice, the California Peace Officers Association, and others.

Over the years, Chief Nelson has also been closely affiliated with a great many community organizations including the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Rotary Club of Redlands, Redlands East Valley United Way, Redlands Family YMCA, Youth Development Incorporated, Redlands Baseball for Youth and Redlands AYSO Soccer.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me and our colleagues in recognizing the many years of remarkable service of Chief Nelson. My hometown of Redlands, California is especially proud of the work he has done on behalf of our entire community. I also want to wish Chief Nelson, his wife Kathleen, son Brett, and daughter Kristen much happiness and the very best in the years ahead.

CELEBRATING THE 60TH BIRTHDAY OF REVEREND NORMA JEAN PENDER

HON. DEBBIE STABENOW

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 28, 1998

Ms. STABENOW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to Reverend Norma Jean Pender who is celebrating her 60th birthday.

For thirty-five years, Ms. Pender has served the people of Michigan and has been a tireless leader for the community. Ms. Pender received her license to preach the Gospel in the Christian Episcopal Church in 1974, and was ordained in 1978 by the late Bishop E.P. Murchison. In 1982, she accepted the call to the position of Pastor of the New Jerusalem Temple Baptist Church. In 1985, she was ordained in the Baptist faith through the National Baptist Convention, USA.

Along with her responsibilities to her church, she has also been committed to a vast array of community projects, such as the NAACP, the American Business Women's Association, and the Minister's Volunteer Services for the Harper Hospital Cancer Society.

During her thirty-five years, Ms. Pender has served as musical leader, teacher, community spokesperson, and spiritual advisory to people of all ages. Most of all, through song, she showed her passion for life and her faith in God.

While many of us know her as Reverend Mother on a popular radio show she hosts each weekday, Ms. Pender is also known as a woman committed to family, the community and the gospel. I thank her for the example she has set for so many of our young children as well as adults and wish her a very happy birthday.

IN HONOR OF THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NEW KARLIN HALL AND CLUB

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 28, 1998

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 25th anniversary of the dedication of the new Karlin Hall and Club in Cleveland Ohio.

Early Czech settlers in the area gave the neighborhood surrounding lower Fleet Avenue the nickname, Karlin. The name stuck and the original Karlin Hall became the center of the Czech Karlin neighborhood. The hall was founded in 1936 by three lodges of the Czech Catholic Fraternal Insurance Society, the Catholic Workmen. In 1972, a disastrous fire left the original hall in ruins, but it was rebuilt in the same location and reopened May 1, 1978. The dedication of the new Karlin Hall marks the beginning of the renovation of lower

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