

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING LEON BRACHMAN

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 25, 2007

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service of Mr. Leon Brachman with Baylor All Saints Medical Center Board of Trustees. Dr. Brachman was recently selected to receive the Texas Healthcare Trustees' 2007 Founders' Award.

For over a half of a decade, Mr. Brachman has shown unwavering commitment to leadership and service to the health care industry in the City of Fort Worth. In 1958, he oversaw the construction of the initial building for All Saints Hospital, an Episcopal Hospital, that later became affiliated with the Baylor Healthcare system. Mr. Brachman has served as a trustee for over 50 years as the hospital has expanded throughout the North Texas community. Through his efforts, in an ever-changing and challenging health care arena, Fort Worth now stands as an excellent model for other communities hoping for a strong health care system.

The Texas Healthcare Trustees Founders' Award is the highest honor for a Texas hospital and health system trustee. It is a statewide award, given to only one person in the state, per year. Mr. Brachman was selected as the distinguished trustee in honor of his record of leadership in health care governance. The Founders' Award remains a symbol of dedication and excellence in service in the health care field.

It is with great honor and pride that I recognize Mr. Leon Brachman today, and I encourage him to continue to serve as an example to us all in putting our community and the needs of others ahead of ourselves. His vision will ensure a healthier future for Texans.

HONORING LEN STEWART

HON. WILLIAM D. DELAHUNT

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 25, 2007

Mr. DELAHUNT. Madam Speaker, I rise today so that my colleagues in the House of Representatives can join me in honoring the exemplary career of a constituent of mine, Mr. Len Stewart.

Having faithfully served Barnstable County, Massachusetts, for the past 8 years as the director of human services, Len is leaving us to take a similar position in Mesa County, Colorado. During his tenure on Cape Cod, he has played a pivotal role in the growth and success of the county's Human Services Department. Len's efforts have brought the region's health and human service providers together, attracting new Federal dollars to deliver vital services to our people.

Len first came to the cape in 1981, serving as the director of the Provincetown AIDS Sup-

port Group. Following his success in Provincetown, Len became the director of the county's Human Services Department. His leadership over the past 8 years has led to the establishment of a regional alliance of agencies committed to increasing access to health care for the uninsured and underserved residents of our community. This collaboration has attracted millions of dollars to the region for critical services benefiting thousands of cape and island residents, in areas such as dental and medical care, mental health, and substance abuse needs.

His talents and expertise have also helped those who have become marginalized because of their age, ethnicity, gender, race and sexual orientation. Of all of his endeavors, one of the most note-worthy is the creation of the first human rights commission in Barnstable County, behind which he was the driving force.

I have long admired Len's dedication to the cape and his passion for public service. As he leaves us, I have no doubt that he will bring this same sense of commitment to his new responsibilities in Colorado.

As we pause and reflect on the significance of his achievements, he can take with him the heartfelt gratitude of the people of the cape and the islands for all that he has done to improve the lives of those around him. On behalf of a grateful constituency, I want to say thank you and wish you the very best.

COMMEMORATING THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW YORK

SPEECH OF

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 25, 2007

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to rise today in support of a resolution commemorating the 200th anniversary of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of New York. I want to thank my colleague, Mr. FOSSELLA, for taking the lead in sponsoring this Resolution.

It is a tradition of this legislative body to honor and pay tribute to American institutions whose historic significance has contributed to the culture and traditions of our citizens. The Archdiocese of New York, with its long history of faith and service, is one such institution.

The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of New York presently covers New York City and other areas of southern New York State. When it was established on April 8, 1808, the Diocese of New York was under the jurisdiction of the Archdiocese of Baltimore and covered all of New York State and certain parts of New Jersey. The Diocese was elevated to an Archdiocese in 1850. Twelve dioceses now occupy the area that was once covered by one.

Under Archbishop Cardinal Edward M. Egan, the Archdiocese of New York now

serves 2.5 million New York Roman Catholics and consists of 42 parishes, 278 elementary schools, and 3,729 charitable ministries.

The Archdiocese of New York is significant for many reasons. Elizabeth Ann Seton, founder of today's Catholic education parochial school and the first American-born saint, was a member of the Archdiocese. In fact, her name appears on the front doors of the well-known St. Patrick's Cathedral—the largest decorated gothic-style Catholic cathedral in the United States, which is located in my district. The New York Archdiocese has also had the honor of hosting three papal visits: Pope Paul VI in 1965 and Pope John Paul II in 1979 and 1995.

Throughout its rich history and up to the present day, the Archdiocese of New York has been generously sustained by its faithful parishioners, and has long supported the community through its ministries and countless good deeds. I can think of no better time to celebrate the Archdiocese than in this, its bicentennial year.

COMMENDING DAVID RAY RITCHESON AND RECOGNIZING HIS EFFORTS IN PROMOTING FEDERAL LEGISLATION TO COMBAT HATE CRIMES

SPEECH OF

HON. AL GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 23, 2007

Mr. AL GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to support this resolution honoring the life and courage of the late David Ray Ritcheson.

David was a popular, friendly and cheerful student at Klein Collins High School in the Houston suburb of Spring, Texas. After a dispute at a party in Spring on April 23, 2006, two avowed white supremacists viciously attacked David because he was Mexican-American. David's attackers attempted to burn a swastika into his chest, poured bleach on his face and body, and used a jagged pipe to brutally assault him. One of his attackers was a skinhead with Nazi tattoos, and both of his attackers yelled "White Power!" during their assault on David.

After this attack, David was left for dead, but, after being sent to the hospital the next morning, he fought bravely on. After 3½ months in an intensive care hospital bed, David was able to leave the hospital and attempt to return to a life of normalcy. David courageously decided to use his tragedy to create something positive and became an outspoken advocate of federal hate crimes legislation that would help ensure that local police departments would be able to prosecute cases like his as hate crimes in the future.

This past April, David testified before a subcommittee of the House of Representatives Committee on the Judiciary in favor of the

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