

RECOGNIZING MIKE MARTEL FOR
HIS SERVICE TO NEW HAMP-
SHIRE RADIO

HON. JOHN E. SUNUNU

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 21, 2002

Mr. SUNUNU. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a familiar New Hampshire voice that will soon be absent from Northern New England's airwaves. Dover, New Hampshire's Mike Martel, a member of WOKQ's "Morning Waking Crew," will be retiring on May 31 after making his start in local, New Hampshire radio 30 years ago.

For the past 28 years, Mike has been employed at WOKQ, a 50,000 watt radio station located in Dover, New Hampshire. There, he often began his day well before most of us had even stirred from bed preparing to hit the airwaves at 5 a.m.

Whether hearing Mike from their homes or while making the drive to work, listeners in New Hampshire, Maine, Vermont, Massachusetts, and Canada were sure to have their day brightened with his infectious laugh and "Joke of the day."

Mike's consistent service to his profession and his community stands out as a positive contribution to the field of radio, and is one in which he and his family can certainly take pride. For the rest of us, he will be sadly missed. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to please join me in thanking Mike for his dedication and wishing him the best.

TRIBUTE TO REVEREND DR. AR-
THUR J. POINTER, 35TH PAS-
TORAL ANNIVERSARY, METRO-
POLITAN BAPTIST TABERNACLE

HON. DAVID E. BONIOR

OF MICHIGAN

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Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, as the congregation of the Metropolitan Baptist Tabernacle Church gathered together on Saturday, May 18, 2002, they celebrated the 35th Pastoral Anniversary of Reverend Dr. Arthur J. Pointer. A lifelong leader and devoted pastor, Dr. Pointer has truly demonstrated his commitment to advancing the mission of Metropolitan Baptist Tabernacle across the state of Michigan. As the members and friends of Dr. Pointer gathered to celebrate this special anniversary, they paid tribute to his outstanding years of activism, leadership, and faith.

Dr. Pointer has been preaching the Gospel to the congregation of Metropolitan Baptist Tabernacle, located in Flint, Michigan, since 1967. As his message and ministry has been received, he has shown a special dedication to making a positive difference in the lives of others. Dr. Pointer, a father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, has truly become a leader to all those who know him. "A leader who dared to dream great dreams", Dr. Pointer has truly led his family, congregation, and community to greatness.

Dr. Pointer has been an active force in his community, working with Metropolitan Baptist Tabernacle in organizing several programs and ministries as well as working with many

organizations around the state of Michigan. As the former chairman of the Metropolitan Detroit Housing Development Corporation, the Michigan State O.I.C., and the Board for Urban Community Outreach Program, which was initiated at Metropolitan Baptist Tabernacle, his involvement with church and beyond has been an inspiration to all. Even today, Dr. Pointer continues to serve his community well as the President of the Wolverine State Missionary Baptist Convention and as Chairman of the Political Action Committee of Concerned Pastors and the Christian Evangelical Broadcasting Association, Inc. Dr. Pointer's distinguished service and outstanding dedication to improving the lives of people through faith will continue to serve as an example to communities across this nation.

I applaud Dr. Pointer for his leadership, commitment, and service, and I urge my colleagues to join me in saluting him for his exemplary years of faith and service.

IN HONOR OF MR. BERNARD C.
WATSON

CHAKA FATAH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FATAH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a truly remarkable man, a person who genuinely exemplifies what it means to be a teacher, mentor, and scholar.

Mr. Bernard C. Watson, a longtime educational and civic leader in Philadelphia, will be this year's recipient of the Philadelphia Award for 2001. The award, which will be presented June 11, honors a resident of the Philadelphia region who does the most to "advance the best and largest interest of the community." The award is complimented with a cash prize of \$25,000. Prior recipients of this distinguished award include people such as Sister Mary Scullion, co-founder of Project H.O.M.E., former Mayor Edward Rendell, former City Council President and current mayor John Street, and Rev. Leon Sullivan, a social activist, and educator responsible for leading international efforts to promote non-violent social and economic change.

Originally from Gary, Indiana, Mr. Watson quickly rose to prominence by becoming a deputy superintendent to Philadelphia public schools in 1967. He was also president of the William Penn Foundation, vice president for academic affairs at Temple University, and vice president of the Pennsylvania Council of the Arts. Considered an expert in his field, Mr. Watson was appointed to a number of educational advisory councils by three different U.S. presidents. He also authored several books, including a memoir, "Colored, Negro, Black: Chasing the American Dream."

Chairman of the Philadelphia Award Trustees, William J. Marrazzo, indicated Mr. Watson was selected from dozens of highly qualified nominees. Chairman Marrazzo commented that Mr. Watson "has been a tireless fighter of ignorance and injustice, a determined advocate for educational excellence, and an energetic supporter of the arts. He is truly one of Philadelphia's treasures."

Mr. Speaker, I couldn't agree more with the Chairman's comments. Mr. Watson's selflessness is evidenced in his words and actions.

Educating others, Mr. Watson recently reflected, is the most rewarding aspect of his work. Mr. Watson commented, "Education is how you give people control of their lives. It is a way of giving someone the notion of what you can be as a human being."

TRIBUTE TO HALF HOLLOW HILLS
HIGH SCHOOL EAST

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the outstanding performance of Half Hollow Hills High School East from Dix Hills, New York in the "We the People . . . The Citizen and the Constitution" competition.

A select group of 24 students from Half Hollow Hills High School East represented the State of New York at the national finals competition in Washington, D.C., May 4-6, 2002. These young people competed with 50 classes from across the nation and demonstrated a remarkable understanding of the ideas and values of American constitutional government.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the efforts of the student participants. They are: Beth Bernstein, Jacqueline Borgia, Sherri Cohen, Katelyn Del Priore, Lindsey Forur, Brian Ginsberg, Sarah Givner, Seth Glodowski, Jamie Golden, Emily Gustafson, Dustin Kretzberg, Megan Meagher, Michal Meiler, Jacquelyn O'Neil, Gabriella Pinto, Lindsay Posner, Sarah Rasheed, Inger Reres, Steven Savella, Dennis Schmelzer, Persis Singh, Megan Spector, Stanley Voigt, and Matthew Witko.

These young scholars are taking the Advanced Placement American Government class. Part of their learning experience includes participation in the "We the People" program. These students, through teamwork and dedication, captured the New York State championship after advancing from district and regional levels.

Mr. Speaker, I commend them for balancing this demanding extracurricular activity with the rigors of their daily course work. Furthermore, I commend them for working together as team to accomplish the goals they set forth.

Mr. Speaker, I also stand to recognize the efforts of the coaches, faculty, parents, and facilitators involved. Specifically, Scott Edwards, the group's coach and AP American Government teacher, prepared these students through intensive classroom instruction and numerous study sessions after regular school hours. James McCaffrey, the school's principal, contributed to the students' success by providing adequate resources and administrative support. Jane Weber, the district coordinator, made logistical arrangements and directed the group's fundraising efforts. Laura Parker also helped by serving as an assistant coach and chaperone.

Mr. Speaker, I commend these individuals for their unselfish commitment to these students' education.

It is with great pride, Mr. Speaker, that I recognize the efforts and achievements of these outstanding students and individuals and bring their achievements to the attention of this Congress.