

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN HONOR OF CARMEL GALASSO

**HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 25, 2003*

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Carmel Galasso for her outstanding commitment to serving her community. She was presented the Mary T. Norton Memorial Award by the United Way of Hudson County on September 16, 2003, at the Crown Plaza Hotel in Secaucus, New Jersey.

Ms. Galasso has demonstrated a remarkable passion for helping those in need and has provided, and continues to provide, valuable services that have touched many lives throughout Hudson County. As a member of the Saint Peter's College Alumni Board, she currently works on special projects for the college, as well as the community as a whole. Since 1996, she has served as the program coordinator of Catholic Community Services for the Hudson County Parish Access Center in Jersey City.

Over the years, Ms. Galasso has worked tirelessly to improve her community. She began as a grammar school teacher and guidance counselor at Saint Aedan's School in Jersey City, where she taught for 8 years. She then became assistant director of Campus Ministry at Saint Peter's College for 10 years, where she spearheaded food and toy drives and walks against hunger. As program coordinator for the Parish Access Center, Ms. Galasso was instrumental in establishing a registration site for families to apply for New Jersey Kid Care and creating satellite offices that provide critical services for families in need. These offices have provided countless family baskets, Christmas gifts, toiletry items, and food gift certificates.

Ms. Galasso's dedication is also evident in her immediate response to the tragedy of September 11. In the days following the tragedy, Ms. Galasso led efforts to provide sandwiches, water, and other supplies needed to help support those impacted by the World Trade Center disaster. With the help of the United Way of Hudson County, Ms. Galasso was able to process 186 cases for families who were impacted by the attack.

Ms. Galasso continues to be involved with the Resurrection Parish and the Bon Secours Health System. She helps coordinate the Parish Nurse Program, which offers medical care to parishioners at local churches through a holistic approach to physical, emotional, and spiritual needs.

Ms. Galasso was born and raised in Jersey City, New Jersey. She received her bachelor's degree in Education from Saint Peter's College and her master's degree in Adult Christian Community Development from Regis University in Colorado.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Carmel Galasso for her outstanding

contributions to the success of community programs that have served countless individuals throughout New Jersey.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO DOUGLAS BROWN

**HON. SCOTT McINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 25, 2003*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to stand before you today and pay tribute to the career of a dedicated servant from the state of Colorado, Douglas Brown. At the end of this month, Doug will retire from his position as the Director of the Colorado Office of Legislative Legal Services, ending thirty-one years of dedicated service to our state. Doug's hard work and dedication have been instrumental in defining the shape of Colorado's state government, and I am honored to pay tribute to him here today.

Doug began his career as a staff attorney with the Office of Legislative Legal Services in 1972 and was appointed Director of that office eight years later. During his tenure as Director, Doug helped represent the Colorado General Assembly in thirteen cases before the Colorado Supreme Court.

In addition to his duties at the Office of Legislative Legal Services, Doug was also very involved with the National Conference of State Legislatures, serving as a member of the organization's executive committee. Doug also spent a year as an adjunct political science professor at the University of Denver and was a lecturer in law at the University's law school for two summers.

Mr. Speaker, it is truly a privilege to stand here today and honor the career of such a remarkable citizen. Doug Brown's knowledge and expertise will be hard to replace, and I know that his fellow attorneys and the staff at the Office of Legislative Legal Affairs will miss him a great deal. I wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

“PROJECT 90” CONTRIBUTES TO OUR COMMUNITY

**HON. TOM LANTOS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 25, 2003*

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, too often the source of drug and alcohol addiction permanently destroys lives. For this reason, I invite my colleagues to join with me today in commending Project 90, Inc., for its success in helping to rebuild and reclaim lives which have been shattered by addiction. Project 90, which is located in San Mateo, California, has bene-

fited our community for over 30 years, and it is most appropriate to acknowledge that contribution.

Since 1972, this alcohol and drug rehabilitation program has helped over 6,500 men overcome their addictions. I am proud to note that the success of this program is remarkable, in that, virtually all the men who graduate from Project 90 have successfully eliminated addiction and do not return to drug or alcohol usage. I am also proud to note this program began in my congressional district in San Mateo, California with five men who were determined to overcome the disease of addiction and who were determined to form a recovery process that worked.

Mr. Speaker, Project 90's recovery process is based on “Project Ninety's Social Model Residential Treatment Program,” which is based on the philosophy that an individual must take responsibility for his recovery. The treatment is unique in that it helps addicts learn about the process of recovery, the disease of addiction, and how this has affected their lives. Additionally, the addict learns about the path of self-destruction created by addiction, how circumstances drive him to addiction, and how his behavior perpetuates it.

Treatment services are carried out through written assignments, group and individual counseling, as well as personal work following the twelve-step program of Alcoholics Anonymous. The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) also recently recognized Project 90 for its exemplary data collecting methods, and participants in Project 90 have spoken with other SAMHSA grantees to share record keeping methods developed by Project 90.

Mr. Speaker, Project 90 has expanded its facilities so that it now has the space to handle 223 men and 12 adolescent males. The program can accommodate young men struggling with addiction who face incarceration by providing the alternative of treatment in group homes. The remarkable services that Project 90 provides include a work-training program, transitional housing, clean and sober environments, a strong alumni program, and services for men with mental illness and addiction.

As you know, Mr. Speaker, the benefits of this program include not only the men who have received help, but also their spouses, children, employers and communities. Children have fathers again, domestic violence is reduced, and homes are strengthened. Communities are strengthened as these men become productive members of society and increase work place productivity.

Mr. Speaker, I invite my colleagues to join with me in congratulating Project 90 on its success and wish it continued achievement in helping substance abusers win against their fight with addiction. The organization has shown extraordinary vision and innovation in drug rehabilitation, and it has strengthened our community.

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