

IN HONOR OF THE CLEVELAND CHAPTER OF THE WORLD FEDERATION OF HUNGARIAN VETERANS

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 5, 2003

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of the Cleveland Chapter of the World Federation of Hungarian Veterans, on the occasion of their 50th Annual Charity Ball.

U.S. veterans of Hungarian heritage founded the organization in 1946, just after WWII. A Cleveland Chapter was formed in 1951, with objectives mirroring those of the national organization—to promote patriotism, and to honor and keep alive the memories of those who suffered and gave their lives to preserve our freedoms and democratic ideals.

Additionally, the Cleveland Chapter has focused on the preservation of the Hungarian culture, customs and history for the younger members of our community, and for generations to come. Moreover, the membership has consistently demonstrated a willingness to lend a helping hand. Over the years, the Cleveland Chapter of the World Federation of Hungarian Veterans has assisted other members and their families with moral and financial support whenever needed.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in tribute and recognition of the Cleveland Chapter of the World Federation of Hungarian Veterans as they celebrate their culture once again at the 50th Annual Charity Ball. Today we honor the significant sacrifices each of you has made to preserve our freedoms, and we also pay tribute to your organization for preserving the rich fabric of Hungarian culture and tradition within our community.

INTRODUCTION OF THE ROUND II
EZ/EC FLEXIBILITY ACT

HON. MICHAEL E. CAPUANO

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 5, 2003

Mr. CAPUANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the Round II EZ/EC Flexibility Act of 2003, bipartisan legislation I introduced today with my colleague from New Jersey, Mr. LOBIONDO.

The bill we introduced makes a number of small changes to the EZ/EC program that will provide these communities with greater flexibility in administering their economic development plans. Specifically, the bill authorizes \$100 million in appropriations for each of the fifteen urban Empowerment Zones, \$40 million for each of the five rural Empowerment Zones, and \$3 million for each of the twenty rural Enterprise Communities.

The legislation also ensures that Empowerment Zones and Enterprise Communities that apply for one of the new Renewal Community designations will continue to receive the EZ/EC funding they were promised in 1999. Finally, the bill allows these communities to use their funding as the local match for receiving grants from other federal programs. This will help EZ/EC communities leverage additional

resources to undertake economic development initiatives and provide job training and other vital social services.

Mr. LOBIONDO and I have worked hard over the last several years to secure funding for the communities across the nation that were designated as Round II Empowerment Zones and Enterprise Communities. We both know first hand the successes of the EZ/EC program, and we will continue to work together in a bipartisan manner to ensure that these communities are allocated the resources they need to bring economic opportunity to all Americans.

A SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO CHARLES
L. DODGE FOR HIS DEDICATED
SERVICE TO THE CITY OF
FOSTORIA

HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 5, 2003

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to pay special tribute to an outstanding gentleman from Ohio. Charles L. Dodge began his employment with the City of Fostoria on October 21, 1974, as a laborer in the water distribution facility. He served under the leadership of Mayor Ken Beier and was appointed Superintendent of Utilities on January 1, 1980.

Charles' career with the City of Fostoria grew rapidly. He was a very dedicated, knowledgeable employee who aspired to do his best, no matter what was asked of him. Under the leadership of Mayor James Bailey, Charlie was named to the position of Assistant to the Mayor on June 1, 1996.

Mr. Speaker, Charlie's position advanced once again because of his experience and knowledge. He was named the Compliance, Records, Economic Development & Infrastructure Administrator, thus working with managed compliance issues, i.e. OSHA, EPA, ADA, Enterprise Zone Manager, State Issue II (infrastructure) and Project Manager.

During his employment with the City of Fostoria, Charles also had a very dedicated military career with the United States Army. Mr. Dodge served in the Army from 1970–1973 in the Clerk General Course, taking him to the Republic of Vietnam and many other areas. His military career ended in 1993; he retired as the First Sergeant in his Army National Guard Medical Corps unit.

Charles L. Dodge is a devoted father of three children: Laura, Kevin and Matthew. A man committed to his country and community; Charlie was an outstanding employee and contributor to the City of Fostoria.

Mr. Speaker, Charles Dodge will leave big shoes to fill as he enters into retirement. His wisdom, honesty and forthrightness are attributes to which all public servants should aspire. He has set an example for everyone on how to live a life of service, putting the greater interests of the community before one's own.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying special tribute to Charles L. Dodge. Our communities are served well by having such honorable and giving citizens, like Charlie, who care about their well being and stability. We wish Charles, his wife, Deborah, and their family all the best as we pay tribute to one of our state's finest citizens.

HONORING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEDICATION OF THE NILES LIBRARY

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 5, 2003

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the historic Niles Library, located in Fremont, California, on its 75th anniversary.

Although the library as we know it today was officially dedicated in 1928, the first Niles Library actually opened its doors 38 years earlier in the back of Mr. Dickey's general store. In 1900, the growing book collection became incorporated as the Niles Free Public Library Association and was given a permanent home in Niles' former Southern Pacific Railway station.

In 1927, Mr. and Mrs. William H. Ford donated \$30,000 to construct a new building for the library. On January 14, 1928, the library was dedicated in honor of Mrs. Ford's mother, Jane R. Clough. Future Supreme Court Chief Justice Earl Warren, who was then Alameda County District Attorney, was present at the dedication. In 1936, the Niles Free Public Library Association transferred ownership of the Jane R. Clough Memorial Library to the Alameda County Library system.

In recent years, the library's collection has grown, but it remains a small and friendly neighborhood library. Today, the library's collection boasts over 11,000 items, including books, magazines, newspapers, videos, CDs, audiocassettes, and several important pieces of artwork. In 1970, John E. Kimber donated Poppy Nymph, a statue by renowned California artist Jo Mora. For the library's 50th anniversary, the Fremont Friends of the Library commissioned Fremont artist Hal Booth to create a commemorative painting, which is still on display at the library.

This year marks the 75th anniversary of the historic library's dedication. A ceremony featuring a speech by California State Librarian Kevin Starr and entertainment from Niles Elementary School students will be held on February 8, 2003 in celebration of this significant milestone.

TRIBUTE TO DUANE NOLAND

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 5, 2003

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Senator N. Duane Noland. He has served in the Illinois General Assembly since 1990, serving eight years in the House of Representatives and four years in the Senate.

He served with distinction and honor in both chambers, most recently being selected as Assistant Majority Leader in the Senate.

He graduated from Blue Mound public schools and the University of Illinois where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture Education/Economics.

In his non-legislative life, Senator Noland spends many hours helping farm his family's seventh generation centennial farm.

Senator Noland also works as assistant vice president/marketing specialist with Hickory Point Bank & Trust in Decatur.