

HONORING GERTRUDE SIMMONS
ON HER 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 28, 1997

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to rise today to celebrate the 100th birthday of Gertrude Simmons of Tuscarawas, OH. Gertrude was born October 27, 1897 in Midvale, OH.

Gertrude was a member of the Midvale Methodist Church where she played piano and organ, directed the junior choir, and sang in the adult choir. She is the oldest member of the Midvale Club. After marrying her late husband, Walter, in 1920, Gertrude moved to Tuscarawas. She became a member of the Sharon Moravian Church where she sang in the choir and for weddings, funerals, and community events.

Gertrude is an avid sports fan and she enjoyed cooking, baking, gardening, and oil painting when still in good health. She attributes her longevity to hard work, enjoying life, and taking one day at a time.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me today in celebrating Gertrude Simmons 100th birthday. I wish Gertrude a very happy birthday.

TRIBUTE TO DOUGLAS K. RUSH

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

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Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, I invite my colleagues in the Congress to join me in paying tribute to Douglas K. Rush, a truly outstanding Naval officer and attorney from St. Louis, MO. After 29 years of exemplary active and reserve service in the U.S. Navy, Captain Rush is retiring from the military.

Doug Rush, a veteran of the Vietnam war and Operation Desert Storm, began his military career in 1968 as a cadet in the U.S. Naval Academy. Following his graduation in 1972, Mr. Rush served in the U.S. Navy through the end of the Vietnam war until 1978. Following his active duty tenure, Mr. Rush joined the Navy Reserves, where he served for 13 years. In 1991, Operation Desert Storm summoned Mr. Rush's reserve unit to active duty, and once again, he was called to serve his country in a foreign war. At the conclusion of Operation Desert Storm, Mr. Rush returned to reserve duty, whereupon he retired in May of this year.

Mr. Rush not only began an outstanding military career at the Naval Academy, but his education there laid the foundation for an outstanding civilian career. Earning a bachelor of science in military and political science from Annapolis in 1972, he went on to study at St. Louis University School of Law. In 1981, Mr. Rush graduated cum laude, earning a juris doctor degree. Mr. Rush worked at the Armstrong, Teasdale, Schiafly, and Davis firm first as a law student, then as an associate upon his graduation. He eventually became a partner and the assistant chairman of the Transportation Law Department. He remained with this firm until 1993, when he joined the Law

Offices of C. Marshall Friedman. As a member of this firm, Mr. Rush specializes in trial cases on behalf of injured railroad workers.

Mr. Rush also serves the community of St. Louis as a civic leader. He served for approximately 6 years on the St. Louis School Board, and was elected president of that organization. As a member of the school board, he lobbied for desegregation programs, and concentrated on efforts to raise achievement levels in the St. Louis public schools. Mr. Rush has received awards for his civic achievements, including the Outstanding Civic Leader Award, given by the St. Louis Junior Chamber of Commerce and the Government Achievement Award, given by the East-West Gateway Coordinating Council. Doug also has served as a trustee of the city of St. Louis Mental Health Board since 1992.

Today, we honor his service to this country, and we also honor Douglas Rush for his outstanding civilian achievements in the field of law and the community of St. Louis, MO. I wish him well in the days ahead.

TRIBUTE TO STEPHEN G.
RAYMOND

HON. JIM SAXTON

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SAXTON. Mr. Speaker, it is a great privilege for me to recognize and honor Stephen G. Raymond, longtime prosecutor of Burlington County for his many years of devoted public service to the residents of Burlington County.

His journey from youngest prosecutor ever appointed in the State of New Jersey to his service as our State's senior prosecutor has brought him a murder clearance rate which is virtually unmatched.

On the cutting edge of many victims' rights issues, Burlington County was the first in the State to institute a must-arrest policy in domestic violence cases; to open a child advocacy center, the only one in the State which is nationally accredited; to use closed circuit television in child abuse cases, a practice which has been endorsed by the U.S. Supreme Court; and, to institute annual comprehensive 24-hour mandatory training for all police officers in the county.

Through his efforts and leadership, Burlington County received a COPS MORE grant for \$2.7 million, one of the largest in the country, awarded due to the unprecedented level of cooperation among all county law enforcement agencies.

The strong working relationships his office has achieved with schools, victims' groups, community groups, and governmental agencies are another significant achievement of his tenure as prosecutor.

I have enjoyed working with Steve Raymond through the years on many issues of concern to our mutual constituents, and I wish him continued success in the future.

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HON. JAMES A. BARCIA

OF MICHIGAN

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Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, it is a terrible tragedy when innocent children are neglected or abused, especially if it is by a person they know such as their parent, relative or friend. My heart breaks each time I hear of a needless death or injury to a defenseless child. People who intervene in cases of abuse and neglect are a special breed.

One of my constituents, Judge Karen Tighe, is being honored October 29, 1997, by the Child Abuse and Neglect Council for her continued efforts to resolve these terrible situations and improve the quality of life for many children. The goal of the Child Abuse and Neglect Council is to end the suffering of children throughout Bay County. No one deserves this award more than Judge Karen Tighe for her tireless efforts to end the cycle of abuse and neglect.

A 1972 graduate of the University of Michigan, Judge Tighe pursued a law degree and graduated from the Detroit College of Law in 1976. Her life long commitment to helping abused and neglected children sprung to life when she worked for Neighborhood Legal Services in Detroit. Upon graduation, while many of her classmates took jobs with large firms, she took a full time job with Neighborhood Legal Services where she had volunteered countless hours during law school.

In 1977, Judge Tighe accepted a position as Assistant Prosecutor in Bay County. Shortly thereafter, she accepted the Assistant Friend of the Court position and in 1983 she started hearing domestic relations matters as a referee. Named Acting Circuit Court Administrator by her colleagues in 1990, Judge Tighe continued to defend the rights of children while overseeing the 40 employee court. Judge Tighe was elected Probate Judge in 1994.

While protecting the rights of children as an attorney and judge, she found time to further her goal to end family violence. Judge Tighe spent 5 years as a board member of the Bay County Women's Center and 4 years as President of the Bay County League of Democratic Women and Men. She was appointed to serve 2 years by the Governor on the Michigan board of Psychology. Judge Tighe also spent 2 years as Instructor of Family Law at Delta College and 2 years as Vice-Chair of the Michigan Family Support Council.

She could not have dedicated so much time and effort without the love and support of her husband, Thomas E. Bock, a local attorney and former City Commissioner and their 12-year-old daughter Sarah.

Mr. Speaker, if we want citizens who are absolutely driven by the concept of community and family, then we must continue to recognize individuals like Judge Karen Tighe. I ask you and all of our colleagues to join me in wishing Judge Tighe good fortune in all her future endeavors.