

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE LIFE OF ARMOND
J. MAGNARELLI

HON. JAMES T. WALSH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, February 13, 2008

Mr. WALSH of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of a consummate gentleman and a terrific ambassador for the central New York community, the Honorable Armond J. Magnarelli, who passed away last weekend.

A teacher by trade at Lyncourt School, Armond entered elected office as a member of the Syracuse City School District Board of Education, eventually rising to become its president. Armond later ran for and won a seat on the Syracuse City Council and was elected council president, serving until 1985. His public service career also included service in the U.S. Coast Guard during World War II.

Mr. Magnarelli worked as a marketing executive at KeyBank and later as regional director of the State parks and recreation. He was a member of the New York State Council of the Arts, New York State Draft Board, board of directors of P.E.A.C.E., Inc., and board of directors of the Syracuse Chiefs baseball team.

He was inducted into the Greater Syracuse Sports Hall of Fame and the Oswego State Athletic Hall of Fame at his alma mater. In 1950 and 1951, he coached the boys of St. Lucy's to back-to-back parochial league basketball championships.

Regardless of his position and his workload, Armond's heart never ventured far from his native northside of Syracuse. He was a member of the Our Lady of Pompei Holy Name Society for 50 years, served on its parish council, and was active in the fundraising and building of the new parish school in 1966.

Armond was a member of the Italian American Athletic Club and was well-known for his longtime work in local theater and the arts, including the famed Pompeian Players, Salt City for the Performing Arts, and Theater 90. When new development threatened the future of the Landmark Theatre in downtown Syracuse, it was Armond who stepped in to save the treasured facility.

Though retired, Armond kept busy through many civic activities, and up until recently, central New Yorkers could still visit with Armond every Sunday morning as he hosted the popular "Italian Hour" on WFBL radio.

Armond Magnarelli was a prince of a man who dedicated himself to his family, his community, and his passion for living. He will be dearly missed by all who knew him.

TRIBUTE TO VINCENT R. FARIAS

HON. JIM SAXTON

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, February 13, 2008

Mr. SAXTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Vincent Farias. On February

21, 2008 Mr. Farias will be celebrated for his contributions to Burlington County at the Burlington County Republican Committee and Burlington County Republican Women's Annual Lincoln Day Dinner.

Perhaps one of the most gregarious and enthusiastic Edgewater Park residents, Vince Farias was always a proponent of action leading to results. A veteran schoolteacher, banker, and small business owner, Vincent served 6 years on the Edgewater Park Township Committee and as mayor in 1987 and 1991.

After first filling a vacant freeholder seat in 1991, Vince went on to serve 5 terms as a member of the Burlington County Board of Chosen Freeholders. During that time, Vince was an advocate for the county's open space preservation work and redevelopment plans. One of his most notable projects included the creation and implementation of the NJ Transit Riverline Light Rail system, which made its debut in 2004. Since then, it has had a positive ripple effect on surrounding businesses and residential communities along the Delaware River.

Vince was also instrumental in creating the county's Veterans Military Service Medal. Through this project, several military assistance programs have been developed to help aid our area veterans.

In addition, Vince worked with the South Jersey Freeholder's Association and the New Jersey Association of Counties, where he served as president in 2002. Vince has also worked with the American Red Cross and the March of Dimes.

Madam Speaker, I would like to extend my sincere gratitude for his leadership, commitment, and service to the public.

HONORING THE COCKE COUNTY
NAVAL JUNIOR RESERVE OFFICERS'
TRAINING CORPS

HON. DAVID DAVIS

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, February 13, 2008

Mr. DAVID DAVIS of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Cocke County Naval Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (NJROTC) program for their achievements this past year. In 2007, the Cocke County NJROTC program was ranked number one in the State of Tennessee and number six in the United States in competitions including academics, athletics, and military drill.

In addition to achieving such great accolades in competitions, the Cocke County NJROTC planned, coordinated, and completed 2,153 community service hours in the Cocke County, Hamblen County and Knox County areas during the 2006–2007 school year.

The Cocke County NJROTC is a citizen leadership program designed to develop informed and responsible young men and women who embody honor, self-reliance, self-

discipline, and respect to authority in a democratic society.

This achievement is a true honor to all the young men and women involved in the Cocke County NJROTC program. The rankings, each respectively, show the dedication and commitment to service and our Nation.

It is exciting for me to see the young men and women of Cocke County NJROTC establishing such high standards at a young age and it bestows great promise for the State of Tennessee and our Nation alike.

Madam Speaker, I ask that the House join me this evening in honoring the Cocke County NJROTC program for their commitment to excellence, dedication, and promise as future leaders of America.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF ROCCO S.
OLIVERIO, JR.

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, February 13, 2008

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in remembrance and honor of Rocco S. Oliverio, Jr. He was a beloved member of his west Cleveland neighborhood, and was known for his dedication to the community. He served Ward 14 as a representative to the Cuyahoga County Central Committee with honor and distinction, and touched those around him with his unique sense of humor.

Rocco was never afraid to get involved and confront the challenges of his home neighborhood. He maintained his faith in the innate goodness of people and the ability of community and public services to overcome challenges. He invested a large part of himself in everything he did and was always genuinely interested in helping; even better, he often had a solution.

Rocco is fondly remembered by his daughters, Shellie Gay and Sheila Hall-Blagg, and his eight grandchildren.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring the memory of Rocco S. Oliverio, Jr., a man whose tireless work towards improving his hometown of Cleveland will set an example for generations to come.

CONGRATULATING THE NATIONAL
FOOTBALL LEAGUE CHAMPION
NEW YORK GIANTS FOR WINNING
SUPER VOWL XLII

SPEECH OF

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, February 12, 2008

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to throw the full weight of my endorsement behind a resolution of substantial import and consequence: that New York's championship

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