

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

INTERNATIONAL CHRONIC FATIGUE AND IMMUNE DYSFUNCTION SYNDROME AWARENESS DAY

HON. PAUL McHALE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 12, 1998

Mr. McHALE. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to honor and recognize May 12, as International Chronic Fatigue and Immune Dysfunction Syndrome (CFIDS) Awareness Day. The following proclamation was presented to the Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Association of the Lehigh Valley, Pennsylvania:

PROCLAMATION—INTERNATIONAL CHRONIC FATIGUE AND IMMUNE DYSFUNCTION SYNDROME AWARENESS DAY

Whereas, the Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Association of the Lehigh Valley joins The CFIDS Association of America, the world's largest organization dedicated to conquering CFIDS, in observing May 12, 1998 as International Chronic Fatigue and Immune Dysfunction Syndrome Awareness Day; and

Whereas, the Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Association of the Lehigh Valley is celebrating its sixth year of service to the CFIDS community; and

Whereas, the Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Association of the Lehigh Valley recently received CFIDS Support Network Action Awards for excellence in service in the area of CFIDS Awareness Day in 1996 and for excellence in commitment and service to the CFIDS Community in the area of public policy in 1995; and,

Whereas, chronic fatigue and immune dysfunction syndrome (CFIDS), also known as chronic fatigue syndrome, is a complex illness which affects many different body systems and is characterized by neurological, rheumatological and immunological problems, incapacitating fatigue and numerous other symptoms that can be severely debilitating; and,

Whereas, conservative estimates suggest that hundreds of thousands of American adults and children have CFIDS; and

Whereas, it is imperative that education and training of health professionals regarding CFIDS be expanded, that further research be encouraged, and that public awareness of this serious health problem be increased.

Now, Therefore, Congressman PAUL McHALE does recognize May 12, 1998 as International Chronic Fatigue and Immune Dysfunction Syndrome Awareness Day, commends the Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Association of the Lehigh Valley on its Sixth Anniversary and pays tribute to its efforts to conquer CFIDS on behalf of those battling this disabling illness.

Signed and Sealed this Twelfth Day of May, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-eight.

IN HONOR OF JOHN GANGONE

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 12, 1998

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor John Gangone, who has been chosen as an honoree for the School Settlement Testimonial Dinner, in Brooklyn, New York, along with his brother, Vincent.

John Gangone, the co-owner of a surgical supply store, has lived for over thirty years in the Greenpoint/Williamsburg section of Brooklyn. After graduating from St. John's University with a degree in business, Mr. Gangone worked briefly for a local industrial real estate firm as an associate broker, and then went on to work for the New York City Division of Housing Preservation and Redevelopment. Although he enjoyed these positions, neither provided the interaction with his own neighborhood that John treasured.

It was at this point that John Gangone, along with his brother, Vincent, pursued his dream and established Salerno Surgical Supplies. The name Salerno was borrowed from the Italian hometown of their parents, Nicola and Anna Gangone.

Mr. Gangone, a successful business and family man, also devotes much of his time to the Greenpoint community. He serves on the board of directors of the St. Nicholas Preservation Corporation, an organization within the community that promotes and manages housing and special programs for the neighborhood's youth and elderly. He is also an active member of the St. Cono Di Teggiano Catholic Association, where he has served as treasurer, advisor, and, currently, as committee chairman for the organization's 25th anniversary.

Mr. Gangone is also a member of the New York State Fraternal Order of Police and the New York City Police Athletic League. In addition, he holds a New York State license as a real estate broker, insurance broker, and a certified real estate appraiser.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues rise with me in this tribute to Mr. John Gangone of Brooklyn, New York. He is a dedicated member of the Greenpoint/Williamsburg community, which he has selflessly served for many years in a variety of capacities. I am proud to count him among my constituents.

HONORING BROOKLYN UNION GAS

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 12, 1998

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in joining the National Energy Resources Organization in commending the exciting efforts of Brooklyn Union Gas in fostering national energy activities.

The National Energy Resources Organization, NERO, was formed as a non-profit organization whose purpose is to bring together representatives of U.S. industry and government officials so that information can be disseminated and new applications of energy resources may be created. Specifically, NERO has also been committed to educating the public about the advances made in energy technology and its application for modern energy technology for the benefit of mankind. NERO recently recognized Brooklyn Union for its effort in achieving all of these goals with its Research and Development Award.

Brooklyn Union has worked diligently to make fuel cells a clean and efficient means of generating electricity for industrial and commercial customers. While working with International Fuel Cells, Brooklyn Union has been actively involved with fuel cell development for more than 25 years. Its program has centered around demonstrating the environmental benefits and energy-efficiency of fuel cells for industrial and commercial applications, particularly in facilities that need reliable, continuous sources of power.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring Brooklyn Union for all of its achievements and hard work in fuel cell units.

NATIONAL COMMUNITY ACTION WEEK, MAY 3, 1998 TO MAY 9, 1998

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 12, 1998

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call to your attention the Paterson Task Force for Community Action, Inc.

The Paterson Task Force is one of 27 Community Action Agencies in the State of New Jersey. From Sunday, May 3, 1998 to Saturday, May 9, 1998 the Paterson Task Force will be observing National Community Action Week with a series of activities designed to help lower income people in the City of Paterson.

The Paterson Task Force has increasingly assumed duties connected to maintaining the self-sufficiency of those who are unable to maintain themselves without public assistance. Members of the Paterson Task Force are also increasingly devoting themselves to helping move those already on public assistance to self-sufficiency and other non-welfare means of support.

The Paterson Task Force has served the Paterson community since 1964 in providing child care, housing, employment and training, and emergency assistance services. The task Force will continue to expand and improve these services to all low-income residents of the Paterson community.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me, our colleagues, members of the Paterson Task Force for Community Action, the City of Paterson, and the State of New Jersey in recognizing

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