

distinguished police officer and was recognized by his peers as the Police Officer of the Year in 1991 and 1998.

Commander Douglas began his career in law enforcement with the Town of Los Gatos as a Police Cadet. He was promoted to the position of Community Service Officer in 1981. He was hired as police officer by the Newark Police Department on November 16, 1983. During his time as an officer, Commander Douglas served as a Field Training Officer, Property Crimes/Fraud Detective, Reserve Officer Coordinator, Citizen Police Academy Instructor, PR-24 Baton Instructor, and Defensive Tactics Instructor.

Commander Douglas was promoted to the rank of Sergeant on February 25, 2001. As a Sergeant, he was assigned to the Patrol Division and served two terms as the Detective Sergeant. For two years, he was in charge of the Newark Police Department's Field Training Program for new officers. Commander Douglas received the Winter 2002 Police Department Employee of the Quarter Award and was City of Newark Pride Awardee in 2006.

On August 26, he graduated from the Sherman Block Supervisory Leadership Institute. Commander Douglas was promoted to Police Lieutenant on November 1, 2008 and served in that capacity as the Administrative Lieutenant. On January 1, 2009, the Lieutenant position was reclassified to the rank of Police Commander. As the Administrative Lieutenant and Commander, he has been in charge of the Training Division, Internal Affairs, Property/Evidence, Red Light Photo Enforcement, as well as serving as the Newark Police Department's Public Information Officer.

Commander Douglas received the Chiefs Challenge Coin of Special Recognition for his outstanding work, loyalty to the organization, and tireless efforts in the development and promotion of the department's mission, vision, and values.

I join Commander Douglas' colleagues and the community in thanking him for his exemplary service and commitment, and wish him well on his retirement.

IN HONOR OF THE HONORABLE
MARY HARNEY

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2012

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the Honorable Mary Harney, a former dignitary in Ireland, who will be visiting Cleveland, Ohio on St. Patrick's Day.

Ms. Harney was born in Ballinasloe, County Galway in 1953. She attended Trinity College, Dublin where she earned a Bachelor of Arts in Modern Studies. During her college career, Ms. Harney became the first female auditor of the College Historical Society. After graduating, she worked as a mathematics and economics teacher at Castleknock College in Dublin for a year.

In 1977, at the age of 24, Ms. Harney was appointed to Seanad Éireann (Irish Senate) by the Taoiseach (Prime Minister). At the time of her appointment, she was the youngest person to ever be a member of the Seanad. Following several years of dedicated service, Ms. Harney was elected to the Teachta Dála (Irish

Parliament) in the 1981. She served continuously until her retirement in 2011. During her service in the Teachta Dála, Ms. Harney served as Tánaiste (Deputy Prime Minister) from 1997 through 2006. She also served as Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment for seven years and as Minister for Health and Children from 2004 until 2011. Ms. Harney was also the Leader of the Progressive Democrats between 1993 and 2006 and again in 2007 and 2008.

Throughout her career, Ms. Harney has been recognized for her dedicated service to the Republic of Ireland. She was named the Irish Independent Woman of the Year in 1996 and Irish Tatler Woman of the Year in 2005.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in welcoming the Honorable Mary Harney to the City of Cleveland on St. Patrick's Day.

BECKLEY, WEST VIRGINIA, ONE OF
THE 20 BEST SMALL TOWNS IN
AMERICA

HON. NICK J. RAHALL II

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2012

Mr. RAHALL. Mr. Speaker, our Nation's premiere collection of American culture, the Smithsonian Institution has spoken. My hometown of Beckley, West Virginia, is among the Smithsonian's list of "The 20 Best Small Towns in America."

The master curators of our national trends, tastes, tragedies and triumph scoured one of our broad Republic's basic foundations, our small towns, to identify those that best celebrate culture, often those that celebrate their own culture and share it with the world.

The forthcoming article in the May 2012 edition of Smithsonian Magazine highlights a few of the Beckley area's many institutions, including the Beckley Exhibition Coal Mine, our Arts center, Tamarack, and the venerable Theater West Virginia. They reflect a hardworking, talented, inspiring, sharing, genuine people who would do anything and everything within their power to help their neighbor. The faith, hope and abundant charity within the hearts of the community is a hallmark we cherish. These cultural icons attract visitors across many cultures as well as our own school kids and families, all who are eager to learn and enjoy.

The Smithsonian quest was prompted by the premise that our "big cities" and "grand institutions" do not have a monopoly on our Nation's creative juices. I wholeheartedly agree. I would only add to the authors' survey, that partnerships as well as individuals—can constitute a virtual wellspring of cultural opportunity.

I know, firsthand, that partnerships on all levels of government and from all corners of the private sector have mixed and matched manpower, material and money to share the magic and majesty of our mountain heritage and living to all who pass our way.

These public sector commitments to local arts, theater and culture are long term investments of precious taxpayer dollars. They are among the fundamental building blocks of a regional economy. They are among the pillars that support an elevated quality of life for everyone. I know that my hometown is not unique in this respect and hope that my col-

leagues will keep this in mind as we debate the great needs of our nation.

I salute everyone involved in Beckley's, Raleigh County's and the great State of West Virginia's progress and in this most deserved distinction.

I say to my colleagues, it's worth a visit real soon.

I commend the Smithsonian, affectionately known at the nation's attic, for recognizing the best of our small cities, where the country's front porches have much to offer.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MIKE McINTYRE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2012

Mr. McINTYRE. Mr. Speaker, I was unexpectedly unable to make votes on April 17, 2012. Had I been present, I would have voted in the following way: "no" on rollcall vote No. 154; "no" on rollcall vote No. 155; "yes" on rollcall vote No. 156; "yes" on rollcall vote No. 157; "no" on rollcall vote No. 158; "no" on rollcall vote No. 159; "no" on rollcall vote No. 160; "yes" on rollcall vote No. 161; "yes" on rollcall vote No. 162; "no" on rollcall vote No. 163; "yes" on rollcall vote No. 164.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF KEVIN
O'DONNELL

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2012

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and remembrance of Kevin O'Donnell.

Kevin O'Donnell was born in Cleveland, Ohio in 1925 and attended West High School and Kenyon College before joining the U.S. Navy Supply Corps during World War II. After returning home from the war, he attended Harvard University and established himself as a businessman, working for SIFCO and Booz, Allen, Hamilton.

In 1966, he made a life-changing decision after spotting a story in a local paper about a man serving in the Peace Corps. He applied and accepted an assignment to head the Peace Corps' office in South Korea. As the Country Director in South Korea, he was charged with establishing educational programs. After four years in that post, he moved to the Peace Corps headquarters in Washington, D.C. and quickly rose up the ranks, finally becoming Director of the Peace Corps in 1971. O'Donnell was instrumental in successfully opposing Congressional efforts to slash funding for the Peace Corps. His daughter Megan and granddaughter Allison would continue his legacy, volunteering with the Peace Corps in Nepal and Honduras, respectively.

After 6 years with the Peace Corps he returned to Lakewood, Ohio and to SIFCO, serving as the company's CEO. O'Donnell was recognized several times for his dedication to public service, receiving honorary doctorates from Kenyon College, Ohio Wesleyan, and Pusan National University in Korea.

Kevin O'Donnell is survived by his children Kevin, Susan, Michael, John, Maura, Megan