

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING MR. RICHARD ROEHRKASSE FOR HIS 20 YEARS AS A TRUSTEE OF SOUTHWESTERN ILLINOIS COLLEGE

HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 3, 2011

Mr. COSTELLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the dedicated community service of Mr. Richard Roehrkaske, as he marks his 20th year as a Trustee for Southwestern Illinois College.

Richard Roehrkaske was appointed to fill a vacancy on the Board of Trustees for Southwestern Illinois College (SWIC) in 1991 and has been continuously re-elected since that time. A resident of Red Bud, Illinois, Mr. Roehrkaske had experience in the Information Technology field as a systems analyst, designer and project manager. He had a desire to serve his community and pursued membership on the SWIC Board of Trustees as a way to help ensure access to quality education for area residents.

As a SWIC Trustee, Mr. Roehrkaske has enthusiastically worked with faculty, administration and staff on the Strategic Planning Committee since its inception. He helped to update existing and develop new Board policies and procedures to address strategic planning priorities.

Mr. Roehrkaske has been a consistent, active participant in helping SWIC maintain its longstanding accreditation with the Higher Learning Commission (HLC), and achieve model-institution recognition from the HLC for its Academic Quality Improvement Program (AQIP) initiatives and achievements.

With his background in Information Technology, Mr. Roehrkaske has been a longstanding champion of IT—from smart-classrooms to community-wide applications—helping to establish SWIC as one of the leading IT-supported community colleges in the state and the nation.

In his longstanding role as Board of Trustees Facilities and Finance Committee Chair, Mr. Roehrkaske has helped to develop and identify funding resources for SWIC and to complete numerous major capital development projects. Among the significant projects to benefit from his involvement are: the Liberal Arts and Information Sciences buildings at the Belleville Campus; renovations and expansions at the Sam Wolf Granite City and Red Bud Campuses; and the Schmidt Art Center, in collaboration with the SWIC Foundation Board.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in an expression of appreciation to Mr. Richard Roehrkaske for his 20 years of service as a Trustee of Southwestern Illinois College and to wish him the very best in the future.

RECOGNIZING MR. CARMEN A. POLICY

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 3, 2011

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Carmen A. Policy, who received the prestigious National Education and Leadership Award from the Sons of Italy Foundation on May 25th. This award is presented by the foundation annually to the Italian American who has upheld a commitment to educational excellence, leadership and the betterment of society. Previous recipients of this outstanding award include Joe Paterno and Antonin Scalia.

Mr. Policy, a native of Youngstown and Ohio's 17th district, graduated from Youngstown State University in 1963, and in 1966 earned his Juris Doctorate Degree from Georgetown University Law Center here in Washington, DC. For many years, he pursued a successful law practice career in Ohio.

In 1983, Carmen traded in the courtroom for the gridiron and became Vice President of the San Francisco 49ers. In 1991 he became President and CEO of the franchise. As an executive in the 49ers organization, Mr. Policy played a key role in delivering 4 Super Bowl trophies back to the city of San Francisco. In 1994 he was named the National Football League Executive of the Year by The Sporting News and GQ listed him as one of the most powerful men in professional sports. In 1998, Carmen became President and CEO of the Cleveland Browns and during his five years with the Browns, he served as a member of the NFL's Finance, Business Ventures, and Super Bowl Advisory Committees.

After 25 years in the NFL, Carmen, along with his wife Gail, began a new life of wine making in the Napa Valley and the couple founded the Casa Piena Winery. The roots of Casa Piena go back to Policy's childhood in Youngstown's Smokey Hollow neighborhood, where the making and sharing of wine played a central part in the vibrant family life of this largely Italian-American community.

He has sent a strong and clean message to the youth of the Mahoning Valley; if you work hard, play by the rules and get a good education, America will reward you with all the blessings of this great land.

Mr. Speaker, today I rise to congratulate and honor the hard work and dedication of Mr. Carmen Policy and his wife Gail. I invite my colleagues to join me in recognition of this award.

HONORING GOVERNOR RAUL H. CASTRO ON HIS 95TH BIRTHDAY

HON. ED PASTOR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 3, 2011

Mr. PASTOR of Arizona. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Raul Hector Castro, Arizona's first Hispanic Governor, on the occasion of his 95th birthday on June 12, 2011. Raul Castro's legacy is imbedded in my home State's history for his high achievements despite the racism he experienced as a young Mexican immigrant raised in Arizona. Besides holding Arizona's highest State office, Governor Castro served as a United States Ambassador three times: to El Salvador, Bolivia, and Argentina. Last year, Governor Castro was honored with the prestigious Cesar E. Chavez Legacy Award at the Ninth Annual Cesar E. Chavez Foundation Gala in Phoenix. In addition, Governor Castro received the Arizona Legacy Award at the 52nd Annual Arizona Hispanic Chamber of Commerce's Black and White Ball.

Governor Castro and co-author Dr. Jack August, Jr. have written a fascinating biography entitled "Adversity Is My Angel: The Life and Career of Raul H. Castro." The book traces the astounding life of the former Governor through his childhood as a Mexican immigrant in a harsh land to his election as Governor and Presidentially appointed Ambassador. It chronicles how he overcame personal and racial prejudice to rise to the highest levels of accomplishment.

During the last couple of years, the former Governor has been on a mission to visit and speak with middle school and high school students and encourage them to stay in school and get an education. Governor Castro has visited several schools throughout the State of Arizona sharing his legacy and more importantly stressing the value and importance of an education. Education is a top priority of Governor Castro, and the Institute that carries his name is housed at Phoenix College. The Raul H. Castro Institute is focused on improving the quality of life for the Latino community in Arizona and educating and strengthening partners that serve the Latino community by fostering connections with research institutions, promoting best practice dissemination, and impacting policy decisions in education, health and human services, leadership, and civic participation.

The Honorable Raul H. Castro continues to provide vision and leadership in the State of Arizona, and I ask my colleagues today to join me in recognizing his life's accomplishments and his 95th birthday.

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WALTER "BUS" BERGMAN
TRIBUTE

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 3, 2011

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Walter "Bus" Bergman, one of Colorado's great student-athletes, coaches and war heroes.

Mr. Bergman, originally of Denver, Colorado, was a three-sport star in high school and college. He even hit the game winning shot to give Denver's North High School the state hoops championship in 1938. At Colorado A&M, now Colorado State university, he lettered in basketball, baseball and football, while also serving as student body president.

During World War II, Mr. Bergman enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. He earned the rank of Major and received the Bronze Star for heroism during the Battle of Okinawa.

After graduating from college, he became one of the most successful coaches at Mesa State University. He led multiple teams to conference championships and took pride in preparing every athlete for life after college. The college renamed its athletic fields in his honor and its athletic hall of fame is one of six that has inducted Mr. Bergman.

Family was an extremely important part of Mr. Bergman's life. He was devoted to his wife, Elinor, and their three children. His daughter, Jane Norton, was Lieutenant Governor of Colorado and his other daughter, Judy Black, was an assistant to President Reagan for intergovernmental affairs and has held several national Republican positions.

Mr. Speaker, it is truly an honor to stand and pay tribute to a husband, father, teacher, athlete, war hero and a great American. Colorado is indebted to his work and I am grateful for his devotion to the State.

HONORING PATRICIA K. MACHT

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 3, 2011

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, as Dean of the California Congressional delegation, I rise to highlight the career of Patricia K. Macht, who is retiring after more than fifteen years of service with the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CALPERS).

Ms. Macht is currently the Deputy Executive Officer for External Affairs at California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS). She has served under six CEOs and Interim CEOs, and four deputy executive officers. During her tenure, she has attended more than 400 committee meetings and 200 board meetings.

While at CalPERS, Ms. Macht established the vision, guiding principles, structure, and resources to administer a world-class communications function. She spearheaded the creation of a media relations program, an executive speechwriting support function and special events support services. She maintained the high quality of the services provided, keeping up with the tremendous changes in speed of communications methods.

Ms. Macht also ensured that CalPERS communications did not take place in a vacuum, as she led the integration of governmental affairs and public affairs and added a stakeholder relations function. She greatly expanded the system's ability to ensure that all stakeholders groups have equal access, timely and quality communication, and participation in the System's policy formulation and administration as possible. Through this integration, CalPERS has enhanced efficiency, access, and timeliness of dissemination of information and education.

Ms. Macht worked cooperatively and collaboratively regarding communications and advocacy with other leaders in the public pension community, including the National Institute of Retirement Security (NIRS), National Association of State Retirement Administrators (NASRA), California Association of Public Retirement Systems (CALAPERS), State Association of County Retirement Systems (SACRS) and numerous other industry groups and association.

Ms. Macht greatly expanded the reach to CalPERS 1.6 million members. Under her leadership, the CalPERS communications office issued more than 800 press releases, resulting in more than a million references to CalPERS in local, state, national and international media articles. She guided the development, execution and dissemination of the widely-read CalPERS' "PERSpective" newsletter. She also created the institution's "Retirement Planning Month", the CalPERS Member Network video programming on cable television, and a robust CalPERS website that is continuously improving to meet the needs of our members and employers. Ms. Macht created the first California Retirement Dialogue summit—bringing stakeholders from labor, employers, and policy experts together to review and discuss pension issues in the wake of the pressures upon employers to meet their pension obligations due to the market downturn.

She received the 2008 Lifetime Achievement Award for her career in the communication field from the State Information Officers Council and garnered high praise from all who worked with her.

She began her career in government as the Director of Public Affairs and Education at the California Integrated Waste Management Board. Prior to entering public service, she worked in corporate communications/public affairs positions in the private sector for five years. Previously, she was a journalist for 10 years covering local government issues in the state of Maryland. Ms. Macht has a Bachelor's Degree in journalism from the University of Maryland.

Once again, I would like to commend Ms. Macht for her dedicated public service and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

2011 PEOPLESOFT CERTIFICATE OF
RECOGNITION FOR EMPLOYEES
OF THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE
OFFICER

HON. DANIEL E. LUNGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 3, 2011

Mr. LUNGREN. Mr. Speaker, the recipients of the 2011 PeopleSoft Certificate of Recogni-

tion collectively and individually provided support and solutions for the transition from Federal Financial System to PeopleSoft Financial System. The conversion to PeopleSoft occurred October 1, and the system went live October 12, 2010. To prepare for this conversion, the employees of the CAO worked tirelessly and were persistent in their efforts to implement PeopleSoft at the U.S. House of Representatives.

Whether working directly with Members or staff, supporting CAO internal operations, or ensuring that technical infrastructure is operational, each employee served as an exemplary role model for the entire CAO community.

Recipients of the 2011 PeopleSoft Certificate of Recognition are:

Jessica Abbott, Marty Adkins, Rose Agnew, Patricia Akinsegun, Mallikarjuna Akula, Sharyn Alexander, Lisa Alvey, Janciera Armstrong, Omar Awan, Peter Baer, Samantha Ball, William Barkell, Robert Barrett, Traci Beaubien, Lashon Bethea, Kelly Boger, Esther Bouryng, Karen Bowers, Chaunette Bowling-Stokes, Shelia Bowman.

Karen Bowman, Kevin Boyle, Toinetta Bridgeforth, David Brown, Kimberly Brown, Annette Brown, Troy Buckler, Kenneth Burch, Elizabeth Burnham, James Butler, Alicia Carcamo, Ronald Carrico, Delisa Carter, Ely Caskey, Andrew Caulk, Jacob Ciango, John Clarke, John Clocker, Faye Cobb, Joel Collins.

Richard Cooper, Luis Cornejo, Thomas E. Coyne III, Mark Dalton, Karen Davenport, James Deaver, Gary Dieffenderfer, Mark Dobbins, Karen Donaldson, Geneva Dooley, Brian Dozier, Sandra Durham, Mary Ellen-Wilson, Gretchen Ewers, Trenea Gates, Michael Gould, Andrew Graeub, Raymond Griswold, Norman Gugliotta, Philip Hamner.

Tina Hanonu, Keith Harrington, Stephanie Harris, Michelle Hayes, John Heeb III, George Holau, Richard Hornburg, Alfreda Horton, Steve Hunter, Jacqueline Hurda, Wanda Jackson, Araceli Jennings, Derek Johann, Reginald Johnson, Andre Johnson, Rob Jordan, Tara Kelley, David Kemp, Katherine Knell, David Lau.

Dion Lawson, Cyrus Leghvan, Carlos Leon, Chau Lim, Andrea Little, Anthony Loving, Louis Magnotti, Steve Marsh, Richard Martins, Marc Mathis, Patricia Mattimore, Bryanne Mayhew, Bradley McDonald, Saint Juan McFadden, David McKittrick, Kathryn Meek, Darlene Meister, Donna Minton, Margaret Mitchell, Rachelle Mobley.

Nelson Moe, Edwarda Moore, Ronald Mullvain, James Murphy, Robert Murphy, John Nadeau, Rebecca Neilson, Juan Nelson, Jonathan Nelson, Hieu Nghiem, Jason Nowak, Igor Nusinzon, Carla Ohlis, Lindsay Oldham, Melissa Oulahyane, Sarah Parker, Stephen Pearson, Lisa Phillips, Richard Piazza, Stephen Pinson.

Kaley Poag, Sharon Porter, Sridhar Ramavarapu, Erica Randolph, Brenda Register, Lawrence Rice, Deborah Robertson, Sandra Rubio-Marrero, Zainab Sanusi-Hopes, Subashini Sethumathavan, Mohammed Shabeer, Kirat Shah, Arlie Shoemaker, Mirna Simonetti, Donita Simpson, Carolyn Sims, Susan Sneden, William Solomon, Clyde Springfield, Angel Stanley.

Christine Stewart, Ayana Stokes, Shannon Strickland, Joyce Stringfield, Keith Sullenberger, Lillie Talcott, James Tammadge, Alison Thompson, James Tiani, Arrica Tillman,