

developing into a true intermodal transportation facility. Prior to coming to the Port District, he was Director of Planning for Southwestern Illinois Planning Commission for 15 years. Bob also spent 2 years with his wife, Kay, in India and Israel in Economic Development work as American Peace Corps volunteers.

Bob has a Master's of Science Degree in Community Development and Regional Planning from Southern Illinois University—Edwardsville. He also has a Bachelor of Arts Degree in History and Education from SIU—E.

Bob is very active in numerous professional organizations. He is a member of the National Association of Foreign Trade Zones, St. Louis World Trade Center, Inland Rivers, Ports and Terminals, Illinois Development Council, Southwestern Madison County Chamber of Commerce, Water Resource Congress, American Association of Port Authorities, St. Louis Regional Commerce and Growth Association, Military Affairs Committee of the Leadership Council, St. Louis World Affairs Council, Southwestern Illinois Planning Commission Executive Committee, and Traffic Club of St. Louis. Bob is a Past President of the Illinois Association of Port Districts, board member of the Southwestern Illinois Leadership Council and member of US MARAD's Maritime System of the Americas Advisory Committee, among other committee positions.

In addition to his professional affiliations, Bob has also found time to help with various community activities. He has been an active fundraiser for the United Way Tree of Lights Campaign and was Chairman for the Salvation Army for 2 years.

Bob Wydra has received the St. Louis Commerce and Growth Association's "Sold on St. Louis" Award for promoting the St. Louis area in the world economy. In 2002, he received the "Salute from Southwestern Illinois" Award from the Leadership Council. The Port received the "Outstanding Development of the Year" Award in 2002 from the Southwestern Illinois Development Authority and, also in 2002, the "Marketing Award for Excellence" from the National Association of Developers. Bob received the "Art of Business Leadership" Award from the Southwestern Madison County Chamber of Commerce in 2005.

Bob has been married to Kay Lee Wydra for 45 years and they have two children: Nicole who lives in Glen Carbon, Illinois, with her husband, Kurt, and their two children, Trey and Caitlyn; and a son, Paul who lives in the Nashville, Tennessee, area.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in an expression of appreciation to Mr. Robert Wydra for his many contributions to the Southwestern Illinois and Metropolitan St. Louis regions and to wish him and his family the very best in the future.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL NURSES' WEEK

SPEECH OF

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

Ms. DELAURO. Madam Speaker, in recognition of National Nurses' Week, I rise to say a few words in honor of these indispensable and often overlooked public servants.

As the saying goes, nurses are our "angels in comfortable shoes." From the days of the first "Lady with the Lamp," Florence Nightingale, their selflessness, their dedication to their patients, and their deep reservoirs of compassion have helped illuminate the path to healing for millions of Americans.

Anyone who has suffered from a serious ailment or injury—I myself am a survivor of ovarian cancer—knows how important good nursing is for restoring one's health. Nurses are both the frontlines and the glue of our health care system, and their commitment, caring, and sacrifice goes unrecognized far too often.

I am particularly proud that we have honored nurses this year not only in word, but in deed—by passing comprehensive health reforms which allow them, doctors, and other health care professionals to do what they do best—help people to heal—without the continual interference of the insurance industry.

I am also glad we made strong commitments in this health care legislation through grants, loan forgiveness, and other key programs to encourage more young men and women to take up a career in nursing, and to give today's nurses more freedom and opportunities to ply their craft where they are desperately needed.

In my home state of Connecticut, we are short more than 11,000 registered nurses this year. By 2020, that number is projected to double, leaving the state with fewer than half the nurses it needs. In the face of a rising senior population, supporting our nation's nurses becomes especially critical, and I am glad we have done right by them in the health care bill.

To the nurses of Connecticut and all across the country, I applaud you for your service. And I encourage my colleagues to express their support for our nurses—in both word and deed—this week, and in the months and years to come.

RECOGNIZING DR. STEVE GAYNOR'S DECADES OF SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITY AS A LEADER IN EDUCATION

HON. GARY C. PETERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 13, 2010

Mr. PETERS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Steven Gaynor, the distinguished Superintendent of the Bloomfield Hills School District, on the occasion of his retirement after nearly 35 years of service to countless families and children of Southeast Michigan through his work as an educator, administrator and leader.

Almost 35 years ago, Dr. Gaynor embarked upon a career in education that would span the geography of Southeast Michigan and the broad breadth of service in education. Steve began his career in 1975 as a social studies teacher and special education teacher consultant. He served the communities of Livonia, Madison Heights, Walled Lake, Davisburg, Holly and Royal Oak before becoming the superintendent of Bloomfield Hills Schools where, for the past 8 years, he has served the families and community of Bloomfield Hills.

Steve's tenure at Bloomfield Hills Schools was during a most tumultuous and challenging

time for public education. Despite dwindling state and local revenue sources and the severe economic downturn in Southeast Michigan, Steve made the best of shrinking resources and pressed forward with important and innovative projects. Steve's vision and dedication led to the creation of multiple International Baccalaureate programs, an increased use of innovative technology in the classroom, improved professional development for teachers and administrators, and overall academic achievement by putting students first. He has been recognized for his unwavering focus on securing the future of the schools with boundless energy, good humor and strong leadership.

Through these busy years, Steve remained active in key community organizations including the Oakland County Superintendents' Association, the North Central Association state committee, where he received an award for instructional leadership and school improvement, and as a founding member of the Learning Achievement Coalition, a project focused on eliminating achievement gaps among children. Moreover, he pioneered important partnerships including one with the municipalities of Bloomfield Hills and Bloomfield Township to preserve historical assets. With other Oakland Schools and the Oakland Intermediate School District, Steve pooled funds to rebuild Wing Lake Development Center to a \$10 million state-of-the-art educational facility for our most challenged students in Oakland County.

Madam Speaker, as parents of Bloomfield Hills Schools students, my wife Colleen and I are pleased to call Steve a much admired and appreciated friend. Undoubtedly, we join the scores of children and families whose lives have been touched by Steve's hard work, dedication and caring. I ask my colleagues to join me today as I honor Dr. Steve Gaynor for his lifetime commitment to bettering the lives of children through education, on the occasion of his retirement from Bloomfield Hills Schools.

A TRIBUTE TO DART CONTAINER CORPORATION

HON. BRETT GUTHRIE

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 13, 2010

Mr. GUTHRIE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dart Container Corporation and its Horse Cave plant located in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. This past April, Dart Container Corporation, headquartered in Mason, Michigan, celebrated its 50th Anniversary.

The company established a plant in Horse Cave, Ky., in 1980, and has been delivering quality goods ever since. Dart Container Corporation's Horse Cave facility is currently the largest employer in Hart County and continues to expand.

The plant started 30 years ago with 25 employees and had a 230,000 square foot facility. Today, it has grown to employ 1,090 individuals and now covers almost 3 million square feet.

The Dart Container Corporation and its Horse Cave facility have a long history of community involvement, including participating in Hart County's Relay for Life and the Horse Cave Heritage Festival. Over the years the