

HONORING SANDOR BRATTSTROM

HON. JERRY WELLER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 7, 1997

Mr. WELLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the hard work and dedication of a valued employee, Mr. Sandor Brattstrom, who has served as congressional liaison to communities in the 11th District of Illinois since I took office in 1995. Sandy has been a faithful friend of the people of the 11th District of Illinois. His service on their behalf, particularly the people of Will County, has positively affected these communities in innumerable ways.

As congressional liaison to Will County, he has helped me build strong relationships with local officials and business leaders. His instinctive understanding of the needs of these communities and his ability to perceive fruitful courses of action has served to make me more effective as a community servant.

A very important part of Sandy's work has been his critical role in the redevelopment of the 23,500 acre Joliet Arsenal property, a project which has attracted national attention as a prototype for the conversion of unneeded military facilities to productive civilian use.

Not only did Sandy play a key role in mobilizing the diverse 11th District sources of support needed to ensure passage of the enabling redevelopment legislation, the Illinois Land Conservation Act of 1996, but he has since worked very hard to help begin the process of implementing the following major provisions of this landmark act of Congress:

The creation of the 19,000-acre Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie—the largest tallgrass prairie in the Nation. The prairie will be a wonderful natural treasure cherished by Americans for many generations to come.

The development of a 3,000-acre industrial park utilizing much of the arsenal's infrastructure to eventually provide economic growth and thousands of new jobs.

The building of a 985-acre national veterans' cemetery—larger even than the Arlington National Cemetery and the second largest in the Nation—to honor the men and women whose courage and sacrifice to America have preserved our freedoms.

Sandor Brattstrom has been a very important contributor to the success of my service in the U.S. Congress on behalf of the citizens of the 11th District. I am pleased to know that in his new position as assistant executive director of the Joliet Arsenal Development Authority, he will continue to serve many of the people of Will County and the 11th District.

I thank you, Sandy, for all you have accomplished for me and the people I represent.

TRIBUTE TO ADELE MCKENZIE

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

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Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, on Veterans Day of this year, a great American and wonderful lady, Adele McKenzie, will be honored at the courthouse in Maryville, TN.

This will be a very well-deserved tribute to a very patriotic woman.

Adele McKenzie is a native of Blount County and the daughter of the late India and Thomas Brady.

She is the great, great, great, great, great granddaughter of the first county judge who served when Blount was still a territorial county.

Mrs. McKenzie is the widow of Lt. Comdr. Boyd McKenzie, a 30-year veteran of the U.S. Navy. The wife of a career military man is in many, many ways a veteran herself.

She is the mother of Boyd McKenzie, Jr., who is with Delta Airlines in Atlanta, and Melinda Bryan, a sergeant with the Chattanooga police department.

Mrs. McKenzie has long been active in community affairs, especially the VFW Auxiliary, for which she served two terms as district 2 president.

She was president of the Sam Houston School PTA and worked for 32 years as a Scout leader. She has been a longtime member of the Blount County Jury Commission, a member of the Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary, the Fort Loudon Association, and the Sam Houston Memorial Association.

Mrs. McKenzie has been best known in recent years as a valuable and devoted member of the staff of The Daily Times newspaper.

Adele McKenzie has been and remains today as one of the most active and respected citizens of Blount County.

She is loved and admired by thousands. She has not lived her life on the sidelines, but instead has done her best to help others.

This Nation would be a much better place if we had more people like Adele McKenzie.

I would like to call to the attention of my colleagues and other readers of the RECORD the following article about the life of Adele McKenzie which was published in The Daily Times.

(By Tammy Stanford)

Adele McKenzie—veteran government news reporter and historian—was honored by the Blount County Commission Monday.

A resolution approved unanimously by the group, said McKenzie of The Daily Times has given years of "exceptional and selfless public service."

For more than two decades, McKenzie covered the Blount County Court and Commission for the Times, including its important budget committee meetings.

"You were an honorary member of the budget committee," James Kyker, a commissioner for many years and current commission chairman, told McKenzie during the presentation.

Said Dean Stone, McKenzie's long-time co-worker and executive-editor of the times: "(Adele's) favorite assignments were the Blount County Quarterly Court and the Blount County Commission."

County Executive Bill Crisp said officials wanted to acknowledge McKenzie's dedication with a resolution.

"We wanted to make sure you understood how much we appreciate and love you." Crisp told the honoree.

McKenzie now writes features and a weekly cooking column for the newspaper.

Stone noted McKenzie's renown as a local historian. Her family has been prominent in the area since Blount was a territorial county.

McKenzie's son, Boyd M. McKenzie Jr., was at the presentation and also lauded his mother's contributions to the county.

She has been a leader in many community clubs, including the Sam Houston Memorial Association and Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts.

McKenzie is the daughter of the late India Patton Brady and Thomas F. Brady. She is the widow of Lt. Comdr. Boyd M. McKenzie.

The couple's daughter, Melinda Bryan, is a Chattanooga police officer. Their son works for Delta Airlines in Atlanta.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CHARLES E. SCHUMER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 7, 1997

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained on Monday, October 6, 1997, and thus was unable to vote in favor of the Veterans Health Programs Improvement Act. I know that this bill passed by a very wide margin and that my vote made no difference in the outcome, however as one who has consistently supported our veterans and who has joined with many Members to seek additional research into gulf war syndrome, I had hoped to be on the House floor to cast an affirmative vote.

GLENN T. SEABORG—ELEMENTAL PIONEER

HON. RONALD V. DELLUMS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DELLUMS. Mr. Speaker, it is my great privilege today to pay tribute to one of America's—and the world's greatest scientists. Dr. Glenn T. Seaborg is currently the university professor of chemistry at the University of California, associate director-at-large at the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory and chairman of the Lawrence Hall of Science. He has previously served as both chancellor of the University of California, Berkeley and as chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission.

Dr. Seaborg is perhaps best known as the cowinner of the 1951 Nobel Prize in Chemistry for his work on the chemistry of the transuranic elements. He is the codiscoverer of 10 transuranic elements, and is the only person to hold a patent on a chemical element—both americium and curium.

Today I want to applaud Dr. Seaborg for yet another honor. The international panel that approves the names of new elements has approved the naming of Element 106 as Seaborgium. This is the first time that an element has been named for a living person, and is a great tribute to the work that Dr. Seaborg has accomplished over the last six decades. He is one of a very few Americans for whom the term "living legend" truly applies, and it is my honor today to congratulate Dr. Seaborg on this magnificent achievement.