

TRIBUTE TO BRAD CURREY, JR.

HON. MICHAEL G. OXLEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 27, 1999

Mr. OXLEY. Mr. Speaker, the strength of our republic lies in the participation of all people, exercising their individual liberty by making their voices heard. One person can make a difference that can benefit us all.

Congress is, and should be composed of 535 laymen. We each have expertise in something, but on the wide array of issues with which we deal, we need a lot more information, a lot of educating—or we can make some mistakes. The two concepts—one person making a difference, and Congress needing solid information on a wide variety of topics—are combined in the career of a man named Brad Currey, Jr.

Brad Currey retires at the end of this year as Chairman, President, and CEO of the Rock-Tenn Company in Norcross, Georgia. Brad always says that Rock-Tenn's value is based on the unique competence of its people; with those people, he built one of the country's largest manufacturers and converters of 100 percent recycled paperboard. Their products are all around us, but we rarely recognize them: cereal boxes, bookcovers, overnight express mail envelopes, and countless other items.

During his career with Rock-Tenn, Brad demonstrated why a "special interest group" is not necessarily a bad thing. He has helped Congress refine an important part of environmental policy, especially in the area of recycling. In doing so, he and his colleagues in the 100 percent paper recycling industry helped remind us of the broad power Congress has to affect the way business is done.

A few years back, we grappled with what was referred to at the time as the "solid waste crisis." Legislation was introduced and considered in the Commerce Committee to help spur the recycling markets. We certainly did not know all that we needed to know about recycling, and few people in environmental organizations or the lobbying community had an expert background in it, either. Brad Currey recognized that the future of his paper recycling industry was about to be decided in Congress. He called on his industry colleagues, many of whom were owners and operators of small family-run recycled paper companies, and convinced them of the need to make their voice heard in the debate on solid waste and recycled issues. From that point, the story takes on a more "inside Washington" character: they chose a name for themselves, the Paper Recycling Coalition (PRC), and hired a consulting firm to guide them through the legislative and regulatory process.

Thanks to Brad and his colleagues, I have learned more about the recycled paper industry and its presence in Ohio and around the country. I have also learned more about the issues that affect them, and recognized that their collective voice was valuable in crafting the nation's recycling policies. They created a more visible identity for the recycled paper industry, and they did it without arm-twisting or crass tactics. They did it with information.

From what I have heard from his friends, inserting the paper recycling industry in the policymaking process is just one of many Brad

Currey accomplishments. As Brad gets ready to retire, I want to thank him for his guidance and assure him that he has made a difference—he has had a positive impact on the policy process. Like Brad, I hope others will see that they too can make a difference. One willing, dedicated person can have a positive influence on policies that benefit the nation as a whole. Operating forthrightly and with integrity, they can inform us, and help to make our policies sounder. That is an important contribution, and, perhaps, the most vital lesson Brad leaves behind: it is about the people. People like Brad Currey.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROBERT A. WEYGAND

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 27, 1999

Mr. WEYGAND. Mr. Speaker, on Friday, September 24, 1999, I was not present for rollcall votes Nos. 444, 445, 446, and 447. Had I been present I would have voted "aye" on rollcall vote 444, "aye" on rollcall vote 445, "no" on rollcall vote 446, and "aye" on rollcall vote 447.

TRIBUTE TO ALLEN FUNT

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 27, 1999

Mr. FARR of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a man who with boundless energy and enthusiasm spread laughter throughout the nation with his long-running TV show "Candid Camera." Allen Funt died at his home in Pebble Beach on September 5, 1999 at the age of 84.

Born on September 16, 1914 in New York, Allen attended Cornell University graduating with a bachelor of arts degree in fine arts. As an undergraduate student, Allen was a scholar of human nature and conducted psychology experiments which began his interest in people's reactions. Mr. Funt also worked as an assistant for an Eleanor Roosevelt radio show from which he began to engender ideas about combining spontaneous reactions of people with radio. During World War II, Allen was enlisted in the Army and served in the Army Signal Corps where he continued to study his idea about combining spontaneous reactions and radio as he experimented with location recording and concealment techniques. After leaving the Army, Allen founded "Candid Microphone" on ABC in 1948. In 1960, CBS picked up the show for a 7-year run and for the year 1960–1961 it was the seventh-best rated show in the nation. CBS now airs "Candid Camera" with Allen's son, Peter Funt, as the host.

For half a century Allen Funt loved to make people smile. He was a visionary who pioneered what has become an entire programming genre, but who also genuinely cared about people and appreciated the healing power of laughter. In the late 1960's, Allen donated his entire Candid Camera film library to the psychology department of his alma mater, Cornell University, in order to share his in-

sights into the human psyche and his work with the students. After settling in the Monterey peninsula in 1978, Allen held fundraisers to support Carmel schools in the 1980's and donated "Candid Camera" tapes to hospitals and the homes of the terminally ill as well as started the "Laughter Therapy Foundation."

Allen Funt was truly a remarkable man who will be fondly remembered for his ingenuity and enthusiasm. His appreciation of laughter's power to heal provided for 52 years of good comedy for the entire nation. Allen will be missed by the countless numbers of people he touched both personally and through his "Candid Camera" show around the world.

DR. TERRY STRAETER: A
COMMUNITY SERVANT

HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 27, 1999

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to rise today to express my admiration and thanks to a leader in San Diego. Dr. Terry Straeter has been a part of our community and given of himself for many years. I am honored to have been invited to participate in an important event to be held this week at the National Air and Space Museum to pay tribute to this innovative and dedicated man.

Dr. Straeter got his start at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration during the 1970s, a time when our missions to the moon were coming to an end and NASA was once again looking to "push the envelope" in space exploration. Serving at the Langley Research Center in Hampton, Virginia, Terry was performing much of the important research that would lead to more and more innovation.

But then, San Diego got lucky. Terry went into the private sector, holding several posts with General Dynamics, eventually coming to beautiful San Diego to lead a group of tremendously dedicated men and women serving at Marconi Information Systems and Marconi Integrated Systems. And quite frankly, Mr. Speaker, our community has not been the same since Terry and his lovely wife Jinny arrived.

Terry is a strong supporter of our United Way campaign. He takes precious moments of his day to work with kids and help them to understand how important our free market economy is by participating in Junior Achievement. He has reached out to those children whose lives are affected by the daily challenges of diabetes by serving as the Corporate Recruitment Chairman of the 1998 Juvenile Diabetes Foundation's "Walk to Cure Diabetes." And all the while running one of the most successful and innovative high technology companies in our city, the State of California, and indeed, within our nation.

I am proud to offer my congratulations to Dr. Terry Straeter on this important occasion when we will honor him in a glowing tribute at the National Air and Space Museum. Terry, we appreciate you and we thank you for your service.

TRIBUTE TO BARRIE AND
MICHAEL GROBSTEIN

HON. BRAD SHERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 27, 1999

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Barrie and Michael Grobstein, who will be honored this year with the Circle of Life Award, given annually for service on behalf of the Jewish Home for the Aging, the largest continuing residential care facility in Southern California. Barrie and Michael are truly worthy of this distinguished award.

Through their involvement with The Executives, a group of business leaders from the San Fernando Valley formed to support this critically-needed facility, the Grobsteins have been instrumental in ensuring that the Jewish Home for the Aging has the financial support it needs to continue to provide seniors with the highest level of care. With the help of Barrie and Michael, The Executives has become one of the Los Angeles area's most distinguished and successful charitable organizations.

Michael has served as a founding member, executive committee member, and as president for three years of The Executives and its predecessor, The Valley Jewish Business Leaders Association.

The Jewish Home for the Aging is a truly unique facility. The average age of its 750 residents is 90 years. Each of its two campuses has a full-service medical clinic with state-of-the-art equipment and is staffed by on-site physicians, nurses, and medical and rehabilitation therapists. The Home's medical department is affiliated with UCLA's Division of Geriatric Medicine, and has developed a national reputation for its research in aging, long-term care, and Alzheimer's disease.

Barrie and Michael have been instrumental in making all this possible.

In addition to his work on behalf of the Jewish Home for the Aging, with Barrie's support Michael has served on the board of many other charitable organizations, including the Institute for Arteriosclerosis Research, Temple Valley Beth Shalom, International College, Ryokan College, the Pacific Association of Schools and Colleges, two organizations supporting the premier cancer research charity City of Hope, the West Coast Father's Day Council for the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation, Sherman Oaks Hospital, and many others. Barrie also has been active in education on the danger of cults, serving as a Speaker for the Jewish's Federation's Anti-Cult Movement. She is also a long-term member of Valley Beth Shalom's Sisterhood.

The Grobstein's efforts on behalf of these charities and community groups have been paralleled by success in the business world. With Barrie's help, Michael's accounting practice grew from a one room office in 1967 to almost two floors in the same office building today and in one of the largest regional CPA firms in Los Angeles.

Mr. Speaker, Michael and Barrie Grobstein, who this year celebrated their 36th wedding anniversary, are two of the San Fernando Valley's finest community leaders. I urge you and all my colleagues to join me today in honor of their achievements. They have truly served their community with distinction.

IN MEMORY OF KEITH D. OGLESBY

HON. JIM DeMINT

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 27, 1999

Mr. DEMINT. Mr. Speaker, today I introduced a bill to honor Keith D. Oglesby, the late Postmaster General of the Greenville, South Carolina Post Office. I am joined by the entire South Carolina delegation in this request to honor Keith Oglesby by renaming the Orchard Park Station of the Greenville Post Office as the Keith D. Oglesby Station.

Mr. Oglesby was a tireless worker, community activist, and beloved boss. His involvement with charitable organizations aided those in the Greenville community, the state of South Carolina, and the nation as a whole. Mr. Oglesby was the chairperson for Greenville County's Combined Federal Campaign, hosted the First-Day of Issue ceremonies for the Organ & Tissue Donation Stamp, filled Christmas stockings for the Salvation Army, coordinated postal blood drives, participated in March of Dimes WalkAmerica and the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. Additionally, he received the Greenville Family Partnership's Volunteer of the Year Award in 1997.

As a supervisor, Mr. Oglesby always told his workers to "Do the right thing," and this motto permeated his actions and expectations. Local postal customers, employees of the Greenville Post Office, and higher management of the United States Postal Service recognize the contributions of Keith Oglesby to his community and his faithful service to this nation. He was honored posthumously with his second Benjamin Award—the Postal Service's top public relations honor given to recognize community outreach accomplishments.

The unexpected death of Mr. Oglesby shocked and saddened the community of Greenville, South Carolina. As we grieve his loss, we would like to pay tribute to Mr. Oglesby by renaming a facility in his honor. The Keith D. Oglesby Station would be a permanent memorial of his steadfast service to our community and the United States Postal Service.

EXTRADITE PINOCHET TO SPAIN
FOR HUMAN RIGHTS CRIMES IN
CHILE

HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 27, 1999

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, today, Monday, September 27, 1999, almost a year after his arrest in Britain for human rights abuses during his 17-year rule in Chile, an extradition hearing for former Chilean dictator General Augusto Pinochet has begun. Over the next five days, Magistrate Ronald Bartle of the Magistrates' Court will consider evidence for and against the extradition request for General Pinochet to face charges in Spain.

On Sunday, September 26, family, friends, and colleagues of two victims of Pinochet's murderous regime were remembered here in Washington, DC. Former Chilean Ambassador and Cabinet Minister Orlando Letelier and

United States citizen Ronni Karpen Moffitt were assassinated on September 21, 1976, by Chilean agents on the streets of Washington when Letelier's car exploded from a car bomb. Should Spain's request to extradite Pinochet to face charges of torture and murder be granted, then I hope the Letelier and Moffitt murders might be included in that trial, or that the United States government would also request extradition to try Pinochet in the United States for these two murders and the murders of other Americans in Chile.

I call upon the United States government to release all documents regarding human rights violations and the actions of the Chilean military, police, intelligence, and security agencies during the Pinochet regime, including documents regarding the role of United States agencies prior to and during the 1973 coup and during the 17-year rule of General Pinochet. I submit for the RECORD, my statement at Sunday's memorial event at Sheridan Circle commemorating the 23rd anniversary of the murders of Orlando Letelier and Ronni Moffitt.

IN MEMORY OF ORLANDO LETELIER AND RONNI
KARPEN MOFFITT

Twenty-three years ago, international terrorism exploded on the streets of our nation's capital with the brutal assassination of Orlando Letelier and Ronni Moffitt, and it changed our world forever.

As my former boss, mentor and dearest friend Senator George McGovern said from the pulpit at the funeral for Orlando and Ronni: "If Orlando Letelier must die at the age of forty-four and dear Ronni Moffitt must die at the age of twenty-five because of the unbridled power of madmen, then there is no security for any of us."

I won't try to speak as to how the world changed for the Letelier, Moffitt and Karpen families, or for the friends and colleagues of Orlando and Ronni. Their personal grief and journeys during the past two decades are private. But their public lives and advocacy have been an inspiration to all of us, including myself.

They have been tenacious in their search for the whole truth about how this heinous act took place and who was responsible.

They have lent their support and personal resources to the search for truth about other human rights crimes carried out by the Pinochet regime in Chile.

And they have enshrined the memories of Orlando Letelier and Ronni Moffitt by annually recognizing individuals and groups in the United States and throughout the world who continue the struggle for basic human rights, human dignity and social justice.

We are now at a historic moment in the search for truth and justice for the people of Chile. The effort to hold General Augusto Pinochet accountable for the crimes against humanity committee by his government and by his orders is important for the people of Chile and for those everywhere who suffer under repression. I support and salute the individuals, lawyers and jurists in Chile, Spain and the United Kingdom whose efforts have brought about the arrest, and hopefully the extradition, of General Pinochet. Human rights law and advocacy have all been strengthened by their singular dedication.

At this moment in history, when Chileans are attempting to confront and address their own past and seek justice, it is time—indeed it is past time—for the United States to open all its files on Chile. In particular, the CIA must stop blocking the declassification of Chile files and support the President's effort to release all documents.

It has been more than a quarter century since the violent military coup overthrew