

A TRIBUTE TO MARINE PARK CIVIC ASSOCIATION AS THEY JOIN IN CELEBRATION OF ITS 70TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. CHARLES E. SCHUMER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 1996

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to join all my friends and colleagues in celebrating the Marine Park Civic Association's 70th anniversary. This wonderful park, which occupies over 1,821 acres, has provided an important haven for Brooklyn residents since 1926. I am pleased to congratulate the members of the Marine Park Civic Association for making this area a source of community pride. As a result of the tireless work and vigilant dedication of south Brooklyn families, Marine Park has maintained its reputation as a safe and quiet community distinct from the city's frenetic atmosphere. I have personally enjoyed many visits to Marine Park both as a child and as an adult. I am certain that the strength of this community would not be what it is today without the commitment of its Civic Association. Such countless contributions have ensured the neighborhood's continued growth and stability, which are fully appreciated by all.

The neighboring communities of Sheepshead Bay and those surrounding Floyd Bennett Field are extremely familiar with the services provided by the Marine Park Civic Association. For years, families in Brooklyn have known Marine Park as a solid community, making it a good place to live. I am honored to celebrate 70 years of civic leadership in Marine Park—the Civic Association's members have done much to improve the quality of life for all Brooklyn residents.

A TRIBUTE TO LU ANN DERING

HON. JANE HARMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

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Ms. HARMAN. Mr. Speaker, I ask that Congress join me today in honoring a dedicated constituent of mine, Lu Ann DeRring. On June 21, Lu Ann will be honored at the Westchester/LAX Chamber of Commerce's annual installation dinner for her outstanding service as chamber president.

Recognizing the need to help fight crime, during Lu Ann's presidency, the chamber helped raise \$15 million for mayor Richard Riordan's alliance for a safer Los Angeles. This private sector contribution was essential to create the infrastructure for a Los Angeles Police Department computer network, a critical piece in updating badly outdated equipment. Lu Ann and the chamber also pressed hard to stimulate the local economy and under her watch, Dreamworks SKG announced plans to open a major studio in Playa Vista. Perhaps the metaphor for a renewed Westchester was the landing of the olympic torch at LAX to begin its nationwide journey to Atlanta and the 1996 summer games.

Over the past year, Lu Ann helped arrange several high-visibility chamber meetings including the annual business recognition dinner which featured many noted entrepreneurs, in-

cluding the chairman of the board of Southwest Airlines, Herb Kelleher. Lu Ann helped bring the chamber to the forefront of the greater Los Angeles community by securing several well known and respected individuals to address the Westchester Chamber this year including Los Angeles Police Chief Willie Williams.

In addition to her tireless work as chamber president, Lu Ann's career has flourished, both as the international director of promotions for Herbalife and as the owner and founder of DeRring Marketing. Away from the workplace, Lu Ann looks forward to the time she spends with her husband, Robert, and her 9-year old son Jonathan.

Mr. Speaker, Lu Ann DeRring is an inspiration to her family, friends, community, and all who have the pleasure of knowing her. Please join me in saluting a great individual, Lu Ann DeRring.

A TRIBUTE TO DRMS COMMANDER CAPT. DONALD A. HEMPSON, JR., USN

HON. NICK SMITH

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, on Wednesday, June 19, 1996, Capt. Donald A. Hempson, Jr. (USN) will retire from the Navy and his post as Commander of the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Service [DRMS]. A retirement ceremony will be held at 1:00 p.m. in Battle Creek, MI at DRMS headquarters. Although my duties in Congress prevent my attendance, I would like to take this opportunity to honor Captain Hempson for the outstanding work he has done to improve the efficiency and overall performance of DRMS during his tenure in Battle Creek.

Captain Hempson and dedicated DRMS employees have revitalized DRMS by adopting a variety of management practices similar to those used in private industry. Among the highlights have been the creation of an Internet site to describe surplus items for sale, computer tracking of surplus property to reduce recordkeeping costs, the initiation of toll-free phone lines for improved customer service, and new advertising practices to increase sales. The results have been impressive. Between fiscal years 1993 and 1995, DRMS has increased its annual reutilization, transfer, donation, and sale of excess Defense Department property from \$2.9 billion to \$3.5 billion. At the same time, it has moved from a net loss of \$120.7 million in fiscal year 1993 to a net profit of \$254.4 million in fiscal year 1995.

By adopting strategies to put customers first, make use of innovative technologies, and increase efficiency and productivity, DRMS and Captain Hempson have provided an example of how much can be achieved through the reinvention of Government agencies. I salute Captain Hempson and wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors. And to the employees of DRMS, I say keep up the good work.

IN HONOR OF JEANETTE RUDY

HON. BOB CLEMENT

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 1996

Mr. CLEMENT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a distinguished member of the Nashville community, Dr. Jeanette Cantrell Rudy. Dr. Rudy is a generous philanthropist, a nationally accomplished sportswoman and a beloved friend to many in the music city and across the country.

Jeanette Cantrell and her twin sister Geneva were born to Felix and Edna Cautrell on October 27, 1927, in Sheffield, AL. After graduating from Sheffield High School, she enrolled in the St. Thomas Hospital School of Nursing. Jeanette received her nursing degree in the summer of 1948 and served as a public health nurse for 7 years.

On February 20, 1949, Jeanette married Daniel Clees Rudy, cofounder of the Rudy's Farm Sausage Co. The Rudys made their home in the Pennington Bend area on the Cumberland River, and they enjoyed an active life together until Mr. Rudy's death in 1984. In his memory, Jeanette helped to found and fund the Dan Rudy Cancer Center at St. Thomas Hospital.

Mrs. Rudy has long been a devoted and tireless supporter of Cumberland University in Lebanon, TN. When the university and its board of trustees decided to expand the curriculum to include a bachelor of science in the nursing degree program, there were several obstacles in the way. Long-term debt was hindering financial stability, enrollment growth was minimal, and resources were strained. Jeanette helped reduce these obstacles, not only by providing much-needed financial resources, but also by giving her professional guidance in the development of the nursing curriculum. It is not an exaggeration to say that without Jeanette Rudy, the nursing program at Cumberland University would not exist. In 1990, Mrs. Rudy was recognized for her efforts with an honorary doctorate of humanities from Cumberland.

Jeanette is as passionate about her hobbies as she is about her devotion to public service. She has assembled what is widely considered to be the finest privately held collection of State and Federal duck stamps, including the very first stamp issued in 1934. In 1992, Mrs. Rudy served as a judge of the Federal duck stamp competition in Washington, DC. The Smithsonian Institution has established the Jeanette Cantrell Rudy Duck Stamp Gallery at the National Postal Museum in her honor. The gallery will open on June 26, 1996.

Mrs. Rudy is also an avid sportswoman and has held the title of Ladies State Trapshooting Champion for 9 years, and has been named to the women's all-American trap team twice. She sits on the boards of Cumberland University, the St. Thomas Hospital Auxiliary and Foundation and the Nashville Zoo, and she is a major supporter of the Nashville Police and Fire Department. Mrs. Rudy was also the major donor of the National Police Memorial in Washington, DC.

Dr. Jeanette Cantrell Rudy is a living legend and truly an American original. Her generosity and warmth know no bounds, and her devotion to public service and humanity have enriched the lives of countless Tennesseans. It