

A PROCLAMATION HONORING JEANETTE VANBUSKIRK ON RECEIVING THE COLUMBUS WOMAN OF THE YEAR AWARD

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 16, 2008

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, Jeanette VanBuskirk has acted as a role model for her friends, family, community, and church; and

Whereas, Jeanette VanBuskirk has shown hard work and dedication as the Children's Ministry Director at Triumphant Church; and

Whereas, Jeanette VanBuskirk's compassion has provided opportunities and support for hundreds of women and children each year through summer camps and retreats; and

Whereas, Jeanette VanBuskirk has unselfishly given her time and money in support of those less fortunate; be it

Resolved that along with her friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I congratulate Jeanette VanBuskirk for her service, dedication, and receipt of the Columbus Woman of the Year Award.

BACKING FULL VOTING RIGHTS FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ON THIS, THE DAY ITS RESIDENTS PAY TAXES

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 16, 2008

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today—the day that hundreds of thousands of DC residents pay federal income taxes while denied today (and every other day) the full vote to decry disenfranchisement in our capital city. This country was founded on the notion that, at the very least, by contributing to the purse, a citizen and his district ought to be afforded an electoral voice. 'No taxation without representation!' they shouted then, and they (rightfully) still shout today. For too long, the District of Columbia has been robbed its voting seat in Congress. For too long, voices have been silenced and democracy has been severely hemorrhaged.

Granting Washington, DC a vote in Congress is of historical import. That's because the city is home to one of the largest percentages of African American residents nationwide. Alongside our many triumphs as a democracy were certain failures in our not-so-distant past that we must never forget or recommit. We once legally, routinely, and unabashedly kept the vote from our African American brothers and sisters, and it would be a powerful symbol if a region as diverse as this one were not similarly kept from exercising its right to be heard. Anything short of that represents an unnerving setback in civil rights, one that indisputably has a racially disparate effect, if not intent.

The District is in need. It has gradually given way to an unfortunate schism, where this country's well-to-do and politically powerful live and work side by side with communities, namely of color, plagued by overwhelming poverty, rundown schools, and un-

safe streets. If any area is most deserving of partaking in the national conversation regarding the challenges this country faces, from the slumping economy to the campaign for affordable health care, it is this one. The needs of the District, however, are not endemic to itself—as the representative city for our democracy, its needs are of salience to us all. It is in our national interest that those needs be met with proper and full, electoral representation.

We are now at a place and point of decision with legislation to create a vote for the District having passed this House. We now urgently need that the Senate act to pass this legislation and affirm the intention of this Congress to right this historic wrong.

CONGRATULATING DR. JERRY W. ROY, RECIPIENT OF THE 2008 SILVER EAGLE AWARD

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 16, 2008

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Dr. Jerry W. Roy on receiving the Annual Silver Eagle Award. The award will be presented to Dr. Roy by the Longhorn Council, Boy Scouts of America, on April 29, 2008.

The Annual Silver Eagle Award is presented to individuals who exhibit excellence in their selected field and have embodied the Boy Scout Oath and Law in their personal and professional lives. Each year the honoree is someone who has shown dedication to improving their community, an important aspect of the morals and values of scouting.

Dr. Roy has served as the Superintendent of Schools for Lewisville Independent School District since June 2001. Prior to joining Lewisville ISD, Jerry served Goose Creek CISD in an array of positions ranging from teacher and coach to Superintendent over the course of 28 years.

Dr. Roy received his bachelor's and his master's degrees from Eastern New Mexico University and his doctorate from Baylor University. Among his many achievements, Jerry was named a Select Distinguished Alumnus by Baylor University in 1996 and is a recipient of the Texas Superintendent of the Year Award by the Texas Association of School Administrators.

Madam Speaker, today it is my honor to recognize the achievements of Dr. Jerry W. Roy. He has demonstrated a level of commitment and accomplishment that is truly extraordinary, and deserves our sincere appreciation and respect. It is a privilege to represent Dr. Roy in the 26th District of Texas. I look forward to observing the positive impact he will continue to have on our children's educations, both now and in the future.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO SISTER ANN SAKAC

HON. MAURICE D. HINCHEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 16, 2008

Mr. HINCHEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Sister Ann Sakac, president of Mount

Saint Mary College, in Newburgh, New York, as she prepares to retire on June 30 after 31 years as president, and nearly 40 years of service to this excellent college and to the Hudson Valley region of New York State.

Over the past four decades, Sister Ann has nurtured and enhanced the educational environment of Newburgh and the Hudson Valley. The Mount Saint Mary College board of trustees appointed her as the fourth president of the college in March 1977; she had been named acting president the previous August. When she became president, enrollment stood at 877; today some 2,600 men and women attend and benefit from the college.

Sister Ann is a member of the Dominican Sisters of Hope, formerly the Dominican Sisters of Newburgh, who founded the college in 1959. She came to the Mount Saint Mary College in 1969 to teach English. She also served as assistant dean of students.

During her presidency, the college has added programs in accounting, business management and administration, computer science and communication arts as well as graduate programs in education, nursing, and business. The Mount has incorporated technology into the classroom, its library and the operation of the college. Under her leadership, the college has engaged in an extensive building and renovation program for new academic, residential and recreational space, including a new Mathematics, Science and Technology Center, the William and Elaine Kaplan Recreation Center, the renovation of Guzman Hall and Founders Chapel, the construction of a mid-rise student residence and the renovation of the College Courts residence halls. Mount Saint Mary College has invested more than \$75 million in its campus since 2002 and seen its annual operating budget expand from \$3.5 million in 1977 to \$54 million today.

Sister Ann has also made a tremendous impact off campus. Many organizations have absorbed her wisdom and expertise for their boards. She served as president of the Associated Colleges of the Mid-Hudson Region and is former chair of Pattern for Progress, Inc. She was a trustee of St. Luke's Cornwall Hospital from 1981–1999 and served on the board of trustees of the Commission of Independent Colleges and Universities. She has received many awards, including an honorary degree of Doctor of Humanities from Providence College in 2003. The New York State Senate named her a Woman of Distinction in 2006.

Madam Speaker, I am delighted to honor and thank Sister Ann for her distinguished career as president of Mount Saint Mary College and for her service to higher education and the community. I congratulate and salute Sister Ann, who has become synonymous with the identity of Mount Saint Mary College, on her dedication to teaching and her commitment to improving the lives of so many individuals.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GREG WALDEN

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 16, 2008

Mr. WALDEN of Oregon. Madam Speaker, on April 10, 2008, I was not present to cast a recorded vote on Rollcall No. 182, an amendment offered by Representative JEFF FLAKE to

H.R. 2537, the Beach Protection Act. As you know, in advance of debate on the Flake Amendment, House leadership announced that further consideration of H.R. 2537 would be postponed until the week of April 14th, 2008. Had I been present to vote on the Flake Amendment, I would have voted "aye."

I was scheduled to be in Medford, Oregon, for a series of events that began at 8 a.m. on Friday, April 11, 2008, including two economic stimulus tax clinics with senior citizens and a presentation at Jewett Elementary School. This schedule of events required that I travel from Washington, DC, to Medford on the evening of April 10, 2008, prior to the time that the House voted on the Flake Amendment.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE ALAN KALKIN

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 16, 2008

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 21 years of service of Superior Court Judge Alan Kalkin on the occasion of his recent retirement from the Superior Court of Los Angeles County.

Prior to his service on the bench, Judge Kalkin graduated from William and Mary College and the University of Richmond Law School in Virginia. After practicing briefly, he and his wife moved to southern California, where he served as a prosecutor in the city of Burbank for 11½ years.

Judge Kalkin was appointed to the Los Angeles County Municipal Court in 1987 by Governor George Deukmejian. In 2000, he was elevated to the Los Angeles Superior Court after the approved consolidation of the Los Angeles Municipal and Superior Courts.

The communities of Los Angeles County have benefited tremendously from his years of service as a judge and a prosecutor, where he earned a superb reputation as a fair, thoughtful, and ethical lawyer and jurist.

The Congress of the United States joins in thanking Judge Kalkin for his many years of valuable service.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING BUCKEYE HILLS-HOCKING VALLEY REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT FOR 40 YEARS OF SERVICE

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 16, 2008

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, Buckeye Hills-Hocking Valley Regional Development District has been enhancing the lives of Southeast Ohio residents for 40 years; and

Whereas, the nine rural counties of Athens, Hocking, Meigs, Monroe, Noble, Perry and Washington came together in 1968 to create a centralized planning effort for the entire region; and

Whereas, the Buckeye Hills-Hocking Valley Regional Development District serves over

255,000 residents by planning public works projects and social services that benefit the entire region; therefore, be it

Resolved that along with their friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I commend Buckeye Hills-Hocking Valley Regional Development District on their contributions and service to the people of Southeast Ohio. Congratulations to Buckeye Hills-Hocking Valley Regional Development District for 40 years of committed service.

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SAN ANTONIO COLLEGE FOLK DANCE FESTIVAL

HON. CHARLES A. GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 16, 2008

Mr. GONZALEZ. Madam Speaker, as a San Antonio native, I'm personally familiar with the role our city's culture and diversity plays in the lives of our citizens. We proudly celebrate our heritage throughout the year and recognize the importance of our culture through various events and activities. The annual San Antonio College Folk Dance Festival is no exception.

This year's festival will celebrate its 50th year of providing entertainment and education to patrons. The festival provides a multitude of different enriching activities, ranging from craft shows to culture sessions and, of course, dance lessons with live music. The festival is not solely for adults either, as it caters to people of all ages with many exhibits specifically tailored for children.

Most importantly, the San Antonio College Folk Dance Festival benefits the San Antonio College's student scholarship fund. The festival's proceeds contribute to this fund which extends higher education opportunities to many students across our community. San Antonio College's generosity with this scholarship program, and for hosting the San Antonio College Folk Dance Festival, provides a great public service for our community through the students they help and the citizens they entertain.

I am honored and privileged to represent this great community and this institution that serves the people of San Antonio, and it is with great pleasure that I recognize their success during the last 50 years.

TRIBUTE TO DICK VITALE

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 16, 2008

Mr. PASCRELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Dick Vitale for being inducted with the 2008 class to the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame. In his long career as a teacher, coach, and commentator, Mr. Vitale has become known around the world for his unrelenting and unyielding passion for the game of college basketball.

Dick Vitale was born in Passaic, New Jersey, where his parents taught him to give "110 percent all of the time," a lesson that has stayed with him throughout his life. After graduating from Seton Hall University, Vitale took

a job at Mark Twain Elementary School in Garfield, NJ, where he began his coaching career. After several years he returned to his alma mater, East Rutherford High School, and coached the basketball team to two state championships over the next 6 years.

In 1970, Dick Vitale burst onto the college basketball scene when he was brought on as an assistant coach for the Rutgers University Scarlet Knights basketball team. He was soon hired as the head coach of the University of Detroit, and led the Titans to a 78 and 30 record and a trip to the NCAA Tournament in 1977. His success at the college level caught the eye of another team in Detroit, and he was hired to coach the NBA's Pistons in 1978. Although his professional coaching career wasn't as successful as he hoped, what was supposed to be a temporary job while waiting for another coaching opportunity ended up leading Mr. Vitale to his true calling. He signed up with the then fledgling ESPN network as a basketball analyst and the rest, they say, is history "baby!"

Since calling the first college basketball game in ESPN's history in 1979, Dick Vitale has been courtside for more than 1,000 contests. His pithy comments seem to keep even the most lackluster games interesting and colorful. Love him or hate him, Mr. Vitale's trademark catchphrases and endless enthusiasm have become a part of college basketball history. As he approaches his 30th year with ESPN, his election to the Basketball Hall of Fame as a contributor to the sport is well deserved.

I extend my most sincere congratulations to Mr. Vitale, and I thank him for the personality and passion he has brought to the game of college basketball.

THE NATIONAL CRITTENTON FOUNDATION

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 16, 2008

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, it is an honor for me to recognize the National Florence Crittenton Foundation on its 125th year anniversary. As the first charitable organization created under a congressional charter, the Crittenton Foundation continues to perform good works for communities across the country.

The city of Portland, Oregon, was just over 40 years old when the Portland Crittenton Refuge Home was founded there in 1893, resulting from a donation made by the organization's founder, Charles Crittenton. Today, the headquarters of the National Crittenton Foundation is still located in the heart of Portland.

The work of the Crittenton foundation in reaching out to welcome and care for girls and young women seeking support during their unplanned pregnancy is well known. However many are less familiar with the extensive work of the national network of affiliated Crittenton agencies and how they have shaped the way social services are offered and the mentality of self-empowering the girls and young women they serve.

The unique relationship between the National Crittenton Foundation and the family of affiliated agencies continues to be based on