

HONORING THE LIFE OF JOHN
FRANCIS "JACK" BUCK

SPEECH OF

HON. TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 26, 2002

Mr. JOHNSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, today it is my pleasure to join my colleagues in honoring a truly great American, Jack Buck. For nearly five decades, Jack Buck's memorable voice announced Super Bowls, World Series and the games of his beloved St. Louis Cardinals. I was honored to actually be in the broadcast booth at Busch Stadium with him on a few occasions. Growing up in Central Illinois, Jack Buck became baseball to me. His voice was that of a trusted friend's and he became like a member of my family. I distinctly remember his calls of Stan Musial, Bob Gibson, Ozzie Smith and Mark McGwire and I will never forget game five of the 1985 National League Championship Series. Ozzie Smith had hit a home run to beat the Los Angeles Dodgers and a very excited and emotional Jack Buck told everyone to, "Go crazy, folks, go crazy". This man, this legend, came from nothing to become everything he wanted to be. He is a shining example of what is good and right and what can be achieved in our country. Tradition and the integrity of baseball are words that come to my mind when I think of this pillar of his community. He did so much for St. Louis and those of us in the Midwest fortunate enough to have KMOX on our dials. My thoughts and prayers are for the Buck family and the fans of Jack Buck and the St. Louis Cardinals organization in this time of mourning.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO PATTY
ERJAVEC

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 27, 2002

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to pay tribute to Patty A. Erjavec for her outstanding contributions to the business community of Pueblo County, Colorado. Patty was recently awarded the Charles W. Crews Business Leader of the Year Award by the Greater Pueblo Chamber of Commerce in recognition of her selfless leadership within the business community, leadership that deserves the appreciation and respect of all Coloradans.

Patty Erjavec believes strongly in the importance of an educated workforce to bring about economic revitalization in the Pueblo area. As President of the El Pueblo Boys' & Girls' Ranch, she has worked tirelessly to insure that future generations have the access to a solid education that they deserve. At the ranch, Patty has invested herself in the lives of many children, showing them the love and compassion which has helped to form them into productive members of the Pueblo community.

Patty has been active in numerous other civic organizations, each expressing her vision for a brighter and more prosperous future for the business community of Pueblo. During her

presidency of the Pueblo Rotary Club #43, she actively organized the membership to provide tutoring, mentoring and parenting classes to an underprivileged elementary school with a significant number of families living well below the poverty level. As a member of the State Board for Community Colleges and Occupational Education, Patty has been able to influence statewide policies in order to support the development of an educated workforce.

Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to pay tribute to Patty Erjavec for her contributions to the Pueblo community. I applaud her receipt of the Greater Pueblo Chamber of Commerce's "Business Leader of the Year" award recognizing her significant achievements for the good of the community. Patty serves as a shining example that a woman can successfully manage career goals and family responsibilities while making time to give back to her community. For these reasons I bring Patty Erjavec to the attention of this body of Congress and applaud her devotion to the people of Pueblo.

HONORING DONALD AND RUTH
McNULTY ON THEIR 50TH WED-
DING ANNIVERSARY

HON. JACK QUINN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 27, 2002

Mr. QUINN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to honor the 50th wedding anniversary of Donald and Ruth McNulty of Blasdell, New York. As family and friends will gather to celebrate this joyous occasion, I too would like to recognize them at this special time. Following their hearts throughout this 50-year journey has led to happiness and a loving life together.

Love has flourished between these two hearts, but not without dedication and hard work. This celebration of 50 years is a remarkable accomplishment and is to be commended. Mr. Speaker, it is with excitement and admiration that I extend my congratulations to Donald and Ruth and offer them my best wishes for many years to come.

JON LOCKE: SADDLING UP FOR
THE OLD WEST

HON. JAMES A. BARCIA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 27, 2002

Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Jon Locke, a journeyman actor whose feature-length films and television credits read like a viewer's guide to the great Westerns so many of us enjoyed during our youth. Cowboy actors such as Jon Locke not only entertained us, they also helped unlock the history of the real West by giving viewers a glimpse of the legendary men and women who settled our American frontier.

Over the years, many fans saddled up and rode along with Jon Locke and scores of other cowboy actors as they journeyed back to the Old West by watching celluloid versions of our frontier legends. While the names of all these actors may not be as recognizable as some of

the top-billed stars who rode off into the sunset, the supporting cast of faithful sidekicks, bad guys, cowpokes, gunfighters and others were unmistakable and essential to the Western myths that have become such an important part of our American culture.

Fans will recognize Jon for his appearances in episodes of "Gunsmoke," "The Texan," "Cimarron City," "Bonanza," "The Virginian," "Wagon Train," "Laramie," "Tales of Wells Fargo," "Sheriff of Cochise," and "Custer," to name a few, and also for his roles in feature films for MGM, Universal Studios, 20th Century Fox and Walt Disney Productions. He also appeared in "Land of the Lost," "The Waltons," "Perry Mason" and many other classic television shows of bygone days, some of which now can be seen in syndication.

As a characteristically American film genre, Westerns occupy an honored place in the hearts and minds of all of us who see honor and glory in the rugged individualism portrayed in those movies. Jon Locke has been an integral part of the history of the Western in movies and on television throughout his acting career. Still active in the film industry, Jon also does his part to keep the memory and spirit of the Old West alive by appearing at reenactment events and Western festivals throughout the country. He usually brings his banjo along and has been known to sing a tune or two.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in applauding Jon Locke for embodying in his acting the true grit, valor and work ethic of the cowboys, frontiersmen and pioneers who forged ahead to make America the great and noble nation it is today. I am confident that Jon won't hang up his spurs until the last roundup is over. He truly has kept the campfire burning for all those aspiring young cowboys and cowgirls of the future.

CONGRATULATING A.M. ROSEN-
THAL IN RECEIVING THE PRESI-
DENTIAL MEDAL OF FREEDOM

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 27, 2002

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, last week, President Bush announced the recipients of the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian honor. A.M. Rosenthal, a Pulitzer Prize winner, former executive editor of the New York Times, and human rights advocate was named as one of the prominent Americans to receive the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

Mr. Rosenthal led the fight against tyranny, against communism and he provided a valuable voice in raising America's attention to the problem people from a variety of faiths being horribly persecuted simply for their religious beliefs.

Mr. Rosenthal should serve as an inspiration to the future American generations that one can change the world by passionately seeking truth and justice.

Congratulations Mr. Rosenthal on winning this prestigious and honorable award.

I want to enclose for the record this article from the Washington Times that describes in more detail the contributions of Mr. Rosenthal and the other recipients of this elite honor.