

TRIBUTE TO DR. NIKITA MORAVSKY, AMERICAN CITIZEN-PATRIOT

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 23, 2003

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to Dr. Nikita Valerianovich Moravsky, American citizen and patriot, who will soon be celebrating his 80th birthday. Those of us who have had the good fortune to be born in the United States may sometimes take our citizenship for granted and forget how special it is. Dr. Moravsky's life reminds us of just how precious our birthright is, and his career of service to our country sets an example for us of appreciation for that gift.

In 1923, when Nikita Moravsky came into this world, he had no country. He was born in Shanghai, China, to Russian parents who had fled from the Bolshevik Revolution in their homeland. Educated in Jesuit schools in Shanghai, Nikita studied French and English, while at home he learned to speak Russian with the perfect pre-war St. Petersburg accent that he still maintains. As a young man he lived through the brutal Japanese invasion and occupation of Shanghai. Then, in 1949, as the Chinese Communists prepared to enter the city, Nikita was evacuated, along with 5,000 other—primarily Russian—refugees to a displaced persons camp on Tubabao Island in the Philippines. There he remained for two years.

Finally, in 1951, Nikita arrived in the United States, where he was soon employed on the faculty of the prestigious Army Language School in Monterey, CA, teaching Russian to American military personnel. Thus began Nikita's career of serving his adopted country. In 1958, he moved to Washington, DC, where he worked at the U.S. Information Agency (USIA) on the staff of its Russian-language magazine *America Illustrated*. He later entered the Foreign Service, touring Russia with USIA exhibits, and serving for two years as Cultural Attache at the American Embassy in Moscow. Next followed ten years of leadership positions with the USSR Division of the Voice of America, where broadcasts to the Soviet Union kept alive the values of truth and openness that ultimately undermined the Communist regime that his parents had fled so long before.

After leaving government service, Nikita obtained his Ph.D. in Russian Area Studies from Georgetown University. In his post-government career, he has taught at George Washington University and American University, educating his students in Russian culture and history and thus helping to prepare a new generation of leaders for the post-Cold War era. He also has published numerous articles in both English and Russian and two books in Russian, one dealing with the Tubabao Island refugees and the Russian diaspora in the Far East and a new work entitled *Through the Eyes of a Russian-American*.

It is thanks to the work of Nikita Moravsky, and countless others like him, who toiled for years behind the scenes during the Cold War, that the American ideals of democracy and liberty now have a chance in the former Soviet Union. It was not just American military expenditures that ended the Cold War, but the hopes of the Russian people themselves for a

freer society—hopes well-nurtured by Nikita's work.

The United States indeed has been fortunate in having Nikita Moravsky as an adopted son. I invite my colleagues to join me in saying "thank you" to Nikita for his career of service to the United States and "congratulations" on the milestone of his 80th birthday.

CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE APSA CONGRESSIONAL FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 23, 2003

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join my fellow colleagues in celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the American Political Science Association's Congressional Fellowship, the first and oldest program of its kind on Capitol Hill.

Since 1953, APSA has allowed rising leaders within government agencies, as well as those in fields like medicine, journalism and academia to get an inside view of what, when, why and how we do things here in the people's House and the other chamber.

I have had the pleasure of having several fellows since I arrived here in Congress, all of whom have distinguished themselves in their ability to jump right in and perform as any veteran of my team. They do so by checking their egos at the door but not their skills and experiences, providing a different perspective on both potential legislation and daily procedures.

Success in any arena depends on participants getting to know the language, procedures and customs of important institutions of power. To be effective communicators or creators of sound public policy, individuals and groups must know how the game is played, even if the rules appear to sometimes be rigged. APSA fellows leave their assignments with that type of knowledge and view of Congress that is built on practical experience and not solely on media or partisan spin.

Washington does not operate in a vacuum—the things that we do echo past these great halls into the homes, schools and office buildings that dot this great land. While technology has allowed Americans to connect with each other quicker, more often and over greater distances, it has not increased the public's understanding of what gets done in Washington and the impact that debates on and off the floor have on their lives.

The APSA Congressional Fellowship program is helping to bridge this gap in the public consciousness by demystifying the political process. Their alumni provide clear evidence that everyone, no matter what their profession or expertise, has a role to play in and an opportunity to impact, their government.

HONORING M.D. ANDERSON CANCER CENTER OF HOUSTON, TX

HON. CHRIS BELL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 23, 2003

Mr. BELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of The University of Texas M.D. An-

derson Cancer Center in Houston, TX. I am proud to announce that in this week's issue of U.S. News and World Report, a survey of "America's Best Hospitals" named M.D. Anderson Cancer Center the nation's top cancer center. Recently, M.D. Anderson broke ground for its new proton therapy machine. This will be the largest proton therapy machine in the world. M.D. Anderson is a rapidly growing institution, increasing patient load and research capabilities every year without sacrificing service.

M.D. Anderson has been ranked as one of the top two cancer centers since 1990. Not only was the honor of the nation's best cancer center bestowed on M.D. Anderson, but it also ranked fourth for gynecology and under fifteenth in urology and ear, nose, and throat. These distinctions show the dedication of the M.D. Anderson faculty, staff, volunteers, patients, and community supporters who are working towards one mission, to eliminate cancer. M.D. Anderson was the only Texas hospital to be given a number one ranking in any medical specialty.

Providing top quality care to patients from across the state of Texas and one third from out of state, M.D. Anderson shows its commitment to Texas and to the nation. M.D. Anderson represents Houston's dedication to patients, clinical research, education programs, and prevention and eradication of cancer. I know my colleagues will join me in congratulating M.D. Anderson's 12,708 employees, 1,400 volunteers, its numerous local and national donors, and its many patients for making M.D. Anderson the nation's number one cancer center.

SERGEANT ROGER D. ROWE

HON. LINCOLN DAVIS

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 23, 2003

Mr. DAVIS of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, it is with a solemn heart that I honor the dedicated and honorable Tennessee National Guardsman and Bon Aqua Resident Sergeant Roger D. Rowe. Sergeant Rowe served the Army National Guard for 17 years and was deployed to Iraq with the 1174th Transportation Company. I pay tribute to this outstanding soldier, husband, father, and grandfather who on July 9th was tragically killed in action near the city of Mahmudiyah.

Sergeant Rowe was one of 1,000 Army and Air National Guardsmen selflessly protecting our country. As a soldier, Rowe courageously endured 130 degree heat, relentless sniper attacks, and separation from his loving family. This was not the first time Sergeant Rowe unflinchingly protected the people of the United States. He also served in a medic unit in Vietnam for two years. Working as a shipping clerk with Shiloh Industries in Dickson, Tennessee, his experience driving trucks made Rowe an invaluable asset to his military convoy overseas.

Mr. Speaker, I am deeply honored to pay tribute to the life and memory of Sergeant Roger D. Rowe. Never withholding their services in the face of war, Tennessee's citizens have always been celebrated for their wartime valor. Sergeant Rowe more than upholds that reputation. He fought to keep his family and

country safe and for that gift we are forever indebted. My thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends of Sergeant Roger Rowe.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ELTON GALLEGLY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 23, 2003

Mr. GALLEGLY. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, July 22, I was at the White House in a meeting with the President, along with the members of the National Academic Decathlon team from Moorpark High School, and was unable to vote on the Kucinich motion that the Committee Rise (rollcall 404). Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

HONORING ALAMO MAYOR TOMMY GREEN

HON. JOHN S. TANNER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 23, 2003

Mr. TANNER. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor an outstanding public servant, Tommy Green, who has dedicated himself to the people of Tennessee through his diligent services to the community of Alamo in Crockett County.

Tommy's hard work helped earn him the Mayor of the Year award this year from the Tennessee Municipal League.

Throughout his life, Tommy has found a home in public service. He began his honorable career by volunteering for the Alamo Volunteer Fire Department, then served as Alamo's first building inspector. Tommy continued to show his dedication for our community by serving as city alderman for 11 years.

As a U.S. mail carrier, Tommy works one of the largest and most time-consuming routes in Alamo. Despite these long hours, Tommy has served as Alamo's mayor for the past 17 years.

Since 1986, Tommy has been instrumental in helping Alamo receive seven federal grants to improve the development of the community. These grants allowed for construction of a new water treatment plant, two new wells and a 200,000-gallon water storage tank.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in honoring a distinguished public servant, an outstanding citizen and my friend, Mr. Tommy Green.

APSA 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JAMES L. OBERSTAR

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 23, 2003

Mr. OBERSTAR. Mr. Speaker, I am very pleased to congratulate the American Political Science Association on the 50th anniversary of its congressional fellowship program.

The APSA Congressional Fellowship Program is a highly selective, non-partisan program that provides invaluable opportunities for fellows to obtain legislative working experience. Since 1953, over 1800 journalists, fed-

eral government professionals, political scientists, Robert Wood Fellow health policy fellows, Native American Hatfield fellows, and international scholars have participated in this program. The congressional fellowship program is beneficial for both congressional offices and the fellows. Congressional offices gain from the expertise of these professionals, and the congressional fellows learn the legislative process on a firsthand basis.

I can speak from experience about the value of this program. I currently have on my staff an outstanding APSA fellow who has made great contributions to my office. Margaret Connelly came to my office from the USDA Forest Service. Since the beginning of this year, Margaret has assisted my Washington and District staff with the implementation of my Hometown Values legislative agenda, and she has also coordinated a number of high-priority transportation and natural resource projects. Margaret has brought to my office her considerable talents and professional experience with the Forest Service, and I am very pleased that she has gained new skills and valuable experience in my office.

For those of you not familiar with the fellowship program, fellows work for Democrats, Republicans, and Independents as members of personal staff or committee staff while on the Hill. In addition to their office assignments, these congressional fellows attend educational seminars throughout the program. A field trip to Annapolis, Maryland is included to gain a better understanding concerning state government operations. For a comparative dimension, some fellows travel to Ottawa, Canada to meet with high-ranking Canadian officials and gain insight into the Canadian Parliament. In exchange, Canadian Parliamentary interns travel to Washington for a week to gain a better perspective on the U.S. Government.

After these various experiences, fellows return to their previous jobs or new jobs, bringing with them new insights and knowledge of the legislative process. I hope they will continue to utilize their experience on the Hill for the rest of their lives and share this knowledge through discussions with friends and coworkers.

Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the opportunity to congratulate the American Political Science Association for their outstanding contributions through their fellowship program. I would encourage my colleagues to participate in APSA's superb program which brings immeasurable benefits for the House of Representatives and for these dedicated professionals.

SAG HARBOR VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT CELEBRATES 200TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. TIMOTHY H. BISHOP

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 23, 2003

Mr. BISHOP of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Sag Harbor Fire Department. On March 26, 2003, the Sag Harbor Fire Department of Sag Harbor, New York, marked a momentous occasion that very few fire departments in our country have achieved. Since 1803 the volunteer firefighters of Sag Harbor have been answering their neighbors' calls for help. This year they are

celebrating their 200th anniversary. Located on the South Fork of Eastern Long Island, The Sag Harbor Fire Department is one of the oldest volunteer fire departments in the nation, the second oldest in the state of New York, and the oldest in Suffolk County. It was chartered on March 26, 1803 and today, 200 years later, it has 165 volunteer members who cover the county with support and protect 5,000 winter residents and 15,000 summer residents in an area of 27 square miles.

These dedicated volunteers operate out of four different stations and comprise five companies: Gazelle Hose Company No. 1, Montauk Hose Company No. 2, Otter Hose Company No. 3, Murray Hose Company No. 4, and the Phoenix Hook & Ladder Company No. 1. The Department also has three special squads: Heavy Rescue, Fire Police and the Dive Water Team.

During the year-long 200th anniversary commemoration, the Department has received proclamations from the Village of Sag Harbor, the New York State Legislature, the New York Department of State and the Fire Association of New York State. I would like to add my heartfelt congratulations and best wishes to this outstanding fire department not only for its longevity but also for the dedication of its members. Volunteer firefighters are selfless men and women who risk their lives to protect and provide fire, emergency medical and rescue services to others in their community without financial compensation. Sag Harbor's volunteer firefighters proudly carry on the 200-year-old tradition started by their forefathers—answering the alarm, serving their neighbors and protecting the citizens of Suffolk County.

The Department will officially celebrate this milestone with a week-long series of events beginning on August 19th that includes a gala parade, fireworks, raffles and the selling of many different souvenirs including a commemorative coin created especially for the occasion.

I invite my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in honoring the Sag Harbor Fire Department on its 200th anniversary. These men and women represent the best of the volunteer spirit that has built our great Nation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BART STUPAK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 23, 2003

Mr. STUPAK. Mr. Speaker, I ask that the Record show that on Thursday, July 17, 2003, during consideration of the FY04 Appropriations bill for the Department of the Interior, H.R. 2691, I inadvertently voted "yes" on the amendment of Mr. UDALL of New Mexico to prevent the use of funds to finalize Bush Administration regulations that would revise requirements for scientific evaluation and public involvement during the development of forest management plans, when it was my intention to oppose the amendment.

I am a strong supporter of multi-use forest plans and had voted for this amendment under the mistaken impression that this was the amendment offered by Mr. UDALL of Colorado. I am pleased that despite my erroneous vote, the amendment of Mr. UDALL of New