

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING MONROE BANK &
TRUST ON THEIR ONE HUNDRED
AND FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JOHN D. DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2008

Mr. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Monroe Bank & Trust as they celebrate their one hundred and fiftieth year serving the people in and around Monroe County, Michigan.

One hundred and fifty years ago, Monroe Bank & Trust derived its humble origins from the courage of two innovative entrepreneurs who recognized the need for a place where community residents could safely keep their savings while also entering into a financial partnership to help them prosper. Beginning in the rear of a dry goods store, the focus of founders Benjamin Dansard and Louis LaFountain never wavered. Through many economic periods of boom and bust, the American Civil War, two World Wars and the Great Depression, MB&T has not only endured, but flourished.

Mr. Dansard and Mr. LaFountain understood the needs of the largely farming area and from a small space in the Dansard General Store, took on a major role in the progress ahead. Sound financial management has led MB&T to become one of the largest community banks in the State of Michigan; however, the legacy of Dansard and LaFountain is more than just numbers. It is a story of courage and hard work and just as in the year 1858, today's team of professionals continues to provide service, convenience and the personal touch.

MB&T's contribution to the community goes far beyond the outstanding financial services they offer. Their charitable financial support of organizations such as the American Red Cross, United Way, Community Foundation of Monroe, the Guidance Center, the River Raisin Center for the Arts and many others exceeds \$200,000 annually. Additionally, with over 80 percent employee participation, MB&T's "Employees Now Linked in Service Together" (ENLIST) program boasts over 120,000 man-hours of volunteer support provided over its 20-plus-year history to nonprofit organizations.

With great respect and admiration for this tremendous corporate citizen, I ask that you join me in recognizing the many contributions of Monroe Bank & Trust over the past 150 years.

PASSENGER RAIL INVESTMENT
AND IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2008

SPEECH OF

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 11, 2008

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under

consideration the bill (H.R. 6003) to reauthorize Amtrak, and for other purposes:

Mr. POE. Mr. Chairman, I rise in support of H.R. 6003 and commend the bipartisan leadership of our House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee for taking the first steps towards developing true high speed rail service in America. This bill takes a historic step in the right direction towards developing additional transportation options for Americans faced with congested roads and airspace. It will also bring us up to par with European and Asian high speed rail networks.

High speed rail will have ways of connecting people to their place of business, homes, and commercial centers in ways never thought imaginable. I especially support Section 503 of this bill which calls for a study that may consider expanding the existing South Central Corridor that goes through Texas to include the greater Houston region. One day, it could be a reality that 70 percent of Texans, those who live in the greater Houston, Dallas, or San Antonio regions could commute reasonably, perhaps as quick as an hour and a half each way, between those cities to work, visit family, attend entertainment venues, sporting events, fairs, universities, museums, hospitals, and connect to international airports in ways often more timely and efficient than airline travel.

And that's just the way it is.

RECOGNIZING EMERGENCY
MANAGERS IN RUSH COUNTY

HON. MIKE PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2008

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and recognize the extraordinary contributions of emergency management, disaster response, and recovery personnel as well as elected officials and community leaders in my district devastated by the recent severe weather in Indiana.

I wish particularly to honor these outstanding individuals in Rush County: 1. Mike Ooley, Director, Emergency Management Agency; 2. Jeff Sherwood, Sheriff; 3. Brad Smith, CEO, Rush Memorial Hospital; 4. Merv Bostic, Mayor, Rushville.

These areas suffered greatly from tornadoes, heavy rains and flooding, creating a catastrophe that awaits a presidential response. But the catastrophe did not await the efforts of these individuals. And in response, they went above and beyond the call of duty, showing great poise while saving many lives and serving the people of their communities.

I also commend Governor Mitch Daniels and the many State government authorities who have been so instrumental in leading the State through this crisis. I strongly support Indiana's three requests for Federal aid and renew my request to the President of the United States, the Federal Emergency Man-

agement Agency, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture to act promptly, make assessments, and declare an expedited major disaster for all 44 counties in the State of Indiana affected by the severe weather.

We need to speed the necessary relief to the families who have fallen victim to Mother Nature's fury and extend full Federal assistance to Hoosier families, businesses and farms to include direct assistance to individuals, Small Business Administration Disaster Loans and emergency assistance loans from the Farm Service Agency.

Madam Speaker, Hoosier families and communities are hurting and need to know that help is on the way. I urge this Administration and my colleagues to focus their attention on this urgent Midwestern need for emergency relief.

MAJOR CAESAR CITIVELLA HONORED WITH BULL SIMONS AWARD

HON. C.W. BILL YOUNG

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2008

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Retired Army MAJ Caesar J. Citivella, of St. Petersburg, Florida, for receiving the Bull Simons Award for a lifetime of Special Operations Forces achievements.

The Bull Simons Award is given to those who have made significant contributions and demonstrated steadfast support for Special Operations Forces. Recipients must hold the highest ethical standards and embody the spirit, values, and skills of a special operations warrior. Major Citivella has demonstrated all of these.

Starting in the Army, Major Citivella joined the Office of Strategic Services in 1943, where he parachuted behind enemy lines in France and Italy, earning him a Bronze Star as well as U.S. and foreign unit awards.

Next, Major Citivella served with the 82nd Airborne Division and was one of the first pioneers selected for the Special Forces Department at the Psychological Warfare Center and School, where he wrote doctrine, tactics, techniques, procedure, lesson plans, and taught the first Special Forces classes. He then joined the 77th Special Forces Group, before transferring to the 10th Special Forces Group, where he helped run escape and evasion, and unconventional warfare exercises in Bad Tölz, Germany.

In 1961 and '62 Major Citivella trained and organized irregular indigenous forces in South Vietnam. He retired from military service at Ft. Bragg on the 31st of August, 1964, joining the Central Intelligence Agency the next day.

Major Citivella completed two tours of duty in Vietnam with the CIA and received accolades for the valuable intelligence he provided on enemy intentions. In 1976 Major Citivella became the CIA liaison officer to the Pentagon

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