

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN RECOGNITION AND HONOR OF
DOCTOR WILLIAM UHLAND

HON. W. TODD AKIN

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 31, 2012

Mr. AKIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Doctor William Uhlend.

Dr. William Uhlend grew up in the town of Arbutle, California, which at the time had a population of 800. When he was fifteen, his father died, and he went to work to support his mother and younger brother. After graduating high school, he went on to earn a bachelors degree from Chico State University, a masters degree from San Jose State University, and a Ph.D. from Rutgers University.

Dr. Uhlend is a nuclear chemist who is involved in the production and research of radiopharmaceuticals. For the past decade he has been with Covidien-Mallinckrodt, at their plant in Maryland Heights, Missouri. This plant has six cyclotrons, capable of accelerating protons up to 30 MeV kinetic energy. Several times a year he travels to the Covidien-Mallinckrodt plant in Petten, Holland, where they have two cyclotrons and a nuclear reactor.

At these facilities he is busy ensuring that the badly needed supply of radiopharmaceuticals is available to the hospitals and nuclear pharmacies. He is involved with the production of such essential drugs as thallium-201 for cardiac imaging, indium-111 for tumor detection, gallium-67 for tumor and infection detection, iodine-123 for thyroid imaging, iodine-131 for thyroid therapy, and molybdenum-99 to be used for technetium-99m generators (aka "Moly Kows"). In addition to this, he is currently involved in the production of a new radiopharmaceutical, which is proprietary at this time. Dr. Uhlend's contributions also include eight text-books on chemistry and physics (REA Press, Piscataway, New Jersey), and eight patents.

He and his wife, Dr. Elaine T. Jurkowski, are also active in their community. They are active in their parish, Incarnate Word, where they are lectors, Eucharistic ministers, and deliver Holy Communion to the ill and elderly. They are also members of the Wellness Ministry, Bereavement Ministry, and Disability Ministry. Dr. Uhlend provides free tutoring in mathematics and science to students in high school and college. Some of these youngsters are first generation college attendees from single parent families.

Dr. Uhlend is a shining example of the innovation, scholarship and leadership that we have in Missouri. I thank Dr. Uhlend for his service to his community, the St. Louis region and the nation. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognition of his contributions.

HONORING ROBERT A. BARTRON

HON. TOM MARINO

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 31, 2012

Mr. MARINO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of my constituent, Robert Bartron, for his recognition as the Montrose Area Chamber of Commerce's Citizen of the Year.

Robert, a current resident of Montrose, Pennsylvania, has been an active community advocate and business leader for many years. Since 1968, he has provided comfort and assurance to families throughout the area, as well as providing part-time employment to numerous residents, in his role as owner and director of the Bartron Funeral Home.

Additionally, Robert has served his community through his membership in numerous civic organizations including, former president of the Montrose Chamber of Commerce, former president of the Tri-County Funeral Directors Association, and retired Susquehanna County Coroner.

Currently, Robert is serving his 33rd year on the Board of Directors of the Susquehanna County Housing and Redevelopment Authority. He is also a Paul Harris fellow with the Montrose Rotary Club, where he has previously held titles of secretary, treasurer, director, and sergeant at arms.

Robert and his wife Marie are the proud parents of three children, and have dedicated significant involvement to area-youth through their support of local club and high school sports. Robert was instrumental in establishing the Montrose High School Cross Country team, as well as encouraging the continuance of the high school ski and tennis clubs. Robert and his wife are both long-time members of the Montrose Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my constituent, Robert Bartron, and ask my colleagues to join in praising his commitment to country, community, and family.

A TRIBUTE TO DR. JOSEPH BARBA

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 31, 2012

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Dr. Joseph Barba, a man that has served his community through educating, mentoring and encouraging students to innovate and succeed at their greatest potential. It behooves us to pay tribute to this outstanding leader as we recognize his impressive accomplishments on his 60th birthday.

Dr. Barba was the first of four children born to Lily and Guillermo Barba, who instilled lessons of hard work and accomplishment into their children. Born on May 28, 1952 in New York, he followed the discipline of his father and used his mother's sacrifices to shape his

upbringing. As a student attending high school, he performed well ahead of his grade in the sciences and mathematics. He was encouraged by a teacher to continue his studies in advanced mathematics at the University level instead of following a vocational occupation.

With the support of that teacher and his own desire to achieve, Dr. Barba attended City College of New York to pursue a Bachelor's in Electrical Engineering. He would later earn his Masters and PhD in Electrical Engineering from CCNY. When he finished his thesis and dissertation, CCNY had a professional position waiting for him.

The son of immigrants, he understood the importance of having a sound foundation built on education. He joined the CCNY faculty as an Adjunct Lecturer in Electrical Engineering in 1977 and in 1982 became a tenure-track faculty member when he was appointed Assistant Professor. He was promoted to Associate Professor in 1987 and to full Professor in 1993.

As a Professor, Dr. Barba authored over 100 scientific papers and has served as Principal Investigator for both research and institutional grants. From 1997 to 2000, he was Associate Dean of Undergraduate Studies for the School of Engineering. In 2000, he joined the Office of the Provost as Acting Associate Provost. Two years later, he was appointed Deputy Provost. He became Acting Dean in July 2004, having served previously as Deputy Provost from June 2002 to June 2004.

Currently, Dr. Barba serves as the Dean of The Grove School of Engineering, recognized for its rich history of opportunity and resources. Along with being an educator, Dr. Barba has been a pillar of the CCNY community. For over 20 years he has led the nation's largest Latin American Engineering Student Association-Society of Professional Engineers (LAESA-SHPE) as well as being the director of the New York S.T.E.M. Institute. A visionary for and product of CCNY, Dr. Barba has continued to push the envelope for what the school, student body, and community can achieve.

Dr. Barba is the proud father of his only son, Jesse Barba. Dr. Barba is an accomplished individual with a distinguished track record in improved education standards. Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Dr. Joseph Barba on his 60th birthday. He continues to live a life full of joy and is a model citizen to us all.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 31, 2012

Mr. GERLACH. Mr. Speaker, on May 16, 2012, I was on official business at the White House and unfortunately missed two recorded votes on the House floor. Had I been present,

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I would have voted “aye” on rollcall 255 and “aye” on rollcall 256.

HONORING THE ACADEMY FOR GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP FOR BEING NAMED A GREEN RIBBON SCHOOL

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 31, 2012

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate the Academy for Global Citizenship in Chicago, Illinois, for its recognition by the U.S. Department of Education as a “Green Ribbon School.”

Green Ribbon Schools (GRS) is an award program launched in 2011 that recognizes schools participating in activities that promote and encourage a healthy and environmentally friendly learning environment. This year, the Department of Education recognized 78 schools across the United States, including the Academy for Global Citizenship located in Garfield Ridge on Chicago’s Southwest Side.

The Academy for Global Citizenship engages students in a green experience from the moment they set foot on campus. Its asphalt parking lot was transformed into an organic garden that the students help sow, cultivate, and tend throughout the year. Inside the school students are fed organic and locally-sourced meals each day, after which they separate their garbage and recyclables, as well as their compost waste which is used to fertilize the gardens around the campus.

In class, students learn about sustainable and renewable energy and lifestyles, including a transportation unit that includes the study of walking, biking, and alternative fuels, and a wellness class that focuses health, nutrition, and environmental sustainability as a lens to understand how the world works.

Through these formal and informal activities, teachers enhance students’ education as they teach the biology and chemistry behind composting and fertilization, the energy physics behind alternative energy sources, and the health-science behind good nutrition.

The Academy for Global Citizenship is also green at the administrative level. The school hosts community workshops on topics such as small space gardening, backyard composting, and energy use reduction. In addition, the school tracks its energy and water usage, setting reduction goals each year, and purchasing 100% of its electricity from a provider that produces only wind power.

Green schools, like the Academy for Global Citizenship, benefit our communities in numerous ways. In buying food from local sources, they contribute to the local economy and local jobs. In reducing their energy usage, these schools help improve our energy independence. In producing a rich and interactive curriculum on green living, they educate our children and create the workforce needed for the future of our economy. I am happy to see such important work being done on a local level and the Academy for Global Citizenship acting as a model for other institutions.

I commend the Academy for Global Citizenship and I hope my colleagues will join me in congratulating all 78 of the Green Ribbon School award winners.

FIRST GRADUATION OF SOUTH GIBSON COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

HON. STEPHEN LEE FINCHER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 31, 2012

Mr. FINCHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor South Gibson County High School (SGC), which will be holding its first ever Graduation on Friday, May 18th. SGC, located in Medina, Tennessee, opened its doors in August of 2009 to approximately 250 students. Since then, SGC’s first freshman and sophomore classes have developed into critical thinkers who are active participants in their communities.

Few institutions are as vital to preserving our country’s future as our public schools, and SGC has done its part to foster a spirit of academic success.

On behalf of the residents of the 8th Congressional District of Tennessee, I am proud to congratulate each and every student in SGC’s first graduating class, and I wish them the very best in their upcoming endeavors.

WMD INTELLIGENCE AND INFORMATION SHARING ACT OF 2012

SPEECH OF

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 30, 2012

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of the bill before us, H.R. 2764, the WMD Intelligence and Information Sharing Act of 2012. As a former member of the House Committee on Homeland Security, I am proud to co-sponsor this bill, which will increase coordination and information sharing between the Department of Homeland Security, the Intelligence Community, and Federal, State and local authorities. This bill will also enhance DHS’s ability to analyze, prepare for, and prevent potential threats from weapons of mass destruction.

We all know that WMDs continue to pose a serious threat to the United States. As rogue states such as Iran with established ties to terrorism continue to pursue nuclear weapons, the threat is all too real that WMDs could fall into the hands of those who would like to attack our country.

The bill we are considering today is comprised of two provisions from H.R. 2356, the WMD Prevention and Preparedness Act of 2011, which was considered and passed by the Homeland Security Committee earlier this month. I was proud to introduce H.R. 2356 as a comprehensive bill to prevent a WMD attack along with my colleague from New York and the Chair of the Homeland Security Committee, Congressman PETER KING. This bipartisan legislation would finally begin to implement the recommendations of the 9–11 Commission and the Weapons of Mass Destruction Commission, and I hope we can bring the entire bill to a vote as soon as possible.

I am glad to see that we are taking these long-overdue steps to make our country safer in the wake of the horrific terrorist attacks which occurred over a decade ago on September 11, 2001, and I urge my colleagues to support this resolution.

HONORING THE SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH OF ORANGE

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 31, 2012

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today along with my colleagues Representatives LORETTA SANCHEZ, ED ROYCE, JOHN CAMPBELL, GARY MILLER, JERRY LEWIS, RANDY NEUGEBAUER and LYNN WOOLSEY in recognition of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange, one of the youngest of the American congregations, for its historic and ongoing contributions to the proliferation of education and health care across the country. The assembly traces its roots through the St. Joseph congregations of La Grange, Illinois; Concordia, Kansas; Rochester, New York; and Carondelet, Missouri, all of which are traced back to around 1650 in Le Puy, France.

The Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange was established in 1912 by Mother Bernard Gosselin when she and eight sisters left La Grange, Illinois, near Chicago with 60 cents among them to establish a school in Eureka, California. With the outbreak of the flu epidemic in 1918 the Sisters expanded their ministries from teaching to include providing for the medical needs of the community, and opened St. Joseph Hospital in Eureka in 1920.

By 1922, the Sisters were teaching in several Southern California areas and recognized that the community could better develop its ministries by moving the Motherhouse to Orange, California.

The Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange are dedicated to transcending language, culture and access-to-care barriers to bring healthcare to people in need throughout the world. The Sisters extended their work in health, education and religious instruction to the people of Papua New Guinea and Australia in the 1940s.

Today, the congregation’s commitment to education is expressed in a variety of forms including elementary, secondary, university and other adult education. The organization remains committed to the cause of promoting and providing an outstanding level of health care through acute-care hospitals, rehabilitation programs, home health care, community education, primary care clinics, and wellness programs.

The works of the congregation have expanded beyond education and health care to also include such things as helping new immigrants and women in need, feeding the hungry, giving shelter to the homeless, and fostering spiritual development.

As a result of their dedication to the same spirit of charity, simplicity, and humility characteristic of the Sisters of St. Joseph throughout the world and Mother Bernard’s further guiding words of faith, foresight and flexibility, the Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange help thousands of people in need each year.

Mister Speaker, it is appropriate at this time that we recognize and thank the Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange for their dedication and service to the people of California and the world. We congratulate the Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange on their 100th anniversary, on the occasion of their 100 year Jubilee.