

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CONGRATULATING THERMO FISHER SCIENTIFIC ON WINNING THE INDUSTRY WEEK BEST PLANTS COMPETITION

HON. MARK MEADOWS

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 8, 2014

Mr. MEADOWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Thermo Fisher Scientific's facility in Asheville, North Carolina, for winning the Industry Week Best Plants competition.

According to Industry Week, winners of this annual competition are selected based on their strong manufacturing performance and an unending pursuit of performance excellence.

The equipment manufactured at Thermo Fisher's Asheville plant, including cold storage for biological samples and other lab products, enables research and scientific discovery around the world.

Recently, I had the opportunity to visit the Asheville site and see firsthand their commitment to investing in process innovations, including their progress toward sending no waste to the local landfill by 2015.

I am thankful for the employment opportunities Thermo Fisher brings to Western North Carolina and pleased that Industry Week—and others worldwide—are recognizing its achievements.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the entire 11th District of North Carolina, I congratulate the dedicated employees of Thermo Fisher Scientific's Asheville facility on this well-deserved award and thank them for their ongoing commitment to our region.

TRIBUTE TO HONOR THE LIFE OF FRANCES BOHANNON NELSON

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of an extraordinary woman, Frances Bohannon Nelson, who passed away peacefully after a brief illness on November 23, 2013.

Frances was born in Oakland, California in 1922, and was the oldest daughter of Ophelia and David Bohannon. She graduated from the University of California, Berkeley in 1943, and began her stellar career in real estate development with the Bohannon companies.

She was named President of Bohannon Development Company in 1975, and led the company in its successful growth. With Frances's leadership, Bohannon Development Company flourished, and among its many successes expanded and enclosed Hillsdale Shopping Center in 1981, during a severe economic downturn. Frances also established an extraordinary record of philanthropic serv-

ice, serving as the Regent and Trustee of Santa Clara University; as a member of the Board of Governors of the Urban Land Institute; and the Advisory Board of Peninsula Volunteers. She was Honorary Chairman of the Capital Campaign for the Second Harvest Food Bank in San Mateo County, and generously supported Planned Parenthood and women's reproductive rights. Frances was voted into the San Mateo County Woman's Hall of Fame in 1990.

An astute businesswoman and generous philanthropist, Frances was also a marvelous cook and an adventurous woman who loved to fish and hunt with her family in Alaska, Canada, Mexico, India and Africa.

Frances lived in Woodside, California for 55 years, was a devoted wife to Howard Nelson and the parent of three beloved children, Patricia Atassi, Linda Davis and Steven Nelson. She is survived by daughters Patricia and Linda, and grandchildren Tarek Atassi, Jennifer Davis, Blair Nelson and Eric Nelson. Her husband Howard Nelson, son Steven Nelson, sister Barbara Carleton, brother David E. Bohannon, and grandson Ramzi Atassi predeceased her.

I had the privilege of knowing Frances Nelson for many years. She was a powerful role model in our community. She and her family are amongst the most highly respected in our community, and are responsible in countless ways for the betterment of San Mateo County.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of a woman who will be greatly missed by all who had the good fortune to know her. Frances Bohannon Nelson was a true patriot, a woman who loved her family and served her community and her country with a deep sense of dedication. For this, the entire House of Representatives extends its condolences to the Nelson and Bohannon families.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE FIELD OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE COUNSELING AND EDUCATION BY CARMEN F. AMBROSINO

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Carmen F. Ambrosino, who recently retired from a career of public service as the Chief Executive Officer of Wyoming Valley Alcohol & Drug Services, Inc. Over the last four decades, Ambrosino has made tremendous contributions to efforts to combat substance abuse and addiction at the local, state, national and international levels.

Since 1973, Mr. Ambrosino has dedicated his entire career to help others battle to overcome addiction. As a leader in the field of substance abuse counseling, he has received nu-

merous awards and accolades for excellence in his profession and leadership in his community. He was the founding member of the first Chapter of National Association of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselors in Pennsylvania and was a National Board Member representing the Commonwealth for two years.

For 40 years, Mr. Ambrosino worked tirelessly to educate people about the dangers of drug use. He has contributed hundreds of articles to newspapers on drug and alcohol abuse and related issues, and he wrote a weekly column for six years in Wilkes-Barre Citizens' Voice and Pittston Sunday Dispatch. During his distinguished career, Mr. Ambrosino made over 2,600 presentations on chemical dependency. He also authored a role-play presentation entitled, "A Family in Conflict", which has been presented to over 250 groups in Pennsylvania and New York and was awarded a National MARKIE Award for excellence in alcoholism communication.

As a current member of the adjunct faculty of Wilkes University and King's College and a past faculty member of Misericordia University and Penn State University—Wilkes-Barre, Mr. Ambrosino is invested in the education of future drug and alcohol counselors, and has drafted drug and alcohol policies for many institutions. At Wilkes University, he developed an innovative graduate course for educators on early detection, identification of high risk behavior children, intervention/confrontation techniques, codependency, and other topics. He also developed a five-course curriculum for students focusing on chemical dependency at Misericordia College, which was adopted by other colleges and universities as a chemical dependency model for use in sociology departments.

Today, I am proud to applaud Carmen Ambrosino's lifetime of service to Wyoming Valley Alcohol & Drug Services, myriad institutions of higher education, and to all those struggling with addiction. He has dedicated his life to educating the world about the dangers of substance abuse and to helping others battle addiction. On behalf of the 17th district of Pennsylvania and the many individuals and families he has touched, I thank him for all his work making our community a safer, healthier, better place.

HONORING JOE ANN MISTER-THOMAS

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 8, 2014

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable person, Mrs. Joe Ann Mister-Thomas, who is a native of Grenada, Mississippi. She currently resides in Jackson, Mississippi.

Mrs. Thomas helps maintain her family farms in both Grenada and Calhoun Counties. Her farms specialize in cattle and vegetable

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