

FEDERAL LIMITATIONS ON DIS-
CLOSURE OF GRAND JURY IN-
FORMATION**HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, Rule 6(e)(2) of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure governs the secrecy of grand jury information. It provides:

"A grand juror, an interpreter, a stenographer, an operator of a recording device, a typist who transcribes recorded testimony, an attorney for the government, or any person to whom disclosure is made under paragraph (3)(A)(ii) of this subdivision shall not disclose matters occurring before the grand jury, except as otherwise provided for in these rules. No obligation of secrecy may be imposed on any person except in accordance with this rule. A knowing violation of Rule 6 may be punished as a contempt of court."

In a case called *In re Motions of Dow Jones & Company*, which was decided in May of this year, the D.C. Circuit wrote that Rule 6(e) reaches "not only what has occurred and what is occurring, but also what is likely to occur. Encompassed within the rule of secrecy are the identities of witnesses or jurors, the substance of testimony as well as actual transcripts, the strategy or direction of the inves-

tigation, the deliberations or questions of jurors, and the like." The *Dow Jones* decision involved a request by media organizations for access to court hearings and pleadings regarding Mr. Starr's investigation of the President.

The rule and the *Dow Jones* case make clear that an Independent Counsel may not disclose evidence or testimony that he or she reasonably expects to be presented to a grand jury.

RECOGNIZING JEAN O'DONNELL

HON. GLENN POSHARD

OF ILLINOIS

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Mr. POSHARD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize my constituent, Mrs. Jean O'Donnell, who has been a faithful citizen of Flora, Illinois. She is celebrating her retirement after 30 years of service as a dedicated Flora city employee, and I would like to thank her for her tireless efforts and wish her all the best in retirement.

Jean was born in the very same city she has worked for all of her life. She attended Harter Stanford Township High School, now Flora High School. When Jean graduated from high school, she was married the next month

to her high school boyfriend, Mr. Donald Gene Hall and they raised four children. After her husband's death in 1985, she married Mr. William Michael O'Donnell in 1987. After retirement, they plan to spend time camping together and enjoying their free time.

Jean is a very caring person, evident in the time she has devoted to her family and career. She started working under the administration of the late William Given in 1968. Jean was then appointed city clerk and collector under the administration of Lewis Wolfe. Since she has been working for the city government, Jean has served under nine administrations and seven mayors.

In addition, Jean has shared her time being an active member in the community through the First United Methodist Church and the Clay County Cancer Society. She displays her exemplary character as both an active public servant and active community citizen. The city of Flora recognized these qualities and honored her accomplishments in April.

Citizens such as Jean O'Donnell demonstrate to me all the necessary qualities of being a member of the public sector and the goals that I strive to fulfill as United States Representative. Mr. Speaker, please join with me in recognizing Mrs. Jean O'Donnell as she retires after 30 years of dedicated service to the Flora community. It is an honor to represent her in the United States Congress.