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HONORING DISTINGUISHED
CITIZEN JOHN N. STURDIVANT

HON. BENJAMIN A. GILMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 5, 1997

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, today I join with my colleagues in honoring the memory of a man who diligently strove to serve the best interests of his fellow citizen. John N. Sturdivant, who passed away October 28, admirably and selflessly worked, in his role as president of the American Federation of Government Employees, on the behalf of the workers that make this Government function.

President Sturdivant headed a group that represented over one-third of those workers employed by the Federal Government. This number compares to that of the constituency that each of us here in this House is elected to represent. President Sturdivant knew he held the livelihoods of thousands of people in his hands, and he did everything he could to better their lives.

The Washington Post called John Sturdivant a "true man of the people." As his record shows, this could not be more correct. President Sturdivant continuously worked to increase pay, extend retirement benefits, and to make sure that his union did not stand idle as the Government, out of necessity, began to reshape itself in the post-cold-war era.

Perhaps one of his most memorable acts as president of the AFGE was his opposition to the Government shutdowns of 1995 and 1996. I joined in with President Sturdivant in criticizing these actions and strongly called for the reopening of our Government. President Sturdivant had the best interests of those he represented, as well as that of the United States, in mind when he vocalized his opposition to this event.

I had the pleasure and honor over the years of having worked with John Sturdivant. As a member of the House Government Reform and Oversight Committee, I know just how strongly and passionately President Sturdivant cared for those who elected him to fight for them. His advocacy led to numerous improvements in the benefits earned by hardworking Federal employees.

While achievements for his union are his most prominent legacy, President Sturdivant was accomplished in other areas as well. In sitting on the executive board of the AFL-CIO, he reached one of the highest ranks ever achieved by an African-American in the history of that organization. A graduate of Antioch College, President Sturdivant studied law at George Washington University, and was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force.

Mr. Speaker, John Sturdivant was a distinguished citizen who will be sorely missed. I join with my colleagues in extending condolences to the Sturdivant family, their friends, and the AFGE.

THE PROMISE KEEPERS

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 5, 1997

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, sometimes people become so carried away by the media and spectacle of an event that they miss the basic message or main point of the effort.

In the wake of the hype and hoopla of the October 4 Promise Keepers' rally, I want to praise the basic message of the Promise Keepers as one of support for the fundamental American values upon which our Nation was founded.

It's a bold message. It's a message of individual responsibility. A message of family values. A message of acceptance of their commitments to the most basic fabric of our country, our families. The Promise Keepers call for a return to these commitments.

These men recognize that through fulfilling their most important commitments, those to their wives and children and to God, all of America benefits.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud the message of Promise Keepers and those who strive to fulfill it.

IN HONOR OF BERTRAM F. DOYLE

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 5, 1997

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Mr. Bertram F. Doyle for his many years of service and countless contributions to his community and his country.

Bertram Doyle was born in Cleveland and raised in Euclid, Ohio. After graduating from Shaw High School in East Cleveland, Mr. Doyle enrolled at Cleveland College of Western Reserve University, where he earned a bachelor's degree in business.

During World War II, the Marines assigned Mr. Doyle the crucial duty of operating the combat telephone. He played an instrumental role in two of the most important battles of the war, Bougainville Island and Iwo Jima. In 1946, Bertram Doyle was discharged from the Marines, having achieved the rank of staff sergeant.

Bertram Doyle served his community through his involvement with Democratic politics and his participation in various charitable organizations. Mr. Boyle served as an administrative assistant to both the Ohio Department of Transportation district director and the Ohio auditor, as well as Democratic ward leader in Seven Hills, Ohio. Mr. Doyle also belonged to the Holy Name Society at St. Columbkille Catholic Church and American Legion Breckville Post 196 and volunteered at the Deaconess Hospital.

Mr. Doyle leaves behind a wife, three sons and five grandchildren. He will be greatly missed.

TRIBUTE TO SYBIL BRAND

HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 5, 1997

Mr. BERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to Sybil Brand, a woman of extraordinary compassion and a keen sense of social justice. Now in her 90's, Mrs. Brand has devoted her life to helping people in need. We would all do well to emulate her example.

Born in Chicago, Mrs. Brand moved with her family to Los Angeles when she was only 2. Her involvement in charitable service began at the tender age of 12, when she and her friends made diapers for patients at Children's Hospital. The material was donated by her father, A.W. Morris. In her teens, Mrs. Brand volunteered as a nurse's aid in the orthopedic ward of the hospital, bringing gifts and cheer to children with disabilities.

These early acts of charity led to the work that would make Mrs. Brand both beloved and honored throughout in southern California. Nearly 40 years ago, she was appointed to the Institutional Inspection Committee of the Public Welfare Commission. She was appalled at the overcrowded conditions, and skillfully used her position to lobby for change.

She spoke to law enforcement and elected officials and worked hard to get the voters to approve funding for another facility. Due primarily to her efforts, the Sybil Brand Institute was constructed to house female prisoners in Los Angeles. Mrs. Brand is the only living woman to have a correctional institute bear her name.

Mrs. Brand has received hundreds of commendations from civic and charitable organizations, including her selection as Woman of the Year by the cities of Beverly Hills and Los Angeles and by the Friars Club Charity Foundation. In recognition of her 50 years of service to the people of Los Angeles and her 90th birthday, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors in May 1992, honored Mrs. Brand at a ceremony held in the Grand Hall of the Music Center.

I ask my colleagues to join me and the Chaplain's Eagles of the Los Angeles Probation Department in saluting Sybil Brand, who has worked tirelessly to make this a better world. She is an extraordinary example of what one dedicated individual can accomplish. We thank her for her service to the human family.

THE INTRODUCTION OF THE NATIONAL URBAN WATERSHED MODEL RESTORATION ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 5, 1997

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce the National Urban Watershed Model Restoration Act, a bill which will establish a new approach to restoring urban waters. This pilot program, to be administered by the Environmental Protection Agency [EPA], will serve as a national model for the restoration of urban watersheds and community environments. To achieve more focused and rapid action, the new program will integrate the various regulatory and nonregulatory programs of