

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### PAYING TRIBUTE TO TANO VALLE

#### HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 11, 2002*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to Tano Valle, an outstanding member of the Pueblo, Colorado community. Tano has provided the community with quality entertainment and dining for almost sixty years through his restaurant, El Valle. The establishment has become an icon of the Pueblo restaurant community and I am honored to congratulate Tano for his success before this body of Congress, and this nation.

Tano began running the family business in 1937 and provides Pueblo with a terrific dining and entertainment experience. In fact, he now serves the children and grandchildren of his original customers. His menu ranges from Valencia hot dogs to chocolate-stuffed conchas and has hosted some of the biggest acts in the music business, notably Little Richard, Fats Domino, and Gracie Slick. Tano takes immense pride in this family business and I am grateful for his dedication and commitment to excellence in the community.

Mr. Speaker, Tano's dedication to his customers and quality service serves as a model of business excellence in Colorado. He is a well-appreciated and respected member of the Pueblo business community and I am honored to represent him and his family before you today. Thanks for all your hard work Tano, and I wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

### CONCERNING RISE IN ANTI— SEMITISM IN EUROPE

SPEECH OF

#### HON. GIL GUTKNECHT

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 9, 2002*

Mr. GUTKNECHT. Mr. Speaker, while I support the general spirit of H. Res. 393, which condemns the rise of anti-Semitism in Europe, I am concerned that the initial findings might lead to misconceptions regarding our German friends. The citations of anti-Semitic incidents in Germany misrepresent the actual frequency of anti-Semitic activity. Germany has very assertively attacked anti-Semitic trends within its borders. For instance, on June 28, 2002, the German Parliament passed, by unanimous vote, a resolution condemning all aspects of anti-Semitism. Additionally, recent statistics gathered by the German Interior Ministry cited an average of 130 anti-Semitic incidents per month in 2001. Incidents have decreased dramatically thus far in 2002. The Interior Ministry reports 127 anti-Semitic acts in the first three months of 2002, an average of 42 incidents per month; a decrease of 68 percent. I en-

courage and commend our German colleagues in their continued attention and efforts against anti-Semitism.

### ARMED FORCES TAX FAIRNESS ACT (H.R. 5063)

SPEECH OF

#### HON. EARL POMEROY

OF NORTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 9, 2002*

Mr. POMEROY. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of the Armed Forces Tax Fairness Act. This bill makes it easier for military families to sell their homes without tax penalty and ensures that death benefits received by families of deceased military personnel are exempt from taxation.

At this time, we should do everything in our power to better the quality of life for our service men and women who are fighting on our behalf. These tax cuts benefit our military families who have committed so much to protecting our freedoms.

This bill makes it easier for military families, like those at Grant Forks and Minot Air Force bases, to sell their homes without incurring capital gains taxes. Currently, a taxpayer can exclude from taxable income up to \$250,000 of gain realized from the sale of a home. To qualify for the exemption, the taxpayer must have owned and lived in the home for at least two of the five years prior to the sale. For military personnel who are often deployed for long periods of time, this time requirement poses a real hardship.

This bill suspends the five-year requirement for the capital gains exemption for the time that the service member is serving on extended military duty away from their home. This provision could save service members and their families a capital gains tax hit as much as 20% of the value of their homes.

The legislation also exempts from taxes the full \$6,000 death benefit received by families of deceased military personnel and allows for tax-free treatment of future increases in the death gratuity. This change to the tax law furthers our commitment to taking care of military families who lose a service member in the line of fire.

I strongly support this bill and encourage my colleagues to adopt the legislation. We should act together to honor and show our support for the men and women in uniform.

### IN HONOR OF JACK CALEGARI DIS- TINGUISHED LEGIONNAIRE OF THE MISSOURI AMERICAN LE- GION

#### HON. KAREN McCARTHY

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 11, 2002*

Ms. McCARTHY of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mr. Jack Calegari,

an outstanding individual, Veteran, and public servant from the State of Missouri. Mr. Calegari is known for his gentle manner, warm smile, and his tireless efforts for the betterment of our community and region. His dedication and consistent support to various veterans programs and issues have proven to be a valued resource. It is with great pride that we acknowledge the honor bestowed on him as the Distinguished Legionnaire in the Western Region of Missouri from the R.C. Connie Burns American Legion Post 71.

In the tradition of the American Legion, Jack Calegari has demonstrated the patriotic and philanthropic values throughout his military and civilian careers. On January 28, 1952, Mr. Calegari began his service in the United States Army and performed duties as a valuable cryptographer. He was later stationed in Stuttgart, Germany and quickly made the rank of Corporal. Shortly after his return from overseas, he married Tessa and their family soon expanded to include their son, Jack. Mr. Calegari worked as a television repairman and eventually began employment at Bendix Corporation, which would later evolve into Allied Signal and is currently Honeywell's Kansas City Plant integral to the Department of Energy's manufacturing system.

Mr. Jack Calegari has held every office in Post 71, serving as Post Commander for four terms and as Fifth District Commander in 1997-1999. This noble gentleman and his charming wife, Tessa, have donated much of their time at the Kansas City VA Hospital lifting spirits, helping the Women's Auxiliary wrapping Christmas gifts, and taking pictures around the holidays. As a member of the American Legion's Forty/Eight Club, Honor Society of the American Legion, he volunteered to work on their fund raising bingo project. The proceeds from bingo have furnished four rooms on the 11th floor of the Kansas City VA Medical Center so family members have a place to stay with their critically ill veterans. In addition, the Forty-Eight recently donated a new van with a wheelchair lift to the hospital. At Christmas time you can find Jack volunteering as a Christmas Kettle bell ringer for the Post 71 Salvation Army Bell Ringers.

Jack Calegari is active in many local causes and civic endeavors. He has been a mentor for our youth through his work in programs such as Boys State Program Committee that ensures leadership in future generations. He promotes and has worked with the District Oratorical Program to provide high school students with the opportunity to develop oratory skills while learning and understanding our Constitution. Another important youth project he participates in is the J.R.O.T.C. program at Paseo High School of Performing Arts where he is a beloved figure.

For the past ten years he has served as Chairman of the Cadet Patrol Committee for Missouri. The American Legion sponsors Missouri high school students to attend the Missouri State Highway Patrol Academy. Yearly preparations required six months of Jack's

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