

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN MEMORY OF STEVE M. NATHAN

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 18, 2002

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to an individual whose dedication to the community and to the overall well being of the city of Norco, California, was unparalleled. Norco was indeed fortunate to have such a dynamic and dedicated business and community leader who willingly and unselfishly gave of his time and talents to make his community a better place in which to live and work. The individual I am speaking of is Steve M. Nathan. I was fortunate to have been able to call him my friend. He passed away last week at the Corona Regional Medical Center after complications from surgery at the age of 76.

With true valor and love of country he served in the United States Air Force and saw combat during World War II as a B-26 Aerial Gunner where he flew 26 missions over Germany. After 25 years of service, he retired as a Senior Master Sergeant in 1968 and moved to Norco. Steve then founded and operated Norco Alarms, Inc. until his retirement in 1990. A fixture in the community, Steve was a talented businessman and never shied away from community involvement.

Mr. Nathan gave much during his years to his community and the whole Inland Empire. He began his record of community service by becoming a member of the Norco Planning Commission in 1970, served over 12 years on the Norco City Council and was elected Mayor twice during that span. Steve was also elected and served as Chairman of the Riverside Transit Agency, appointed to the Riverside County Jury in 1993, serve on the California Grand Jurors Association Board, was the current three term President of the Norco Historical Society, a member of the California Rehabilitation Center Citizen Advisory Board, the Corona Masonic Lodge, Norco Lions Club, the Norco American Legion Post 328 and the Norco Chamber of Commerce.

His passion for community service was matched by his passion for hunting for artifacts. He traveled many parts of the world as he enjoyed his metal detecting hobby and spent two weeks each summer in England where he hunted for artifacts. He was an avid Board Member of the Riverside Treasure Hunters Club.

He is survived by his wife, Audry Murphy Nathan, two sons, Scott Nathan and his wife Emmi, Dennis Nathan and his wife Jane, two grandchildren, Nicole and Bryan, his sister Toni Nathan and brother-in law Chuck Nathan. Steve was preceded in death by his wife of 54 years, Doris Nathan. My prayers go out to them for their loss.

Mr. Speaker, looking back at Steve's life, we see a man dedicated to his family and community—an American whose gifts to the Inland Empire and southern California led to the bet-

terment of those who had the privilege to come in contact or work with him. Honoring Steve's memory is the least that we can do today for all that he gave over his lifetime.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 1ST ANNUAL QUEEN CITY CLASSIC CHESS TOURNAMENT

HON. ROB PORTMAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 1st Annual Queen City Classic Chess Tournament, which will be held in the clubhouse of Cincinnati's Paul Brown Stadium on April 6, 2002.

Chess has been played for centuries, and it is one of the oldest games still played today by literally millions of people around the world. It is a challenging game for youth which can improve a child's ability to concentrate and can boost his or her self-esteem, which often leads to improved performance in the classroom. Chess also teaches players of all levels important skills (logical sequencing, careful planning, patience, strategy and good sportsmanship) that will be invaluable throughout their lives.

The 1st Annual Queen City Classic Chess Tournament was organized by a local community leader, Penny Pomeranz, as a way to provide children in the Cincinnati region with more opportunities to play chess in a competitive environment and to encourage children to learn to play chess early in life. It will bring together kindergartners to high school seniors from Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana.

Mr. Speaker, I hope my colleagues will join me in recognizing Cincinnati's 1st Annual Queen City Classic Chess Tournament. All of us in the Cincinnati area appreciate Penny's hard work, and we wish her and all the organizers the best on the Tournament's debut on April 6.

HONORING PEGGY BAXTER

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

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Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Peggy Baxter for her generous contributions to the community and to the patients of Oakland Children's Hospital.

A resident of Oakland, Ms. Baxter has been the Administrative Director of Governmental and Community Affairs at Children's Hospital and Research Center at Oakland. Serving a diverse population, the hospital is both a regional pediatric referral center for Northern California and the medical safety net for thousands of uninsured Bay Area children. Ms. Baxter is charged with keeping elected offi-

cial and community leaders aware of the impact of societal problems on the patients and families of Children's Hospital Oakland.

Ms. Baxter has long been an advocate of women taking decision-making roles in the political process. Her work on behalf of women seeking elected office began during her college years and includes fund-raising and campaign management. She is a founding member of Black Women Organized for Political Action and was president of the Oakland-Berkeley Chapter.

Peggy Baxter served on the Board of Directors of the Marcus A. Foster Educational Institute and Lincoln Child Center. She was president of the Alameda County Unit of the American Cancer Society and was secretary of the California Division of the American Cancer Society. At Beth Eden Baptist in Oakland, she is Vice Chairman of Trustees. Ms. Baxter received her Bachelor degree in sociology and education from Hampton University in Virginia and holds a Masters degree in social work from the University of Denver.

Ms. Baxter has been an assiduous champion of women and children throughout her career. She has been not only a friend but a hero to me and countless others. I thank her for her wisdom, her counsel, and her assistance throughout the years.

I want to congratulate Peggy as she retires and wish her godspeed as she begins this exciting new chapter of her life.

I am honored to join Ms. Baxter's family, friends and colleagues to salute the phenomenal Peggy B. Baxter.

HONORING JANICA KOSTELIC

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

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Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Janica Kostelic for her spectacular performance at the 2002 Winter Olympics.

Ms. Kostelic is a 20 year-old young lady from Croatia who won four medals (three gold and one silver) during the Olympics in Salt Lake City. In celebration, her home country has placed her picture on a postage stamp. Over 100,000 people gathered to meet Janica upon her return to Zabreg, Croatia. People missed work and schools canceled classes so they could greet the newly dubbed "Snow Queen". This skiing sensation finished two runs in 2 minutes, 30.01 seconds. Janica is the first Alpine skier to win four medals at a single Winter Olympics. She won gold in the giant slalom, the slalom, and the combined event, and silver in the super giant slalom; she was the only Croatian to win a medal. Janica's brother, Ivica, also competed at the 2002 Winter Olympics.

The Kostelic family has endured many setbacks whole trying to support their children's Olympics aspirations. Their country only has two ski resorts, so the family had to travel

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