

IN HONOR OF LARRY BERG

HON. PHIL ENGLISH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 31, 2001

Mr. ENGLISH. Mr. Speaker, every community has a voice. It's that one person whose voice resonates through the neighborhoods, asking questions and expressing aloud the thoughts of all.

I rise today to pay tribute to one such voice in Butler County, Mr. Larry Berg. He has left an indelible mark on this area of western Pennsylvania, not only as a radio host, but as an active and vital member of the community. Upon his retirement, he deserves to be honored for his outstanding contributions.

As a 16-year-old freshman at New York University, Larry chose his radio broadcasting major simply because it sounded interesting. But during the span of the next 53 years, he found himself working in places such as Baltimore, Des Moines, St. Louis, New Orleans, El Paso and New York. Tired of the gypsy's life, he and his wife decided in 1964 to buy a radio station in Butler, Pa.—a town neither of them had heard of before.

And for 36 years, he ably served this community. On air, he satisfied his listeners by asking probing questions, whether he interviewed the star of the high school musical, a member of Congress, The Beatles' Paul McCartney or even the King himself, Elvis Presley. Larry became a local icon through his daily radio talk show. He brought the world to our cars and living rooms with his unique gift.

His hard work and dedication to the people of Butler County went well beyond what could be heard over the airwaves. Off the air, he served as president of many fine organizations such as the Butler Rotary Club, the Butler County Chamber of Commerce and Tourism, and the B'Nai Abraham Synagogue.

Determined to give back to the community that welcomed him with open arms, he also served as a board member of Butler Memorial Hospital, Visiting Nurses Association of Western PA, Boy Scouts, Salvation Army, Lifesteps, Cancer Society, Butler County Music and Art Festival, and Butler County Jaycees.

And his efforts have not gone unnoticed. He's been honored by various groups including receiving awards such as Junior Man of the Year, Pennsylvania's Most Outstanding Radio Program About Cancer and the City of Butler's True Citizen Award.

Larry is a genuine individual whose openness, honesty and friendliness on and off the air paints a clear picture of his love for the human species. Those who know him describe him not only as an exceptional human being but a wonderful friend, husband to his wife, Judy, father to his three children and grandfather of 10. Now as he retires, I wish to thank Larry for his years of extraordinary service to our community.

Knowing Larry, I am positive that he is entering retirement in name only. He will continue to be a positive influence in Butler County and beyond. I wish him the best in the coming years. This may mark the end of his radio program, but it is simply life moving on to a different frequency.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO RETIRING CAPT. CONNIE R. VAN PUTTEN OF THE UNION CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR OUTSTANDING PUBLIC SERVICE

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

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Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Capt. Connie R. Van Putten upon her retirement from the Union City Police Department after nearly 36 years of total service to the law enforcement profession.

Captain Van Putten began her career with the San Diego Police Department on November 19, 1965, and became the first woman patrol officer with the San Diego Police Department on April 15, 1973. She served with distinction in a variety of assignments and venues in her capacity as officer, detective, sergeant and Lieutenant.

She began her career with the Union City Police Department on March 21, 1988 at the rank of captain and became the first female command officer in the Union City Police Department. Captain Van Putten was commander for the Field Operations Division, Administrative Services Division, and Records and Communication Division.

During her exemplary tenure at the Union City Police Department, Captain Van Putten has continuously displayed integrity, diligence and faithfulness in executing her duties. She has earned the respect and admiration of her subordinates, peers, chief executive officer, and other law enforcement professionals as well as the community of the city of Union City.

In addition to her dedicated service to the Union City Police Department, Captain Van Putten has been continuously committed to assisting youth. She received national recognition in 1998 for her outstanding service to youth with the presentation of the Silver Beaver award by the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

Captain Van Putten has left her fine mark on the city of Union City and the law enforcement profession and I join her colleagues in thanking her and wishing her all the best on her well-deserved retirement.

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. MARIANO ALONSO, ANNUAL HONOREE OF IRELAND'S 32

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Mariano Alonso, one of three honorees at the annual dinner-dance hosted by Ireland's 32 on January 19, 2001. Dr. Alonso will be honored for his accomplishments and for his continued dedication to improving the quality of life for the residents of Bayonne, New Jersey.

A native of Spain, Dr. Alonso was influenced greatly by his grandfather and uncle, both of whom are doctors, and by his father, a pharmacist. After completing medical school at Valladolid University, and serving in the

Spanish Army and the Medical Corps, Dr. Alonso arrived in New York City in 1957. He completed his internship and residency at the Jersey City Medical Center and St. Mary's Hospital in Bayonne. Dr. Alonso subsequently became house physician at the Bayonne Hospital until 1964, when he established his own pediatrics practice, which has served the community of Bayonne for 35 years.

Dr. Alonso is the president of the Bayonne Hospital Medical Staff and past president of the Bayonne Medical Society. He is also a member of the American Medical Association, the Academy of Pediatrics, the Hudson County Medical Society, and the New Jersey Medical Society. In addition, Dr. Alonso volunteered at the Bayonne Family Health Center for more than 20 years. He is also the past president and current honorary vice-president of the Spanish American Club, which has allowed him to provide important community support for Spanish and Hispanic Americans.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Dr. Mariano Alonso for his contributions to health care and for his dedication to the community of Bayonne.

RECOGNIZING THE MASSACHUSETTS DIVISION I STATE CHAMPIONS LUDLOW HIGH SCHOOL BOYS SOCCER TEAM

HON. RICHARD E. NEAL

OF MASSACHUSETTS

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Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize the accomplishments of the 2000 Ludlow High School boys soccer team. This past season the Ludlow boys team compiled a record of 19–0–3 en route to earnings the Smith Division League Championship, the Western Massachusetts Division I Championship, and the Massachusetts Division I State Championship. Their efforts enabled them to earn a top five ranking nationally.

Not only did the boys team finish the season undefeated, but their 2000 campaign marked the first team in Massachusetts history that a boys soccer team won four consecutive Western Massachusetts Division I titles. Also, the Lions have won back to back State titles, the first time this has been done in Massachusetts in 35 years. Ludlow High School has a fine and proud tradition in boys soccer play. The school has earned 13 State titles and 26 Western Massachusetts championships.

At the Lions' coaching helm was Tony Goncalves. He and his staff have fine tuned their team's athletic skill and have instilled poise, discipline, and sportsmanship into their players. Coach Goncalves and his staff have certainly earned their reputation as one of the finest coaching staffs in all of New England. I would also like to note that included in this year's team are seven players that were named to the All-Western Massachusetts squad, three players named to the All-State team, and two players receiving All-New England honors.

Mr. Speaker, allow me to recognize here the players, coaches, and managers of the 2000 Ludlow High School boys soccer team. The seniors are: Helder Pires, Jay Devlin, Mike Pio, Joey Jorge, Ray Cheria, Brian Cochenour, Tim Romansky, Paulo Dias, Dennis Carvalho, Paulo Martins, Steve Jorge,