

4. H.R. 2465—Family Farmer Bankruptcy Relief Act of 2003 (#300). Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

PAYING TRIBUTE TO SAM
JOHNSON

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 24, 2003

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute posthumously to Fort Campbell's Deputy Garrison Commander, Sam Johnson for his vital role and tireless commitment to his duties and country.

Sam Johnson began his career at Fort Campbell in 1972. He was the first civilian to fill the position of Youth Activities Director. Mr. Johnson quickly rose to the top at Fort Campbell, continually becoming the first civilian to fill the posts of Outdoor Recreation Director, Recreation Services Officer, and even being transferred to Panama in the Cold War to oversee the entire Army Recreation Program.

After serving in Panama, Mr. Johnson returned to Fort Campbell to, yet again, become the first civilian to hold the title and responsibility of Deputy Director of Personnel and Community Activities. In just a few years, he became Director of Personnel and Community Activities. Mr. Johnson's excellent administrative skills shined in his position as Deputy Resource Manager, which helped him to obtain his appointment as the only civilian to ever serve as Deputy Garrison Commander.

For the past 11 years, Mr. Johnson has served as Deputy Garrison Commander. His love for his country is evident by his devotion to his job. Despite his diagnosis of non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, he still continued with his duties. Mr. Johnson was able to perform his responsibilities as Deputy Garrison Commander until his recent death. Deputy Garrison Commander Sam Johnson emulated his principles of hard work and never giving up.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to extend the gratitude of myself and the entire Nation to Sam Johnson in recognition of his outstanding commitment and service to Fort Campbell and to our country. I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking him and offering comfort to his family and Fort Campbell, as they will truly miss Sam Johnson, a man of true courage and character.

CONGRATULATIONS CONTINENTAL
MICRONESIA ON 35TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 24, 2003

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker. I rise today to congratulate Continental Micronesia on its 35th anniversary and to wish a happy birthday to CEO Mark Erwin and employees of Continental Micronesia.

I also want to take this time to commend the services rendered by Continental Micronesia to the island of Guam. Guam is the regional hub for Continental Micronesia, and we are proud of the network that strengthens ties be-

tween Guam and our Pacific neighbors. Tourism is the leading private sector industry on Guam, and Continental has provided consistent, reliable service to Guam and to destinations across the entire Pacific Rim including: Cairns, Australia; Denpasar, Indonesia; Hong Kong; Honolulu, Hawaii; Koror, Palau; Kosrae, Micronesia; Kwajalein, Marshall Islands; Majuro, Marshall Islands; Nagoya, Japan; Niigata, Japan; Osaka/Kenai, Japan; Pohnpei, Micronesia; Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; Sapporo, Japan; Sendai, Japan; Taipei, Taiwan; Chuuk, Micronesia; and Yap, Micronesia.

Continental Airlines moved its headquarters to Los Angeles, California in July, 1963, as it provided important transportation services to members of the armed forces between the United States and Asia during the Vietnam War. In response to its increased importance in the Pacific during the Vietnam War, Continental formed Air Micronesia in 1968. Air Micronesia, now known as Continental Micronesia, has become one of the principal passenger airlines for the islands of the Pacific, providing services between the islands and nations along the Pacific Rim and the mainland.

Under trailblazing CEO Robert F. Six, Continental Airlines mixed creativity with ingenuity in establishing many of its flight routes in the Pacific. During the 1960's, Continental Micronesia would staff flights with mechanics and carry spare materials on board in order that passenger airliners could land on and embark from coral island landing strips. The company was also innovative in that it opened hotels and restaurants at its island destinations in order to stimulate tourism.

In 1976, Air Micronesia began providing services between Saipan and Japan. This additional service would prove to be vital to the future economic growth of Guam, for the vast majority of the over one million tourists that visit Guam each year are Japanese. In fact, Continental Micronesia's Guam-Tokyo, Japan route became the airline industry's single most profitable route in the world. We on Guam are grateful for this mutually beneficial relationship, and we look forward to working together with Continental to perpetuate further growth of the visitor industry on Guam.

I want to express my deepest gratitude to Continental Micronesia and its employees for their years of hard work and dedication to the people of Guam, as they celebrate their 35th birthday. Without their commitment, the visitor industry on Guam could not thrive.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF MR.
HOWARD D. SAMUEL

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 24, 2003

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great admiration that I rise today to honor the memory of Mr. Howard D. Samuel, and his lifelong contributions to our great country. Howard passed away on June 19, 2003. His efforts as a veteran of the labor movement, as well as his numerous positive accomplishments during his long career, are worthy of the highest commendation.

Howard began his work in the labor movement in 1949 as an organizer with the Amal-

gamated Clothing Workers of America. He was then elected as international vice president in 1966. His dedication and unrelenting service to the movement paved the way for new and innovative solutions to labor problems and issues. In 1977, he was appointed U.S. Deputy Secretary of Labor for International Labor Affairs by President Carter. His role as Deputy Secretary allowed him the opportunity to be involved with many facets of the department such as international trade, trade adjustment assistance, and the International Labor Organization.

In 1979, Howard was elected President of the Industrial Union Department, a federation consisting of over 50 national and international unions affiliated with the AFL-CIO. During his presidency, he founded the Collective Bargaining Forum, a study group of union presidents and various company CEOs. This Forum initiated several groundbreaking reports on industrial relations issues. In 1991, Howard was the first labor representative to ever be appointed to the Defense Science Board, a key advisory organization to the Secretary of Defense.

Howard, by serving in the U.S. Army from 1943 to 1945, exhibited his true sense of patriotic duty to our nation. He also served as vice chairman of both the New York Coalition and the Council on Competitiveness. Along with his many other contributions to society, he was also a trustee and board member of the Carnegie Corporation, the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center in Atlanta, as well as the American Civil Liberties Union, to name just a few.

Mr. Speaker, Howard D. Samuel dedicated his life to supporting the labor movement and serving as a leader and role model for all Americans. I respectfully ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in remembering Mr. Samuel and his lifetime of achievement and devotion to our great country. He will be remembered honorably and truly missed.

IN RECOGNITION OF JOSEPH C.
SPICUZZO

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 24, 2003

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Joseph C. Spicuzzo, a friend and distinguished public servant who has dedicated much of his life to improving the lives of others. Joe is being awarded the Americanism Award by the Anti-Defamation League tonight in New Brunswick, New Jersey not only for his distinguished public service but for his dedication to raising funds for important charitable causes.

Joe began his long career of public service with his election as Mayor of Spotswood in 1976 and currently is the Middlesex County Sheriff and the Chairman of the Middlesex County Democratic Organization. Joe was also asked by Governor McGreevey to take on the added responsibility of being the "Chair of Chairs", an informal position that allows him direct access to the Governor and his staff to help resolve outstanding issues affecting the individual counties in the State. Joe has demonstrated great success in leadership positions mainly because of the confidence people

have in his interpersonal skills, his ability to settle disputes, and his affable manner.

In addition to the dedication Joe has illustrated in his public service, he has been a tireless fundraiser for important charitable causes. He has raised funds for the American Heart Association, a cause especially dear to him because of the death of his father at an early age from this silent killer. Joe became a key figure in the annual fundraising drive, Operation Heartbeat, held every February on WCTC radio station. He has been recognized with an American Heart Association Testimonial, the March of Dimes Franklin Award, the Salvation Army OTHERS Award and the B'nai B'rith International Humanitarian Award. He was also named Man of the Year by the George Otlowski Citizens League, the North Brunswick Italian American Club, and awarded the Hubert H. Humphrey Friend of Labor Award in recognition of his friendship and outstanding work.

Joe and his wife, the former MaryAnn Longo, and their daughter, JoAnn now reside in South River, New Jersey. Their son, Charlie and his wife, Denise, returned to the Borough of Spotswood to begin their life together.

Mr. Speaker, on this day I rise up to acknowledge a truly remarkable individual and I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring the distinguished Joseph C. Spicuzzo for his untiring dedication and devotion to serving his community.

HONORING FATHER MICHAEL P.
BAFARO

HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 24, 2003

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Father Michael P. Bafaro for his service to the local and international community.

Father Bafaro studied at St. Thomas Seminary in Bloomfield, CT; Seminary of Philosophy in Montreal, Canada; and Vesovile Seminary in Pordenone, Italy. At Vesovile, Father Bafaro was ordained on June 28, 1953. He worked for 11 years at Our Lady of Lourdes and Our Lady of Mt. Carmel in Worcester, Massachusetts before volunteering to travel to Sicuani, Peru to work with the often neglected Andean community.

His experience in Peru was a critical step towards his role as an international community leader and activist. He returned to Worcester to work with the Latino community. In Worcester, he founded the only Latino community-based organization in the city. His role as founder and executive director of Centro Las Americas, in addition to his longtime participation in the community thereafter, caused the organization to grant Father Bafaro the first Annual Lifetime Achievement Award.

Father Bafaro earned the position of Pastor/Administrator of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel-St. Ann in Worcester in 1986. This position had a special spiritual meaning for the Father Bafaro due to his close relationship with the Carmelites of Peru. Once again Father Bafaro excelled as a leader and defender of human rights and equality. He has proven to be a loyal advocate for children's education, cultural awareness, low-income housing, and employment opportunities for those in need. He built

the Mt. Carmel Apartments for low-income and handicapped people in 1991 and the Italian-American Cultural Center.

Father Bafaro has been honored with the Worcester Sons of Italy Achievement Award and Social Justice Award; the Beacon Award from the Unitarian Universalist Church of Worcester; the Pro-Deo Ad Juventudem Medal; and on four separate occasions, he received the key to the City of Worcester. Father Bafaro also participated in organizations such as the Affirmative Action Commission for the City of Worcester; the Board of Directors of the Northeast Hispanic Catholic Pastoral Center; the Priest Senate of the Diocese of Worcester; the Governor's Commission of Puerto Ricans and Hispanics; the Executive Board of Worcester Cooperative Council; City Managers Manpower Commission; Coalition for Peace and Justice; the Federation of New England Catholic Charities and Social Services; the Order of Sons of Italy; the United Way Task Force; and Ad Hoc Committee for Statewide Education.

Father Bafaro supported the Worcester community in December 1999 after the fire that claimed the lives of six firefighters. He provided support and guidance to the families and friends of the fallen heroes.

He is the president of Worcester Community Cable Access television station where important community issues are presented and discussed. These examples show his devotion to raising the consciousness of others and the extent to which he stands for peace and justice. Father Bafaro has touched many lives, and has spent most of his life working to improve the lives of others. He has struggled alongside the underprivileged and promoted open-mindedness among people from multiple backgrounds.

I can attest to the extent at which Father Bafaro has assisted and guided the community of Worcester because he has collaborated with my staff and me on various projects, including the Latino Education Institute. I have witnessed the accomplishments of Father Bafaro as a local community activist and leader who has based his work on the broader goal of promoting justice and equality at home and abroad.

Mr. Speaker, I am sure that the entire U.S. House of Representatives joins me in thanking Father Michael P. Bafaro for his contribution to the community.

TAIWAN'S INCLUSION IN THE WHO

HON. PETER T. KING

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 24, 2003

Mr. KING of New York. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in strong support of Taiwan's entry into the World Health Organization (WHO). Time and time again Taiwan has been thwarted from joining this international organization solely because of objections from the People's Republic of China. Most recently this occurred in May at the World Health Assembly in Geneva; even after Congress passed legislation (P.L. 108-028) authorizing the U.S. Government to implement a plan for Taiwan to obtain observer status and Secretary of Health Human Services Tommy Thompson publicly and firmly expressed U.S. support for Taiwan's inclusion in the WHO.

The recent SARS outbreak in Asia has made it very clear how important it is to allow Taiwan to participate in the WHO. While the People's Republic of China was suppressing information and statistics about the disease and covering up its scope, Taiwan, on the other hand, was reporting freely and accurately on SARS. It immediately offered to work with the WHO yet was denied; only later were two WHO experts dispatched to Taiwan. In addition, Beijing was quite unhelpful in alerting the WHO and neighboring countries as to when and where this outbreak originated causing additional infections and deaths.

We all have a responsibility to assist the WHO and inform the world when it comes to global health. For too long, however, Taiwan has not been given this opportunity because of political motivations. It is now time to allow Taiwan to join the WHO or at least allow it to obtain observer status. With the threat of outbreaks such as SARS sweeping across continents and infecting thousands, it is not only absurd but also immoral to keep the 23 million Taiwanese citizens from receiving its assistance. Taiwan, and the world for that matter, will be far better protected when it finally obtains WHO membership.

WHY ME? CLUB

HON. KATHERINE HARRIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 24, 2003

Ms. HARRIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize an extraordinary group of high school students, who have set the gold standard for leadership, compassion, and selflessness in my hometown of Sarasota, FL.

In September of 2002, Zak Tanjeloff, a student attending Sarasota High School, founded the Why Me? Club to implement his vision of providing relief to the poverty-stricken children of South America.

Demonstrating amazing dedication and skill, Zak and his fellow students have organized and managed major relief efforts entirely on their own.

Motivated by a soul-searching question—"Why am I lucky enough to live the life I live when so many suffer so greatly throughout the world?"—they have collected and delivered medical supplies, school supplies, sporting goods, dental supplies, toiletries, toys, and other items that most children and adults take for granted to impoverished locations in Mexico, Guatemala, Honduras, and Surinam.

While their fellow students vacationed on Florida's beaches during Spring Break 2003, the Why Me? Club, in partnership with Operation Serving Children, delivered over \$100,000 worth of much-needed medical supplies to the people of Chisec, Guatemala. Moreover, a second group of Why Me? members recently traveled once again to Chisec with yet another \$100,000 in medical supplies.

Mr. Speaker, these exceptional young men and women deserve our thanks and our acclaim. Their generosity, their global awareness, and their commitment to the most vulnerable members of the human family demonstrate that the greatest virtues of our Nation still illuminate the hopes and dreams of our children.