

A SPECIAL TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF
THE VERY REVEREND J. EARL
CAVANAUGH

HON. KAREN MCCARTHY

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 27, 1995

Ms. MCCARTHY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride and respect that I rise today to bring to your attention, and to the attention of my colleagues, the fine work and outstanding public service of the Very Reverend J. Earl Cavanaugh.

On Sunday, May 21, 1995, I was honored to join with the congregation of the Grace and Holy Trinity Episcopal Cathedral of Kansas City, MO, as well as the greater Kansas City community, to salute Reverend Cavanaugh on the occasion of his retirement after 19 years as dean of the Cathedral.

Reverend Cavanaugh was born in Philadelphia, PA, on May 22, 1930. After graduating from Lycoming College in Williamsport, PA, in 1953 with an A.B. degree in English literature, he attended Drew Theological School in Madison, NJ, receiving a master of divinity degree in 1956. Upon completing a year of special study at the Church Divinity School of the Pacific, he was ordained to the priesthood on June 18, 1958, diocese of Los Angeles, CA.

During the period 1958–1976, Reverend Cavanaugh served as vicar of St. Peter's Church in Rialto, CA 1958–1961; vicar of St. Bartholomew's Church in Poway, CA 1961–64; rector of St. Barnabas Church and chaplain to Episcopal students at Occidental College in Los Angeles, CA 1964–68; and rector of the Church of the Holy Faith in Inglewood, CA 1968–76.

In March 1976, Reverend Cavanaugh became dean and rector of Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral in Kansas City, MO, the heart of the heartland and my hometown.

As he had in his previous ministries, Reverend Cavanaugh not only embraced his pastoral duties to his congregation but became an advocate and a leader in many areas of concern and challenge to the community at large, establishing the place of the Cathedral as a center of worship and service to both the greater Kansas City community and the diocese of West Missouri.

As dean of Grace and Holy Trinity, he extended participation in the worship ministry to both women and men at all levels; encouraged and facilitated the development of congregational diversity by age, socio-economic and cultural background; advocated and implemented the ordination of women to the presbyterate; and strengthened the relationship of the Cathedral with other Christians and members of other faiths through joint worship, study and community service.

As Dean of Kansas City, Reverend Cavanaugh, working with the Grace and Holy Trinity congregation, provided vision and leadership in support of the community's efforts to address the growing human needs and suffering of the Kansas City population, in particular the residents of the downtown area and our more troubled neighborhoods. As part of Downtown Ministries, Reverend Cavanaugh and the Grace and Holy Trinity congregation worked hand-in-hand with the Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Grand Avenue Temple, United Methodist Church, and

St. Mary's Episcopal Church to minister to area youth, the elderly, the hungry, and the needy. From the beginning, Reverend Cavanaugh became involved publicly and pastorally in dealing with the very difficult issues of the AIDS epidemic, working to instill throughout our community a sense of true compassion and concern for those afflicted with this terrible disease. He dedicated his spirit and his energies to creating a climate of ecumenical cooperation and to fostering within our community a heightened awareness of the continuing need for social, racial, gender, and economic justice.

Among his many community activities, Reverend Cavanaugh has served with distinction as a member of the U.S. Interreligious Committee for Peace in the Middle East; as a member of the Downtown Council Board of Directors; as chaplain of the Harry S. Truman Good Neighbor Award Foundation; as a member of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Interfaith Coalition; on the Kansas City Community Joint Committee on Homelessness; and on the mayor's task forces on AIDS and on hunger and poverty.

Within the Episcopal Church, at the national level, Reverend Cavanaugh has served on the executive council; was elected nine times as deputy to the general convention of the executive church; served as a member of the Committee on the State of the Church; and served as a member of the House of Deputies Committee on Evangelism at the General Conventions held in 1973 and 1979.

In 1954, Reverend Gingrich married Nancy Gingrich Cavanaugh of Philadelphia, PA. Mrs. Cavanaugh graduated from the University of Pennsylvania with an A.B. degree in economics. She attended Claremont Graduate School in Claremont, CA where she received a master's degree in education. Prior to the family's relocation to Kansas City, Mrs. Cavanaugh worked for the Federal Reserve System, the California Department of Public Assistance, and the Rialto, Los Angeles, and Inglewood California School Districts. Since 1977, she has taught second grade at the now-Pembroke Hill School in Kansas City. While actively involved in her own career, Mrs. Cavanaugh has been an integral partner in the great works and the great successes of Reverend Cavanaugh. One of the greatest gifts Reverend Cavanaugh shared with Kansas City was Nancy Cavanaugh. She became a true citizen of our city embracing with her heart our cares and concerns, dedicating her personal time and energy to seeking solutions to our problems and to celebrating our gains.

Reverend and Mrs. Cavanaugh are the proud parents of Helen Mary, who I had the distinct pleasure of having as one of my students when I was on the faculty at the Sunset Hill School. Helen is an attorney and is married to Paul Stauts. Helen and Paul live in Northern California and have four wonderful children: Sydney, Alexander, Ethan, and Jacob. Helen's tribute to her father on Sunday, May 21, brought tears of joy to my eyes.

In 1976, when Reverend Cavanaugh came to the heartland of America—to Kansas City—he opened his heart to the congregation and to our community. During his 19 years as dean at Grace and Holy Trinity, Reverend Cavanaugh played an extraordinary and critical role in our community. He touched the lives of so many people. His contributions will long be remembered.

Today, Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and our colleagues join me, the congregation of the Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral, Reverend Cavanaugh's family, and the citizens of Kansas City, MO, in recognizing Reverend Cavanaugh's outstanding achievements and selfless contributions and in extending our congratulations and best wishes on the occasion of his retirement.

TRIBUTE TO GEORGE LUTZA AND
CAROL SILVER LUTZA

HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

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Mr. BERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to George Lutza and Carol Silver Lutza, corecipients of the Bernardi Senior Center's ninth Community Service Award. For the past 7 years George and Carol's company, Dynamic Home Care, has provided home chore and bathing services to homebound seniors referred by the Bernardi Center. Their goal is to ensure that seniors have affordable and excellent health care. In that, Carol and George have succeeded admirably.

Carol and George serve on the professional advisory council and the member advisory council of the Bernardi Center, which is located in Van Nuys. They bring their own brand of dedication and energy to the center, in addition to providing a valuable service to the elderly of the northeast San Fernando Valley.

Both are busy in other organizations involved with the lives of senior citizens. For example, George is a member of the Elderabuse Task Force, a member of Elders at Risk, a supporter of the Alzheimer's Association and the past chairperson of the Living at Home Community Council. Carol has since 1987 been chairperson of the Home Care Consortium through Senior Care Network, which is affiliated with Huntington Memorial Hospital. She is also cochairperson of the steering committee of the Greater Los Angeles Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Association.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in saluting George Lutza and Carol Silver Lutza, public servants who work tirelessly for the betterment of senior citizens. They are a shining example to us all.

RECOGNITION TO LEWIS "DEE"
WALKER

HON. PATRICIA SCHROEDER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. SCHROEDER. Mr. Speaker, the Federal Government is losing to retirement a dedicated defender of both the U.S. Army and the American environment.

Lewis "Dee" Walker has been under the Secretary of the Army in charge of the environment. It was his duty to recognize years of environmental neglect at U.S. Army bases. It became his responsibility to turn that neglect into a commitment to make contaminated land safe for human health and the environment.

And Dee Walker performed in outstanding fashion.