

HONORING WILL GILL, JR., SENIOR
FARMER OF THE YEAR

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 17, 2003

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Will Gill, Jr., as the Madera County Chamber of Commerce and Madera County Farm Bureau Senior Farmer of the Year. Mr. Gill will be recognized at the Madera County Farm Bureau's 82nd Annual Members Meeting and Senior Farmer Presentation on November 6 in Madera, CA.

Will's dedication to his country and his strong work ethic have brought much success for him and his family. He has contributed 61 years to Madera County agriculture. Mr. Gill's family, natives of Iowa, migrated to Porterville, CA, in the 1870s and an agriculture legacy began. By the 1940s, the family's ranching operations were flourishing in Porterville and Madera. Upon the death of his father, Will, and his wife Jane, moved from Southern California to Madera to manage the family's local agriculture interests. Not long after his arrival, he was sent to Fort Sill, OK, where the U.S. Army needed his service in the midst of WWII. Mr. Gill served as an army sergeant of the Military Police in the China-Burma-India Theatre. In 1946, Will returned to Madera and resumed his work in the family's crop and livestock investments, which included oat and alfalfa hay, cows, and stocker and feeder cattle.

As a proud member of many organizations and the recipient of several awards, Will is no stranger to his community. He served on Governor Ronald Reagan's Advisory Committee on Foreign Trade, was past-president of the Madera Rotary Club, a member of the Madera County Air Pollution Board, a 60-year member of the California Cattlemen's and National Cattlemen's Associations, and the list goes on. Will was named Madera County Cattleman of the Year in 1963 and California Livestock Man of the Year in 1972. His favorite venture, raising quarter horses, has made his 53-year membership to the American Quarter Horse Association particularly enjoyable. The list of Will's achievements and commitments goes on, reinforcing his benevolent character.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Will Gill, Jr., for being named Senior Farmer of the Year by the Madera Chamber of Commerce and Madera County Farm Bureau. His contributions to America's agriculture communities have been invaluable. I invite my colleagues to join me in commending Mr. Gill for this achievement.

HONORING MASTER FOLTA

HON. TOM DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

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Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate Master Nestor Folta on his 50th birthday and 20 years of successful Uechi-Ryu Karate study.

Master Folta is a civil engineer with the U.S. Department of Energy. He resides in Oakton with his wife and two children. For years, he has dedicated notable time and energy to the study and teaching of Uechi-Ryu Karate.

Uechi-Ryu is traditional Okinawan Karate, developed by Master Kanbun Uechi and his son Kanei Uechi. Uechi-Ryu has its origin in the ancient Chinese tradition of martial arts. Today, it is the only form of Okinawan Karate that remains in its original Soke, handed down from father to son from generation to generation.

Master Folta is a seven-time world champion of Uechi-Ryu and an inductee in the martial arts hall of fame. He has demonstrated a strong aptitude for and commitment to the study of karate.

The Academy of World Champion Nestor Folta (AWCNF), located in Fairfax County, carries on the Uechi-Ryu tradition. Through the study of Uechi-Ryu Karate, over 100 AWCNF students learn self-defense, self-discipline, and self-respect. Uechi-Ryu encourages the formation of high personal standards and respect for fellow men and women. The AWCNF's mission is to use Uechi-Ryu to help students become positive, successful, respected, contributing members of society.

Each year, AWCNF tuition raises an estimated \$25,000 for Fairfax County. In addition, the AWCNF has raised over \$20,000 for 9/11 victims.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, I would like to recognize Master Folta's efforts to better himself, his students, and his community through the practice of Uechi-Ryu. I wish him a happy birthday, commend 20 years of success, and extend him all of my best for the years to come. I call upon all my colleagues to join me in applauding Master Folta.

HONORING WILLIAM J. MULVIHILL, SR. AS HE RECEIVES THE ARTHRITIS FOUNDATION'S CHARLES B. HARDING AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

HON. ROB PORTMAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor William J. Mulvihill, a friend and constituent, who received the Arthritis Foundation's prestigious Charles B. Harding Award during the Foundation's national meeting on November 14, 2003. The Arthritis Foundation is the only nationwide nonprofit organization leading efforts to prevent, control and cure arthritis, which is our nation's number one cause of disability.

The Charles B. Harding Award is the highest honor the Arthritis Foundation presents for service as a volunteer. The award was established in 1976 and is given annually to the individual who best exemplifies the highest standards of concern and commitment to the arthritis cause. Previous recipients of this high honor include former First Lady Betty Ford and actress Jane Wyman.

Bill has spent more than 20 years raising awareness and advocating on behalf of the more than 43 million people affected by arthritis and its related diseases. Diagnosed with rheumatoid arthritis at the age of 25, he became active locally in the Southwestern Ohio Chapter of the Arthritis Foundation, and went on to serve as Senior Chair, Chair and Vice President.

In 1985, Bill became active with the Foundation on the national level, becoming a mem-

ber of the House of Delegates and later National Vice Chair, Treasurer, a member of the Board of Trustees and National Chair. As National Chair, he was responsible for leading nearly 600,000 volunteers and staff nationwide. He is currently Trustee Emeritus, and is a member of the National Medical and Scientific Council. Bill also serves on the Board of Directors of the Alliance for Lupus Research, where he is a founding member.

A native Cincinnati, Bill is Senior Associate Athletic Director at the University of Cincinnati, and has been with U.C. for 30 years. He is in his 24th year as head of the athletic department's fundraising efforts, and previously held positions in Alumni Affairs and Public Affairs. He is a graduate of St. Xavier High School, and received his Bachelor's of Business Administration from the University of Cincinnati and his Master's of Education from Ohio University.

Bill and his wife, Beth, live in Anderson Township. Their son, Billy, is a graduate of the University of Cincinnati and is a valued member of the staff of the U.S. House of Representatives' Committee on Ways and Means.

All of us in Southern Ohio congratulate Bill on receiving this prestigious honor, and appreciate his dedicated service.

RECOGNITION OF THE ARMED
FORCES RELIEF TRUST FUND

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 17, 2003

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding efforts of the National Association of Broadcasters for their partnership with the Armed Forces Relief Trust Fund. The Armed Forces Relief Trust Fund serves as an umbrella organization incorporating the four Military Aid Societies from the Army, Navy-Marine, Air Force and Coast Guard collecting and distributing donations that help reduce the burden on families of our military men and women. The partnership with National Association of Broadcasters will help create and broadcast public service announcements to encourage Americans to donate to the Armed Forces Relief Trust Fund.

While our military men and women are serving our country, it is paramount that the American people band together so that we can ensure that no family incurs hardships while their loved one is away. Military aid programs, funded by private donations, provide services like college tuition for children and health care for pregnant wives, services that could have been provided if their family member had not been called to duty. Last year alone, the four military aid societies provided over \$109 million in grants and interest free loans to 145,000 families.

I am confident that with the help of the National Association of Broadcasters the Armed Forces Relief Trust Fund can far exceed the number of families it was able to help last year. As an increasing number of Americans answer the call to duty, more and more families will be asking the Armed Forces Relief Trust Fund for help. The public service announcements developed by The National Association of Broadcasters will help to increase donations and insure that the trust fund has the solvency to answer this call.

Mr. Speaker, the continued support of the brave men and women serving this country is extremely important to me. I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking the National Association of Broadcasters and the Armed Forces Relief Trust Fund for their assistance to our troops.

IN RECOGNITION OF BISHOP
DONALD HILLIARD, JR.

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to laud the accomplishments of Bishop Donald Hilliard, Jr. Bishop Hilliard is a man of conviction and dedication, as well as an inspiration to his community. This year, the Cathedral International Church is celebrating twenty years of excellence under the leadership of Bishop Donald Hilliard.

Bishop Hilliard is someone who places a high value on education. He earned his Bachelor of Arts degree from Eastern University in St. David's, Pennsylvania. He later earned a Master of Divinity degree from Princeton Theological Seminary, and was awarded a Doctorate of Ministry degree from the United Theological Seminary in Dayton Ohio. Yet, Dr. Hilliard's accomplishments extend far beyond academia. His list of achievements range from economic and community developer to spiritual leader.

Bishop Hilliard always approaches life with a positive attitude, as revealed in his trademark "Say Yes" services at the Second Baptist Church in Perth Amboy, New Jersey. At the age of 26, Bishop Hilliard became the Church's Senior Pastor. Since then, the church has grown from 125 members in 1983 to over 7,000 members today. What started out as one church has grown to three located in urban settings throughout New Jersey. Dr. Hilliard's faith and inspirational words draws people from out the tri-state area of New York, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey. The Cathedral is recognized as a growing and influential church and as been cited by American Baptist churches, USA as a model church for growth.

In 1995, Bishop Hilliard was consecrated a bishop and is currently the presiding Bishop and founder of the Ecumenical Fellowship and Cathedral assemblies, Inc. In this role, Bishop Hilliard serves as the spiritual advisor and mentor for several pastors and churches across America and West Africa. The Bishop has also established the Clergy Leadership Institute where innovative leaders from different denominational backgrounds gather to confront and minister to various issues faced by the clergy daily, as well as to expand their theological and social horizons.

Bishop Hilliard and his church have been cited numerous times by the city of Perth Amboy and the State of New Jersey for their contributions to community development. Today, I rise to ask this national body to recognize the accomplishments of this esteemed gentleman. Mr. Speaker, a man such as Bishop Hilliard should be an inspiration to us all. He has given so much of his life to serving others in need. Accordingly, I ask that my colleagues rise and join me in honoring Bishop Donald Hilliard, Jr.

CONGRATULATING THE
HOMENETMEN SCOUTS FRESNO
SASSOON CHAPTER

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 17, 2003

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Homenetmen Scouts Fresno Sassooson Chapter on their 30th Anniversary. There will be a banquet held in their honor on Saturday, November 15 in Fresno, CA.

In its 30th year, the Homenetmen Scouts Fresno Sassooson Chapter strives to encourage Fresno's Armenian youth to be involved in competitive sports and Armenian Boy Scouts activities, while forming an efficient organization that preserves the grace of Armenian language and culture. Since its establishment in 1973, the organization's main purpose has been twofold: to provide the Armenian youth with a moral and physical education outside of the school environment; and teaching them the richness of Armenian culture while accepting and participating in the culture that surrounds them. Comprised of disciplinary and athletic divisions, the Fresno Chapter boasts ten basketball teams spanning a variety of ages, and a strong Troop 12 Armenian Boy Scouts group. The Homenetmen Scouts Fresno Sassooson Chapter is part of the world-wide organization with over 25,000 members on five continents.

The Armenian General Athletic Union and Scouts known as Homenetmen, is a nonprofit organization which was founded 85 years ago in Constantinople by Shavarsh Krisian, Hovhannes Hintlian, and Krikor Hagopian. The organization promotes a sense of fraternity and humanitarianism, which extends far beyond mere camaraderie and benevolence. Homenetmen's motto, "Elevate yourself and others with you," is a poignant reminder of the fundamental objective to strive for individual and collective excellence. In the United States, the first Homenetmen Olympic Games took place in Brooklyn, NY, in 1922, though the organization was not officially established in America until 1932 with chapters in New York, New Jersey, and Boston. From that point on, Homenetmen organized chapters in the communities wherever there was a large concentration of Armenians.

Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to congratulate the Homenetmen Scouts Fresno Sassooson Chapter on its 30th anniversary. I urge my colleagues to join me in wishing them many years of continued success.

HONORING HARRIS D. ARLINSKY
(RET.), USA GREEN BERETS

HON. TOM DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize LTC Harris David Arlinsky (retired) for 50 years of service to our country.

This past June marks the 50th anniversary of when he volunteered for the Army National Guard at 17 years old. He did so proudly.

After serving in the regular Army for a few years, Colonel Arlinsky attended college at the University of Arizona. He set his sights on being an Air Force pilot; unfortunately, his blurry vision made this impossible. Upon graduation and accepting a commission in the U.S. Army, then-Second Lieutenant Arlinsky attended training for the newly created U.S. Special Forces. The Special Forces, also known as the Green Berets, are the best of the best and have been instrumental in countless conflicts. Colonel Arlinsky knew he belonged with the elite forces and passed their extremely difficult tests to gain the coveted Green Beret.

As a Green Beret, he commanded a "B" Team for the Fifth Special Forces Group in Pleiku, Vietnam. He served two tours and was involved in pushing back Vietcong forces during the Tet Offensive. After the Vietnam War, Colonel Arlinsky continued to serve our nation through various Special Forces projects. Eventually, he left active duty to serve the civilian intelligence services, maintaining reserve status.

During the Reagan administration, Harris Arlinsky worked directly for Vice President George Bush as the Special Intelligence Advisor for the National Narcotics Border Interdiction System for the southwest U.S. border region. While in the region, he also commanded a U.S. Special Forces "B" team with five "A" teams in Texas and New Mexico. Upon completion of the assignment, he returned to Virginia to assist with other national intelligence agencies.

Today he is enjoying his retirement as a college professor, spending time with his wife, Kathleen; his children Beth, Abra, and Michael; and his grandson, Elias.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, I would like to commend COL Harris Arlinsky for his service to our Nation. He nobly has dedicated his life to the safety and well being of the United States of America. As COL Harris Arlinsky continues to celebrate his 50th anniversary of his first month of service to us, let us thank him and all our soldiers for their sacrifices. I ask that my colleagues join me in saluting COL Harris Arlinsky.

TRIBUTE TO M. DEAN HAINES

HON. JIM SAXTON

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 17, 2003

Mr. SAXTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to M. Dean Haines on the occasion of his retirement as clerk of Ocean County.

As one of the County's Constitutional Officers, he has been responsible for the administration of a wide range of services offered by the Office of the County Clerk for two decades.

Serving the community is the main focus of the Clerk's Office, including assisting residents in real estate transfers, obtaining passports, courtesy photo identification and Alcoholic Beverage Control Cards, and supervision of elections in the county. Dean's office has been recognized as the most technologically advanced County Clerk's Office in our State, thanks to his leadership and innovation.

Dean Haines' involvement in many community service organizations such as his membership on the Southern Ocean County Hospital Board of Trustees, the Southern Ocean