

TRIBUTE TO SALVATORE MILONE

HON. PETER T. KING

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 31, 1997

Mr. KING. Mr. Speaker, Long Island lost one of its most distinguished citizens recently with the passing of Salvatore Milone. Mr. Milone, who I knew personally and with whom I had the privilege of working, was a leading contractor in the Islandwide community. His company, which his father, an Italian immigrant, founded in 1899, was responsible for the construction of the St. Agnes Cathedral, the seat of Catholicism on Long Island. In addition, Dominick Milone Inc. built many of his buildings at Mercy Hospital and at Molloy College, both located in Sal Milone's native Rockville Centre.

As the head of the family business, Salvatore Milone was a pioneering figure but to the community at large he was much more. Mr. Milone was a long time member of the fire department and the Knights of Columbus. Until recently he was a prominent figure in Republican politics, serving as his village's Republican leader as well as vice chairman and treasurer of the Nassau County Republican Committee.

As a leading Long Island businessman, Mr. Milone was asked to serve as a board member of the Chemical Bank and the Nassau Savings and Loan Association. In addition he was a former chairman of the board of Molloy College.

Because of his service to his church, Salvatore Milone was installed as a member of the Knights of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem, one of the highest honors accorded a Catholic layman. Bishop John McGann, spiritual leader of the Rockville Centre Catholic Diocese, said the Mass of Christian burial for Mr. Milone and John Cardinal O'Connor participated in the service as well. Fittingly, the Mass took place in St. Agnes Cathedral for it was in this beautiful edifice that Mr. Milone married his first wife in the first marriage ceremony upon completion of the cathedral. Margaret Milone died in 1966 and Mr. Milone remarried 3 years later.

Sal Milone, who was just days shy of his 90th birthday, leaves his wife, Maria; a son, Dr. Richard Milone; a daughter, Elissa Metz; three sisters, Caroline, Vera, and Grace; two brothers, Louis and John, and five grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, nothing is more impressive than a life well lived and Sal Milone's certainly meets that test. His charitable impulses, his civic leadership, his business acumen and—most important of all—his dedication to family make him one of the most noteworthy citizens of our Long Island. It is fitting that the rest of America know him as well.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 2015,
BALANCED BUDGET ACT OF 1997

SPEECH OF

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 30, 1997

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, as a longtime proponent and sponsor of

colorectal cancer screening legislation, I am particularly pleased that the House and Senate conferees have reached an agreement to authorize Medicare coverage of colorectal cancer screening as part of the preventative benefits package in the reconciliation bill before the Congress today.

Passage of this legislation is not, however, the final step in establishing comprehensive colorectal cancer screening for Medicare recipients. The legislation requires the Department of Health and Human Services to determine, within 90 days, whether the barium determination is an appropriate alternative to procedures covered by the bill. Once this determination is made, the initial Medicare Program for colorectal cancer screening will be fully established.

I hope and expect that in making the determination with regard to coverage of the barium examination, the Secretary of HHS will consider the particular screening needs of African-Americans. Although colorectal cancer screening is an important preventative care procedure for all Medicare recipients, it is a particularly important screening procedure for African-Americans who suffer a disparate impact from this disease.

One statistic that has often been cited in the debate on colorectal cancer bears repeating: African-Americans who get colorectal cancer are 50 percent more likely to die of the disease than other Americans. There are a number of reasons for this statistic, but it is, at least, in part because African-Americans tend to get colon cancer in the portion of the colon beyond the reach of the sigmoidoscope. This means that the most common screening procedure for colorectal cancer, sigmoidoscopy, is inadequate for these elderly Americans, and a full colon screening procedure is required.

Mr. Speaker, I once again commend the conferees for developing this colorectal cancer screening provision. This provision has the potential to save thousands of lives that would otherwise be lost to colorectal cancer, and to improve the quality of life for those whose colorectal cancer is detected early in a routine screening. I am proud to have been involved in developing this legislation, and for being part of the Congress that saw its enactment.

IN HONOR OF MARY EMERSON ON
HER 100TH BIRTHDAY**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 31, 1997

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Mary Emerson on her birthday, September 3, 1997. At 100 years young, Mary continues to live a fulfilling and happy life. She has prospered in her professional career as well as in her personal life.

Mary is a joy to be around. She is loved by her family and many friends in the community. My fellow colleagues, please join me in wishing a great lady a very happy birthday and many more delightful years to come.

TRIBUTE TO DR. RICHARD
LESHER, U.S. CHAMBER OF COM-
MERCE**HON. CONSTANCE A. MORELLA**

OF MARYLAND

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Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take some time today to pay tribute to a man of great integrity and fortitude. For over 22 years, Dr. Richard Lesher has been at the helm of the largest business advocacy group in the Nation, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. Since the chamber was founded in 1912 at the request of William Taft, its motto has been "The Spirit of Enterprise." No person deserves more credit in promoting that ideal than Dr. Lesher.

Dick Lesher has not only continued the chamber's longstanding tradition of being a distinguished advocacy group but has also made the chamber a distinguished media group. During his tenure, he established the chamber's grassroots network which helps American business be more aware of and involved in the issues we debate here in Congress. Dr. Lesher supervised the creation of BizNet, the chamber's telecommunications network, which syndicates television shows like "It's Your Business" and "First Business" to one million homes each week. He also oversaw the rapid growth of the chamber's flagship publication, Nation's Business magazine which now has a readership of more than two and half million readers a month.

From Capitol Hill to main street America, Dick has been a constant source of inspiration and advice. His knowledge of issues and his keen ability to navigate Washington has earned him the respect of Members from both sides of the aisle. We appreciate Dick's hard work, commitment, and contribution to America's political process.

It is an honor to count Dick and Agnes Lesher among my constituents and my friends. We wish them all the best for the future.

TRIBUTE TO DR. RICHARD LESHER

HON. MICHAEL P. FORBES

OF NEW YORK

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Mr. FORBES. Mr. Speaker, next month the American business community will lose a potent and proactive leader as Dr. Richard Lesher, steps down as president of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. Since 1975 Dr. Lesher has presided over the day-to-day activities of the world's largest broad-based business organization, and its dramatic growth into a powerful voice for American businesses and organizations in Washington and around the world.

After more than 20 years with Dr. Lesher at the helm, the chamber's membership has grown to 215,000 business members, 3000 State and local chambers of commerce and 1,200 trade and professional associations. Membership also includes 72 American Chambers of Commerce abroad in 65 countries. Since Dr. Lesher became president, the chamber's annual budget has risen from \$40 million to over \$70 million.