

CONGRATULATING BOB WALLACH
AND MICHELLE MINI ON THEIR
MARRIAGE

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 3, 1998

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate my friend Bob Wallach on his marriage to Michelle Mini on June 7, 1998. I am honored to call Bob my good friend, as he is a remarkable individual. Not only is Bob the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Robert Plan Corporation, one of the most successful insurance companies on Long Island, he is also a leader in our community—a true fighter for all people.

Bob's achievements throughout the history of the Robert Plan Corporation are incredible. The Corporation is a leading servicer and underwriter of private passenger and commercial auto insurance, specializing in urban markets. At a time when traditional insurers stayed away from the urban areas because they were deemed unprofitable, the Robert Plan Corp. went into these areas to provide people the opportunity to buy insurance. And in doing so, their aggressive street smart philosophy actually stabilized insurance rates for its customers. And today, the company is the acknowledged leader in fighting automobile insurance fraud.

The Robert Plan Corp. regularly receives accolades from the media, the insurance industry, law enforcement officials and its clients. In 1993 Bob was honored with the Entrepreneur of the Year award in a competition sponsored by Inc. Magazine and Ernst and Young, and in 1996 the company was named Employer of the Year by Adults and Children with Learning and Developmental Disabilities.

During his "free" time, Bob commits a great deal of his energies to numerous service organizations to improve the lives of our youth. As Chairman of the Children's Health Fund/Insurance and Banking Industry National Child Health Partnership, Bob's goal is to vastly improve access to comprehensive primary health care for medically underserved children. He is a major contributor and Chairman of the Big Apple Circus Clown Care Unit, as well as a member of the President's Council of the Gay Men's Health Crisis. Bob is a founding supporter of The Harlem Little League, serves on the Board of the Diabetes Institutes Foundation and actively supports the Boys Club of New York, the Newark YMWCA and numerous sports teams throughout the metropolitan area.

Bob Wallach embodies the highest ideals of citizenship. For over thirty years, Bob has been both an advocate and speaker for ALL Americans. His innovativeness in the urban insurance business, as well as his commitment to serving others, is greatly valued by all those who know him, work with him and love him. With great admiration for them both, I congratulate Bob and Michelle on their marriage and I wish them many years of happiness.

JOHN HANLEY HONORED FOR
DISTINGUISHED PUBLIC SERVICE

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

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Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the dedication and accomplishments of Mr. John Hanley who represents the very best in public service and to thank him for his

years of service to our joint constituency in the 13th Congressional District as he leaves to continue his career across the Bay.

A graduate from Fordham University in New York, Mr. Hanley began his career with the Social Security Administration as a Claims Representative in New York in 1971. Since then, he has held increasingly responsible positions, including Operations Supervisor, Staff Specialist in the Regional Office, Area Administrative Assistant, Assistant District Manager, and District Manager in two Bay Area districts—meanwhile finding time in the evenings to complete his MPA at California State University Hayward.

Mr. Hanley has been SSA District Manager for the Hayward, CA District for seven years where he displays an exceptional ability to balance operational and administrative responsibilities. He consistently demonstrates a personal involvement in all aspects of operations, and can be depended upon to be well informed on technical changes as well as on new policies and procedure that impact operations and service delivery. Due to his strong analytical skills, his suggestions for changes and improvements benefit not only his District but the entire Region.

Under Mr. Hanley's exceptionally effective leadership, his District is a model for timeliness, accuracy and courteous service. John's blend of consistently efficient service without sacrificing compassion has earned him the respect of peers and community alike and has made my job easier! My office has observed his office as a hallmark of public service and has enjoyed many years of close cooperation and responsiveness.

I join many in our community in thanking John for his strong leadership within the Administration and for having a caring heart for the claimants.