

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CAPE COD TIMES

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 13, 2011

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the seventy-fifth anniversary of the Cape Cod Times, a daily newspaper circulated throughout the towns and villages of Massachusetts' Cape and Islands.

Seventy-five years ago, businessmen J.P. Dunn and Basil Brewer came together in a Hyannis garage to publish the Cape Cod Standard-Times. This union grew out of the men's desire to provide the residents of the Cape and Islands with access to community news, so they teamed up with the New Bedford Standard-Times for joint distribution through the 1960s. By 1970, however, the success of local small businesses and industries had brought an era of expansion to the region, augmenting the need for a local paper to service the needs and interests of the unique communities of the Cape and Islands. In 1975, the first Cape Cod Times edition was published as an "independent Cape Cod newspaper, printed and published on the Cape, by Cape Codders, for Cape Codders."

Today, the Cape Cod Times provides over 60,000 readers in the region with daily headlines of national and local relevance—from summer beach closings to breaking news across the globe. The paper's circulation reaches beyond the Cape and Islands through its online subscription, allowing readers to stay up-to-date on community happenings no matter their location.

Time and time again, the paper has been recognized for its national significance, having been named to such prestigious awards as "Newspaper of the Year," "Website of the Year" and "Sunday Newspaper of the Year" by the New England Press Association, the New England Newspaper Association, and the New England Associated Press Executives Association.

Having owned a home on Cape Cod for twenty years, it is with pride and gratitude that I congratulate the Cape Cod Times, its editors and staff on providing seventy-five years of authentic journalism to the people of the Tenth Congressional District of Massachusetts. I extend my best wishes to the paper for many more years of award-winning journalism to come.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JUDY CHU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 13, 2011

Ms. CHU. Mr. Speaker, on September 12, 2011, I missed rollcall vote 699.

Had I been present for vote 699, on H.R. 2076, to clarify that the Department of Justice can provide investigatory assistance at the request of State and local authorities with respect to certain violent crimes, I would have voted "aye."

HONORING THE CHESTER LIBRARY'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 13, 2011

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Chester Library located in Morris County, New Jersey, as it celebrates its 100th anniversary this year.

The Chester Library officially opened on Labor Day in 1911 as a joint library of the Chesters. The library originally occupied a very small space above a metal shoe-support factory and was only open for selected hours on Saturdays. Due to difficulty attaining funding, it constantly moved from one location to another until it finally settled in its current home in 1981.

The library expanded in 2004 with the addition of a Children's Room and a public meeting room. The new room not only provided extra meeting space for the library, but it is also available for local non-profits to use.

With a collection of over 70,000 books, music CDs, audio books, movies, video games, e-books and periodicals, the Chester Library has come a long way from its modest start with merely 138 books. Available for borrowing are books, magazines, audio books, DVDs, video tapes, CDs, video games, puppets and puzzles. Residents of Chester Borough and Chester Township, as well as any person with a Morris Automated Information Network (M.A.I.N.) card, are free to search the shelves and take advantage of all the library has to offer.

With more than 300 programs for visitors, there is something for everyone. From story time for children to book discussions with the Young Adult Club and Computer Education for seniors, the Chester Library is a rich resource for the community. The library has 12 public computers with free Internet that provide visitors with convenient access to the Internet and other databases.

The Chester Library serves a vital role in the community. Not only does it provide access to numerous books, collections and databases, but the library also offers the people of Chester with a social community where everyone is welcome to share and enjoy.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Chester Library as they celebrate 100 years of supporting access to knowledge and information in the local community.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 13, 2011

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, today our national debt is \$14,688,259,374,281.24.

On January 6, 2009, the start of the 111th Congress, the national debt was \$10,638,425,746,293.80.

This means the national debt has increased by \$4,049,833,627,987.44 since then. This debt and its interest payments we are passing to our children and all future Americans.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 13, 2011

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Mr. Speaker, on September 12, 2010, I missed the following rollcall votes because I was unavoidably detained out of town: rollcall vote No. 699—on motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 2076, the Investigative Assistance for Violent Crimes Act of 2011; rollcall vote No. 700—on motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 2633, the Appeal Time Clarification Act of 2011; and rollcall vote No. 701—on motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 1059, to protect the safety of judges by extending the authority of the Judicial Conference to redact sensitive information contained in their financial disclosure reports, and for other purposes.

If present, I would have voted "aye" on all three rollcall votes.

A TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF JOHN N. HUNTER ON THE OCCASION OF RECEIVING THE ST. MADELEINE SOPHIE AWARD

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 13, 2011

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor John N. Hunter, a 2011 recipient of the St. Madeleine Sophie Award. The Award is given by the Sacred Heart School Community in Atherton, California, to individuals who have made sustained and significant contributions to the schools and embody the goals and criteria of a Sacred Heart education. John Hunter's commitment to the mission of Sacred Heart education spans decades, is an inspiration to everyone, and has earned him the coveted St. Madeleine Sophie Award.

John N. Hunter is a 1951 graduate of Stanford University and served his country as a member of the United States Army. He is a successful entrepreneur and has made significant contributions in the fields of education and community development.

John N. Hunter joined the Sacred Heart Schools Board of Trustees in 1978. This was a time of transition for the schools. John helped craft the first strategic plan and was a leader of the schools' first capital campaign. He has served on the board of the Religious of the Sacred Heart's Oakwood Retirement Community, and played a key role in expanding the facility and building a chapel.

John has been married to the former Josephine Kegley since 1959, and they are the proud parents of five children: Julene, Wendi, Elizabeth, John and Mary, all of whom attended Sacred Heart Schools in Atherton.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating John N. Hunter as he receives the St. Madeleine Sophie Award and salute him for his tireless work, his humility, his wonderful sense of humor, and his lasting commitment to the extraordinary education of the Religious of the Sacred Heart and their schools in Atherton, California, where generations of children have been shaped, strengthening our community and our country.

HONORING RAYMOND F. "DOC"
KIERNAN

HON. NITA M. LOWEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 13, 2011

Mrs. LOWEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Fire Commissioner Raymond F. "Doc" Kiernan who will be honored September 15 upon his retirement after a 45-year career with the New Rochelle, New York Fire Department.

A lifelong New Rochelle resident, Doc Kiernan was a true "firefighter's fire commissioner," rising through the ranks to become New Rochelle Fire Commissioner in 1985. His experience at every level of the Department prepared him well. As Commissioner, he advocated tirelessly at all levels of government for increased resources for firefighter training

and equipment. His knowledge became especially valuable after September 11, 2001, as I and other elected officials turned to Commissioner Kiernan for advice on complex issues such as emergency preparedness and radio interoperability.

Doc Kiernan's lifetime of dedicated service extends far beyond the New Rochelle Fire Department. He served in the United States Coast Guard on active duty and in the Reserve from 1965 through 1971. He was active in a number of professional organizations, including the International Association of Fire Chiefs, the Northeastern States Fire Consortium, the New York State Association of Fire Chiefs, the Westchester Career Fire Chiefs Association, the National Fire Protection Association, and the International Society of Fire Service Instructors. Additionally, Ray serves as a member of the Fire Advisory Board to the Westchester County Executive, on the Board of Directors of the Westchester Fire Fighters

Emerald Society Pipe Band and as the current past chairman of the New York State Career Fire Chiefs Committee. He previously was a member of the New Rochelle Fire Fighters Association Executive Board and is a past president of the New Rochelle Fire Officers Association.

Commissioner Kiernan also has shared his time and talents with a host of community organizations, including the United Way, on both the local and county level. He was a chair of New Rochelle Heart Committee of the American Heart Association. His many volunteer contributions have won him honors and awards from numerous organizations including the Knights of Columbus, Huguenot Lions Club, and Casa Calabria.

I am proud to recognize New Rochelle Fire Commissioner Raymond F. "Doc" Kiernan for his exemplary service and commitment, and I urge my colleagues to join with me in wishing him many happy years in retirement.