

CONGRATULATING DR. TIMOTHY
LYNN JACKSON

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 31, 2006

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Dr. Timothy Lynn Jackson of Highland Village, TX, for receiving the prestigious Fulbright award to teach abroad in South Korea during the 2005–2006 academic year. Dr. Jackson was honored with this award for his talents in the field of music at the University of North Texas.

The Fulbright program is sponsored by the Department of State Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. The program was established in 1946 with the purpose of building mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the rest of the world by allowing recipients to study, lecture or conduct research in an international exchange program.

Timothy was selected on the basis of his professional achievement, as well as demonstrated leadership potential in his field.

I extend my sincere congratulations to Dr. Timothy Lynn Jackson on receiving this award and praise his dedication and desire to help his community and country.

CONGRATULATING JOHN COSGROVE AS HE IS HONORED BY THE LACKAWANNA RIVER CORRIDOR ASSOCIATION

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask you and my esteemed colleagues in the House of Representatives to pay tribute to John Cosgrove, former executive director of the Lackawanna Heritage Valley Authority in Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania. Mr. Cosgrove has been honored by the Lackawanna River Corridor Association for his leadership in creating partnerships to preserve and develop the Lackawanna Valley's historic, cultural, natural and economic resources through preservation, education and promotion of the regional heritage.

The Lackawanna River Corridor Association is a non-profit community organization created in 1987 to promote the restoration and protection of the Lackawanna River and its watershed resources. A major goal of the LRCA is to foster the development of a 40 mile long network of parks and trails along the Lackawanna River.

The Lackawanna Heritage Valley Authority and the Lackawanna River Corridor Association have been collaborating to get the 40 mile trail and greenway system built. Known as the Lackawanna River Heritage Trail, several sections were developed in the past few years. Other sections are in final engineering phases and will be under construction soon.

Begun under Mr. Cosgrove's tenure, the Lackawanna River Heritage Trail project is a strategic link in the work of the authority and its partners to promote the economic and environmental revitalization of communities along the river.

Mr. Cosgrove was named to be the first executive director of the newly formed Association of National Heritage Areas in 2004. Prior to his 6 years with the LHVA, he served as executive director of Neighborhood Housing of Scranton and held several positions in the administration of the late Governor Robert P. Casey. He also chaired several initiatives for Scranton Tomorrow including City Pride and First Night Scranton.

Mr. Cosgrove resides in Scranton with his wife, the former Eileen Egan Cosgrove and their three daughters.

On a personal note, I wanted to mention how much I enjoy working with John and look forward to continuing to work with him on his expanded portfolio serving heritage areas around the country. John is yet another example of a talented Northeastern Pennsylvanian who is now sharing his skills to serve the entire Nation.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating John Cosgrove on the occasion of this honor. Mr. Cosgrove's leadership, dedication and commitment has enhanced the quality of life in the Greater Scranton region and all its citizens are better because of it.

TRIBUTE TO CENTENARIAN ANNA PORIZO OF HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA

HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Anna Porizo of Hernando County, Florida. Anna has done something that all of us strives for, but that very few of us will ever accomplish, celebrate her 100th birthday.

Born September 20, 1905 in Jersey City, New Jersey, Anna attended school through the 10th grade and then went to work at the Box Company. She has fond memories of cooking with her mother during her childhood years.

Anna married John Porizo and was blessed with a child, a grandchild and 2 great grandchildren. The happiest moment in her life was the birth of her daughter. Anna says that the proudest and most meaningful moments in her life were watching her daughter and grandson grow up.

Anna moved to Hernando County with her daughter and says the weather is what she likes most about the county. Today, she gets the most pleasure from relaxing and enjoying a bowl of cold ice cream. Her favorite flower is the rose and her favorite color is pink. Her advice for the young people is to, "spend more time with family and do more family things."

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me in honoring Anna Porizo for reaching her 100th birthday. I Hope we all have the good fortune to live as long as she has.

TRIBUTE TO MAX FALKENSTIEN

HON. DENNIS MOORE

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MOORE of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Max Falkenstien, the "Voice of the Kansas Jayhawks", who will be retiring at the conclusion of the 2005–2006 men's basketball season at the University of Kansas.

The conclusion of the current season will mark Max Falkenstien's 60th season of broadcasting Kansas University sporting events. At age 81, he has been inducted into the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame, the College Football Hall of Fame, the Kansas Sports Hall of Fame, and the KU Athletic Hall of Fame. He was the first inductee of the Lawrence High School Hall of Honor. Additionally, he has been awarded an honorary "K" by the Kansas Lettermen's Club. The Sporting News in 2001 named Falkenstien "the best college radio personality in the country" and ESPN's Dick Vitale included KU's Bob Davis and Falkenstien in his "Sweet 16" of the best announcer teams in the United States.

A true legend, Max Falkenstien has been synonymous with KU athletics for 6 decades. As KU basketball coach Bill Self recently said in the Lawrence Journal-World, "Max has performed at the highest level over an extended period of time like very few in his profession." Falkenstien broadcast his first basketball game—an NCAA tournament game in Kansas City between KU and Oklahoma A&M—on March 18, 1946. His next broadcast was KU versus TCU in football on September 21, 1946. He was play-by-play voice of the Jayhawks for 39 years and then switched to a commentator's role in September 1984 when Bob Davis assumed play-by-play duties. Falkenstien provided play-by-play for the Big Eight Conference basketball game of the week between 1968 and 1971, and for more than 3 decades hosted football and basketball coaches' TV programs, including those for Don Fambrough, Pepper Rogers, Mike Gottfried, Ted Owens, Larry Brown and Roy Williams.

Mr. Speaker, I include with this statement a recent article from the Lawrence Journal-World summarizing Max Falkenstien's outstanding career and I join with all KU fans in wishing him well in his long overdue, richly deserved retirement as "Voice of the Kansas Jayhawks."

HONORING JOSEPH J. MANERCHIA UPON HIS RETIREMENT AS CHIEF OF THE MARCUS HOOK FIRE DEPARTMENT

HON. CURT WELDON

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 31, 2006

Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to Chief Joseph J. Manerchia upon his retirement as Fire Chief of the Marcus Hook Fire Department after more than 30 years of distinguished and dedicated service to the Department.

Joseph J. Manerchia joined the Marcus Hook Fire Company No. 1 at the age of 15 in