

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING NEW GLARUS BREWING COMPANY

HON. TAMMY BALDWIN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 7, 2003

Ms. BALDWIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding achievements of the New Glarus Brewing Company of New Glarus, Wisconsin.

Small businesses provide the backbone of the American economy. Opened in 1993 by Daniel and Deborah Carey, the New Glarus Brewing Company has exemplified excellence in small business for ten years. The Careys' commitment to quality is demonstrated not only in the fine products of their successful brewery, but also by the numerous awards they have received.

Since its inception, the New Glarus Brewing Company has won recognition both nationally and internationally for their microbrewed beverages. At this year's Great American Beer Festival, held recently in Denver, Colorado, the Careys' presence was felt among such nationally-known brewing giants as Miller and Anheuser-Busch. Beating out forty-three entries, and in what the Careys called ". . . the biggest thing we have ever won . . .", the New Glarus Brewing Company took home gold and silver awards in the fruit and vegetable beer category for their Belgian Red and Raspberry Tart brews, respectively.

Even more impressive than national accolades is the noticeable cultural impact of this fine Wisconsin establishment. A marker of this pervasiveness can be seen in my own office in Washington, D.C. National awards and recognition combined with regional cultural contributions are truly reasons to be proud. An even better reason, however, are the thousands of Wisconsinites who enjoy the Careys' creations. I have had the honor to personally tour the New Glarus brewery. From this tour I learned that top-notch beers, such as Belgian Red and Spotted Cow, require high quality ingredients, outstanding staff, and remarkable ownership.

The Careys' ability to combine product quality and business savvy is commendable and deserves recognition. I am proud to call the New Glarus Brewing Company a true Wisconsin favorite.

CONGRATULATING MICHAEL DELCONTE ON BEING NAMED "PERSON OF THE YEAR"

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 7, 2003

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Michael Delconte of Hughestown, Stauffer Heights, Pennsylvania for being named "Person of the Year" by the Italian-

American Association of Luzerne County. I ask that my colleagues pay tribute to his achievements as he is honored at a dinner this Sunday, October 12, at the Woodlands in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania.

A member of the Italian-American Association of Luzerne County for ten years, Michael has served as the Secretary of the organization, and its President for the past two years.

Mr. Delconte is a 1951 graduate of Pittston High School and a retired federal employee. He worked at the Tobyhanna Army Depot for over 32 years serving as the Branch Chief Supervisor before he retired. He is a member of the Second Presbyterian Church of Pittston and a Past Worshipful Master of the Saint John's Lodge #233 Free and Accepted Masons where he currently serves as Treasurer. He currently serves as Sexton at the Second Presbyterian Church and as Secretary of the Pittston Red Devils athletic club.

Michael Delconte is the son of the late James and Rose Delconte. He has four living brothers, Matthew Colangelo, James, John and Robert Delconte. His brother Joseph Colangelo passed away in 1993. He has several nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews.

Mr. Speaker, it is a privilege and honor to represent a man who has displayed a lifetime leadership role in serving his community. I ask that my colleagues pay tribute to Michael Delconte as he receives this well deserved honor.

A TRIBUTE TO DR. LEON E. RONDENET

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 7, 2003

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a man by any measure—Dr. Leon E. Rondenet. Dr. Rondenet was born in Chicago, IL, on July 28, 1922 to Leon and Loretta Rondenet (deceased). Leon Rondenet, O.D., is a World War II Medical Corps veteran. Dr. Rondenet is a graduate of the Northern Illinois College of Optometry. He has been in private practice for over 50 years. Dr. Rondenet has enjoyed providing the eye care needs for generations of Illinoisans.

Dr. Rondenet is an expert in difficult refractive cases and enjoys providing contact lens fittings for adults and children. He is a long-time member of the American Optometric Association and the Illinois Optometric Association. He has provided indigent eye care services for the Lions Club and supports the Illinois Society for the Prevention of Blindness.

Dr. Rondenet can be held to Ecclesiastes 7:18-19: "The man will avoid all extreme. Wisdom makes one wise man more powerful." Dr. Rondenet is an avid golfer and enjoys recreational fishing. He has been married to Mary Rondenet for 59 years. They have four children, Lee Jr., Mimi, John, and Bill.

LONG BEACH UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

HON. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 7, 2003

Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, on September 22nd, the Long Beach Unified School District received the Broad Prize for Urban Education, which is awarded to the most outstanding school district in the country. This year the Long Beach Unified School District is America's Best Urban School System.

The Long Beach Unified School District was selected from five national finalists by a panel of 12 national leaders in the education, government, business and nonprofit sectors, including Boeing CEO Phil Condit, Florida Governor Jeb Bush and former Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Henry Cisneros.

The Broad Prize for Urban Education is the largest national education award and is synonymous with the Nobel Prize for schools. The Prize is awarded annually to urban school districts making the greatest overall improvement in student achievement while at the same time reducing achievement gaps across ethnic groups and between various incomes. The winning district receives a cash award of \$500,000 that goes towards scholarships for students to attend college or other post-secondary training.

Throughout the year, the Long Beach Unified School District will be highlighted and used as a model so that districts across the country can learn from their success. This will allow other school districts to replicate Long Beach's innovative teaching and educational strategies, thus extending their example and impact.

Long Beach's strength comes from their ability to evaluate and adapt its programs to meet the needs of specific students. This is no easy feat, considering that the Long Beach Unified School District is the third largest school district in California, serving 96,000 students. It also serves, according to U.S. Census, the most ethnically diverse city in the Nation with 46 different languages spoken by local students.

I commend the hard working teachers and school administrators of Long Beach for their contributions and commitment to our young people. I also would like to recognize the parents and our community for supporting the Long Beach Unified School District's efforts to help every child reach its full potential.

Education has always been tied to the promise of equality and opportunity for all and Long Beach Unified School District is an institution that gives every student an equal chance to succeed. Congratulations to the Long Beach Unified School District for this incredible achievement!

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