

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING J. GUADALUPE
VALTIERRA

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 22, 2013

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I stand before you today to honor J. Guadalupe Valtierra and to wish him well upon his retirement from his position as Chancellor at Ivy Tech Community College. Chancellor Valtierra's many years of service and expertise in the field of education have been a remarkable asset to the community of Northwest Indiana, where he has been able to positively impact the lives of countless students and educators. In honor of his retirement, a reception will be held on Wednesday, January 23, 2013 at Avalon Manor in Merrillville, Indiana.

J. Guadalupe Valtierra's professional career began with his passion for education and learning. Following his graduation from Purdue University, Lupe went on to earn a law degree, followed by a master's degree in higher education and student affairs, both from Indiana University. Chancellor Valtierra's career with Ivy Tech Community College spans seventeen years. Prior to becoming chancellor, he served as Director of Student Services. In 2002, Mr. Valtierra became chancellor of the college's Northwest region, which includes the campuses located in Gary, East Chicago, Valparaiso, and Michigan City. In this position, Chancellor Valtierra has been a true leader, supervising and directing the administrative and fiscal operations for the Northwest Region. Under his direction, enrollment in Ivy Tech's Northwest Region grew by more than seventy percent, and today there are more than 16,000 students enrolled in classes. In 2006, the new Valparaiso Ivy Tech campus opened. Chancellor Valtierra oversaw the completion of this project, which included a tremendously successful capital campaign that raised \$3.9 million. During his tenure, the Gerald I. Lamkin Innovation and Entrepreneurship Center, which manages the Society of Innovators and the Dare to Dream Initiative, was also launched. These programs have been a tremendous benefit to the community of Northwest Indiana, fostering a culture of innovation, which is so crucial in today's ever-changing economy.

Additionally, Lupe has selflessly given of his time through his involvement in various organizations and civic activities, including H.O.P.E.—Hispanic Organization Promoting Excellence, the Lake County Good Government Initiative, the Quality of Life Council, Catholic Charities, the Gary Educational Development Foundation Board, the Salvation Army, and the Northwest Indiana Local Government Academy Advisory Board, among many others. For his service and dedication to serving his community, Lupe is to be commended.

Mr. Valtierra's commitment to education and to the community of Northwest Indiana is ex-

ceeded only by his devotion to his amazing family. He and his wonderful wife, Teresa, have one daughter, Adriana.

Today, there are countless citizens throughout Northwest Indiana and beyond whose lives are fuller because of Chancellor Valtierra's life of dedicated public service. They have been educated when otherwise they might not have been. They have fuller careers and loves. I am grateful for Lupe's selflessness, as well as for his friendship.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in commending Chancellor J. Guadalupe Valtierra for his lifetime of leadership, service, and dedication to Ivy Tech and to the field of education. For his uncompromising devotion to his students and his community, Chancellor Valtierra is worthy of the highest praise, and I ask that you join me in wishing him well upon his retirement.

RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE AMSOIL WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP SNOWMOBILE DERBY IN EAGLE RIVER, WISCONSIN

HON. SEAN P. DUFFY

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Mr. DUFFY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 50th Anniversary of the Amsoil World Championship Snowmobile Derby on Sunday, January 20, 2013, in Eagle River, Wisconsin.

Fifty years ago, the sport of snowmobiling had just begun. Today, the sport has a national economic impact of \$24 billion with an additional international economic impact of \$13 billion. Over 100,000 full-time jobs in North America are generated by the snowmobile industry. These American jobs include jobs in manufacturing, sales, and tourism-related services.

I am proud to have a snowmobile manufacturer with facilities located in Wisconsin's Seventh Congressional District. Polaris Industries, Inc. manufactures and distributes quality snowmobiles, among other high-performance motorized products. This employee owned company is just one example of the positive impacts the snowmobile industry has on our economy.

The history of snowmobiling started in Vilas County, 40 years before the very first snowmobile race took place. In fact, Carl Eliason of Sawyer, Wisconsin, invented the first snowmobile, which was a snow toboggan, with skis and a track to drive the machine over the snow. By 1964, John and Betty Alward in Eagle River, along with Walter Goldsworthy of nearby Three Lakes, WI, gave the winter economy a boost with the sport of snowmobile racing. The initial news release called this the "World's First Snowmobile Derby," which at the time, was an entirely new concept in win-

ter sports celebrations. Between 2,000 and 3,000 people attended that event in 1964. Today, the World Championship attracts over 30,000.

I am thankful for those who envisioned the snowmobile derby and for those who have made this event an incredible success. Snowmobiling is an important part of Wisconsin's heritage and I ask my colleagues to join me in extending my congratulations on the 50th Anniversary of the Amsoil World Championship Snowmobile Derby in Eagle River, WI.

IN HONOR OF SANDRA FABER

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

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Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Sandra Faber, a University of California, Santa Cruz Professor, who has been selected by the White House to receive the National Medal of Science for her inspiring contributions to the fields of astronomy and astrophysics. Sandra is not only an exceptional and passionate educator; she is an innovative and dedicated scientist.

Sandra is an observational astronomer who specializes in research on cosmology and galaxy formation. She has co-authored nearly 250 scientific papers, which have been cited over 37,000 times. Sandra is currently leading the CANDELS project, the largest project in the history of the Hubble Space Telescope. Her team is making revolutionary discoveries on cosmic evolution and is working to give scientists a view of galaxy formation nearly back to the Big Bang.

A member of the National Academy of Sciences, American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and the American Philosophical Society, Sandra has received many additional awards and honors for her scientific achievements. In 2009, she received the Franklin Institute's Bower Award and Prize for Achievement in Science. In the past year, she was recognized with two lifetime achievement awards, the Bruce Medal of the Astronomical Society of the Pacific, and the Russell Prize of the American Astronomical Society.

Sandra is thrilled to be one of 12 recipients of the National Medal of Science and wants to express her gratitude to the University of Santa Cruz and University of California Observatories. She recognizes that without the collaboration of her fellow scientists and the world class equipment provided by these institutions, her amazing contributions would not have been possible.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to rise today to honor Sandra Faber for her outstanding commitment and dedication to higher education and the scientific community.

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