

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

REMEMBERING MARY SADINSKI

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2014

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember and honor the exemplary life of Mary Sadinski. Sadly, Mary passed away on April 17, 2014 at the age of 80. Mary was born on February 15, 1934 in Youngstown, Ohio to John and Julia Mislai.

Mary led an exemplary life of service and dedication. She was a member of the St. Stephen of Hungry Church in Youngstown along with their Senior Citizen group and choir. Not only did Mary touch the lives of those in the church community, she was incredibly loved by her family and friends, who were the center of her life. Mary always put her family first and enjoyed working part time for Floral Plus.

I offer my sincere condolences to Mary's family and friends. Mary was an extraordinary woman, and will live on in the hearts and minds of those she has touched. She will be missed by a countless number of people in the community, and most of all by her husband of 58 years, Henry S. Sadinski, her children, Kathleen Basista and Robert Sadinski, her four grandchildren, Amy and Kevin Basista, and Bobby and Leah Sadinski, and her siblings Margaret Tarcy, Julia Italiano and John Mislai.

RECOGNIZING THE 2014 WAUKEGAN TOWNSHIP MEN OF DISTINCTION LUNCHEON HONOREES

HON. BRADLEY S. SCHNEIDER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2014

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize some of the Waukegan community's finest leaders.

In education, business, government, faith and more, these 15 outstanding men embody what is best about Waukegan and demonstrate a deep commitment to strengthening our community.

It is my great pleasure to honor the 2014 Men of Distinction: Dr. Phil Carrigan; Arthur Craigen; Don Elliott; Ronnel Ewing; Chuck Gutman; Kenneth Mayo; Lucious Minor; Greg Moio; Joe Moody; Mayor Wayne Motley; Bill Newby; Martin Perez; Pastor Eugene Roberson; Mayor Leon Rockingham; Jose Rodriguez.

It takes strong leaders with vision and dedication to bring a community together and secure a hopeful, prosperous future for the next generation. With no less than their fullest commitment to the people and the township of Waukegan, these 15 honorees work each and every day to enrich their community.

As true Men of Distinction, this year's honorees deserve the highest praise and greatest

respect. I know that this honor will merely inspire them to work even harder to strengthen Waukegan and build an even better, closer community.

HONORING MR. GEORGE CARLSON'S 25 YEARS OF SERVICE FOR SANTA CLARA UNIVERSITY AND THE 17TH DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2014

Mr. HONDA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life's work of Mr. George Carlson, who will retire in June as a librarian in our Federal Depository Library Program at Santa Clara University, after 25 years of distinguished service providing U.S. Government information to the citizens of the 17th District of California (and previously the 15th District).

Mr. Carlson came to Santa Clara as Head of Government Information in 1989, and became an outstanding and trusted resource for students, faculty, citizens, and library colleagues in the Bay Area. He provided countless hours of skilled and tireless research assistance to library users. He brought Government information into the digital age, making thousands of titles accessible through Santa Clara's online catalog, and worked closely with the Government Printing Office on a long-term project to originate or upgrade cataloging data for hundreds of hearings and documents of both chambers of Congress. Looking to the future, he carefully planned the place and role for Government information in Santa Clara's new library. He taught Government information courses to graduate students at San Jose State University, instilling in them the value and importance of open access to the documents of our democracy.

Daniel Webster said, "Let us develop the resources of our land, call forth its powers, build up its institutions, promote all its great interests, and see whether we also, in our day and generation, may not perform something worthy to be remembered." In his career of service to our Government and his university, George Carlson upheld this ideal as he carefully kept and recorded our Government documents and made them available to all.

I ask my colleagues to join me in commending Mr. Carlson for his outstanding service, and in wishing him a happy and well deserved retirement among his cherished California native plants and roses, and pursuing his many volunteer interests.

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. BING BURTON, PHD

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2014

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an esteemed doctor in the Denton community, Dr. Bing Burton, who is retiring after 40 years of service with the Texas Department of State Health Services.

After graduating from the University of Texas at Arlington in 1973, Dr. Burton began his career in public health with the Texas Department of State Health Services in Arlington, Texas. There, he was instrumental in implementing the Passenger Seat Loan Program that provided a loaner car seat for patients who did not have them. He took the lead in implementing the State of Texas Seat Belt Program, which provided instruction on the proper use of seatbelts for children in 49 counties across Texas. He also implemented the County Health Profile program, which provided basic data for each county's needs in the realm of public health.

After working for the state of Texas for 18 years, Dr. Burton then went on to serve as Director of the DCHD for 22 years. He worked vigorously to expand and improve public health during his tenure with Denton County. He worked to expand the small health clinic services to include numerous grants that equated to millions of dollars for services to citizens of Denton County. Further, he added seven additional resources including primary care, HIV education, health education, well women/maternity care, diabetes outreach, immunization outreach, Katrina Ambassadors Rebuilding Empowering (K.A.R.E.) team, as well as adding a second health clinic in Lewisville.

Dr. Burton has won numerous awards for his devotion to the noble causes he believes in, including the Health Care Hero Award and the Texas Association of Local Health Officials Service Award, among others.

As a physician, I have tremendous respect for Dr. Burton's work. He is leaving a lasting impression on our community, and his legacy will live on for years to come.

MAJOR GENERAL ANTHONY CUCOLO III RETIREMENT

HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2014

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Major General Anthony A. Cucolo III in recognition of his retirement and commendable military career spanning 33 years.

In June of 2012, MG Cucolo was appointed as the 49th Commandant of the U.S. Army War College (AWC). During his tenure, he

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prioritized interaction between the Carlisle community and the AWC and in doing so, positioned the AWC as an important resource for locals and visitors alike. He has worked tirelessly to ensure the AWC remains a relevant and world class institution that continues to produce leaders both at home and abroad. MG Cucolo has truly been an asset and an ally to the base and our community.

Prior to this appointment, MG Cucolo was the Director of Force Development for the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-8, at the Pentagon where he aided in developing equipment solutions for the Department of the Army. His long career has included assignments with the Joint Staff at the Pentagon from 2001 to 2003 and the Strategy and Policy Directorate working on European issues.

Commissioned as a second lieutenant of infantry in 1979, he served 18 of the past 33 years in infantry and armored divisions. He commanded two companies, a mechanized infantry battalion and an armored brigade combat team and was a deputy commanding general for a light infantry division. His career has included deployments to Bosnia for the Nato Implementation Force in the Balkans from December 1995 to November 1996 and Afghanistan for Operation Enduring Freedom, where he served as the Deputy Commanding General of the Combined Joint Task Force 180 from 2003 to 2004. From 2004 to 2006, he held the role of Director of the Joint Center for Operational Analysis, US Joint Forces Command and as the Army's Chief of Public Affairs from 2006 to 2008.

His most recent operational assignment was spent as Commanding General of the 3rd Infantry Division and Fort Stewart/Hunter Army Airfield in Georgia from July 2008 to April 2011. From October 2009 to November 2010, he deployed to Iraq to command the US Division North/Task Force Marne. During their 13 months in Iraq, Task Force Marne conducted counterinsurgency and stability operations resulting in Arab-Kurd confidence building measures that were implemented along the interior ethnic fault line and successfully ending Operation Iraqi Freedom and opening Operation New Dawn in northern Iraq.

MG Cucolo holds a bachelor's degree from the U.S. Military Academy and a master's degree from the University of San Francisco. He is also a graduate of the AWC Class of 1998. He is married to Ginger Cucolo and together they have three children: Tony-Allen, Mackie, and Abbie.

Mr. Speaker, for his outstanding service to our community and our country, I commend and thank Major General Anthony Cucolo III and wish him the best in his retirement.

HONORING COMMISSIONER DANIEL NIGRO

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2014

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Daniel Nigro, who was sworn in this week as the 33rd Fire Commissioner of the New York City Fire Department. Commissioner Nigro is a resident of Whitestone, NY and a lifelong resident of New York City.

Commissioner Nigro joined the FDNY in 1969 and quickly rose through the ranks; fire-

fighter, lieutenant, captain, battalion chief all the way to the esteemed rank of deputy chief. As Deputy Assistant Chief, he was instrumental in merging EMS into the FDNY, which later led him to become the Chief in Charge of EMS.

In 1999 Commissioner Nigro was promoted to Chief of Operations—the second highest uniformed rank in the FDNY. It is in this capacity that he served on that fateful day of September 11, 2001, when NYC, New York, and the United States would change forever.

Commissioner Nigro was on the ground on September 11, assisting his friend and colleague, former Chief Peter J. Ganci Jr., in establishing an Incident Command site, which coordinated the rescue efforts for the Twin Towers. Upon Chief Ganci's death in the collapse of the North Tower, Commissioner Nigro assumed command of the rescue operations and is responsible for the rescue of hundreds of citizens and first responders.

Commissioner Nigro was named Chief of Department and led the FDNY's officers through those dark days and months following 9/11. He helped heal and rebuild our proud fire service until his retirement in 2002.

It is with my deepest respect and appreciation that I rise to thank Daniel Nigro for his service to New York and our country and I congratulate him on becoming the FDNY's 33rd Fire Commissioner. We are lucky to have a man of his experience and heroism at the helm of the New York City Fire Department and I am honored to represent him here in Congress.

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2015

SPEECH OF

HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 11, 2014

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 4800) making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes:

Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS. Mr. Chair, I rise today in support of the Committee report language from the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration (FDA), and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, 2015 that relates to the FDA's proposed "menu labeling" rule.

The most recent FDA draft rule fails to provide sufficient flexibility in allowing chain restaurants and other retailers to provide menu labeling information in the most efficient and effective way possible. Only through government bureaucracy in Washington, DC would a grocery store that cuts a piece of fruit into slices for customers be considered similar to a chain restaurant. FDA's initial proposal would essentially require in-store nutrition lab testing and new signage any time a grocery retailer assembles a salad from the produce area or sells a cup of soup using fresh ingredients. As

a result, independently-operated grocers would not have the flexibility to offer the freshest and healthiest foods to their customers. Some may stop offering salads and other fresh foods altogether.

Or, just look at the pizza industry. These small businesses that offer highly customized, made to order items and primarily service customers outside the restaurant are being forced to provide nutritional information not just for a few items but for every made to order option available.

Like so many other pieces of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, the menu labeling provision in the law is being interpreted as overly broad and leading to widespread unintended consequences. This is why I have introduced legislation that addresses the issue, and am grateful to Chairmen ADERHOLT and ROGERS from including pertinent language in the Committee report.

I support consumers being provided with important nutrition information; however, the FDA should find more common sense and flexible ways for retailers to be able to comply with these regulations. H.R. 1249, the Common Sense Nutrition Disclosure Act will provide those common sense solutions should the FDA fail to do so.

URGING AFGHANISTAN TO PURSUE A TRANSPARENT, CREDIBLE, AND INCLUSIVE RUN-OFF PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

SPEECH OF

HON. ALAN GRAYSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 9, 2014

Mr. GRAYSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of House Resolution 600, to extend my gratitude to Chairman ROYCE, and to urge my colleagues' support as well.

This Saturday, the people of Afghanistan will travel to the polls to elect a new President in a runoff election. The victorious candidate will replace Hamid Karzai, who has led Afghanistan since 2001.

House Resolution 600 recognizes this important moment in history and urges the Government of Afghanistan to pursue a transparent, credible, and inclusive runoff Presidential election while ensuring the safety of voters, candidates, poll workers, and election observers.

So far, the U.S. Government has contributed more than \$100 million toward the 2014 Afghanistan election, and numerous United States and coalition soldiers have sacrificed their lives in efforts to secure Afghanistan and prepare it for this crucial moment of peaceful transition of power.

I think that it is important to recognize these facts, and that is part of what House Resolution 600 seeks to do.

On April 5, the Government of Afghanistan held the first round of a Presidential election, in which almost 60 percent of eligible voters participated. Now, according to the Afghan Constitution, because no single candidate claimed more than 50 percent of the vote, a runoff election between the top two candidates will be held.

The first round of elections were promising in terms of increased voter turnout, no civilian