

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING DAN CHRISTIE,
CHRISTIE CONSTRUCTION, CHAR-
LOTTE, MI

HON. NICK SMITH

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 18, 1998

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I wanted to take a moment today to recognize Mr. Dan Christie, owner of Christie Construction, for his work on the "House That Congress Built" project in Charlotte, Michigan.

Dan has enthusiastically served as volunteer construction manager and building consultant for several weeks at the construction site and future home located at 521 Monroe. I am proud to say we will dedicate the home this Sunday, December 20, 1998, at 3 p.m.

Mr. Christie generously volunteered his construction expertise to patiently and expertly guide volunteers with varying degrees of experience to construct the home. Not only did Dan donate his vast knowledge, but his time and tools too.

Families selected to receive a Habitat for Humanity home are required to contribute many hours of their "sweat equity" to the construction of their future home. Mr. Christie's sweat equity, his dedication, hard work and long hours, many times getting to the site after working for his own company all day, is what I recognize and honor today. His investment in this home, neighborhood, Charlotte community, Eaton Area Habitat for Humanity, and perhaps most importantly, the lives of the new homeowners, Julie, Hailey and Skyler Hartig, is to be commended.

Many of my colleagues have been involved in the construction of a Habitat for Humanity home. This year, I was privileged enough to lend my support to three houses in my district. I could not have attempted to help build these homes without the drive, support and assistance of good people like Mr. Dan Christie.

The Honorable Speaker of the House, NEWT GINGRICH, perhaps summed it up best when we kicked off the "House that Congress Built" project last year, "When you help a family grow, as well as build a house . . . when you watch the sense of ownership . . . you understand why this is a great program."

The Theology of the Hammer, a guiding principle of Habitat, is an appropriate way to describe Dan's efforts. This theology emphasizes partnerships, bringing people together from all different social, racial, religious, political and education backgrounds, to work together for a common goal. This was never more apparent than working at the Charlotte home site. People were brought together in the spirit of friendship and teamwork, and personal differences didn't matter. Mr. Christie embodies the spirit of volunteerism and caring and Christian values that drive so many organizations like Habitat for Humanity and allows them to do all the good things they do for others in need in our communities and around the world.

Habitat is founded on the conviction that every man, woman and child should have a simple, decent, affordable place to live, grow and raise their families. Because of Dan Christie, the Julie Hartig family now has such a place to call home.

My wife Bonnie and I would like to offer Dan our most sincere thanks for his dedicated volunteerism and assistance in helping build the Eaton Area Habitat for Humanity's the "House That Congress Built," at 521 Monroe, Charlotte.

TRIBUTE TO STUDENTS OF
CLAUDE PEPPER ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL

HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 18, 1998

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to honor my predecessor, Congressman Claude Pepper, who faithfully and honestly served this House for 27 years. A school in my district bears his name which celebrates his memory of unselfish service and sacrifice. During a recent visit to this school, I enjoyed the lyrics of Claude Pepper Elementary's school song written by Jerry Little which is here reprinted:

Claude Pepper Elementary, the best school of this century. Look at our great family, I'm as happy as can be. Claude Pepper Elementary, I am an honoree. School now is fun for me, it's a wonderful place to be. Our family includes parents, teachers, and me. There is a dream we will work as a team, we'll share what we think, give a smile and a wink, believe in ourselves as we grow. The future's locked in a chest and we hold the key, I know we'll all do our best. In our families, the future's locked in a chest and we hold the key. The world is waiting for me.

Claude Pepper Elementary is great! Claude Pepper Elementary, the best school of this century. School now is fun for me, it's a wonderful place to be. Look and you will see we are family.

TRIBUTE TO ELLEN DELANEY

HON. BRUCE F. VENTO

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 18, 1998

Mr. VENTO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an extraordinary person, Ms. Ellen Delaney. Ms. Delaney, a math teacher at North Senior High School in the district I represent, has been named the Minnesota Teacher of the Year.

The Teacher of the Year program is the oldest and most prestigious recognition program in Minnesota which honors excellence in education. The Minnesota Teacher of the Year represents the profession as an advocate for

education and spokesperson for teachers. The recipient makes numerous public appearances, meets policy makers, attends meetings and gives presentations.

Ms. Delaney has taught both middle and high school math, algebra and calculus in her 20-year career. She places great importance not only on quality curriculum and lesson plans, but on recognizing the individuality of her students. "You may think that mathematics teachers are absent minded, far-sighted and require a front pocket for all their equipment," she says, but adds, "I'm fortunate that the students recognize the difference between what I teach and who I really am. In the same way, it's important for me to recognize the difference between how well they do in my class and who they really are."

As a former educator, I appreciate the amount of time, dedication and enthusiasm that it takes to be successful in the classroom. Ms. Delaney serves as an inspirational example of how much can be accomplished when we make an investment in our youth. It is with thanks and gratitude that I extend my congratulations to Ms. Delaney for being honored with this prestigious award.

TRIBUTE TO INTER-MILAN

HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

HON. JULIAN C. DIXON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 18, 1998

Mr. BERMAN. Mr. Speaker, my colleague, Mr. DIXON, and I rise today to congratulate the AYSO, Culver City, Region 19, Boys U12 Division team, INTER-MILAN. Headed by the superb leadership of coach, Ernesto Martin and assistant coach, Chris Labra, INTER-MILAN finished a proud second in entire Boys, Region 19, U12 Division. Coach Martin and Assistant Coach Labra knew how to get things done. Their utter commitment, boundless energy, no nonsense coaching and clear sense of direction are responsible in a large measure for Inter-Milan's success.

Team members Charles Hicks, Persy Trejo, Michael Case, Cristian Dascalu, Gustavo Sanchez, Steven Bressler, Kenny Perez, Daniel Willis, Dorian Bey, Ernesto Martin Jr., Christopher Labra, Jerry Lara, and Henry Bergmans played hard, tough, competitive soccer. They gave their best efforts at every practice. Each player displayed a passion to improving their individual skills equal only to their determination to improve as a team. Every game played exceeded the skill of the game before. Inter-Milan always demonstrated good sportsmanship.

The enthusiasm and zest for soccer expressed by the team was matched by the commitment and support of the parents. The parents in Inter-Milan dedicated time and energy and kept the team spirit high.

We ask our colleagues to join us today in saluting Inter-Milan, for their outstanding

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achievement in the 1998, AYSO Region 19, Boys U12 Division, Culver City.

TIMOTHY L. WALBERG, STATE REPRESENTATIVE, MICHIGAN, 57TH DISTRICT

HON. NICK SMITH

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 18, 1998

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I wanted to take a moment today to recognize a retiring political leader from my district. Mr. Timothy "Tim" L. Walberg, State Representative, because of Michigan's term limits law, will retire at the end of this year after 16 years of service to the people of Michigan. Representative Walberg represented the 57th District, which included nearly all of Lenawee County, Michigan.

Tim most recently served on the Advanced Technology and Computer Development Committee, the Colleges and Universities Committee, the Commerce Committee, and the Conservation, Environment, and Recreation Committee.

Mr. Walberg has not always been an elected public official. Tim was the Pastor of Union Gospel Church in Tipton for almost 5 years. Previously, he was Co-Pastor of Grace Fellowship Church in New Haven, Indiana for about 4 years. He received his training at the Moody Bible Institute and Taylor University in Fort Wayne, Indiana. He also received a Master of Arts degree, with honors, from Wheaton College Graduate School in Communications.

He was elected to the Michigan State House of Representatives in the 1982 election.

Representative Walberg has been involved in a number of civic groups including the Tecumseh Kiwanis Club, the Lenawee County Chamber of Commerce, the Christian Family Foundation Board of Directors, the Lenawee County Riding for the Handicapped Committee, Trenton Hills United Brethren Church, Lenawee Habitat for Humanity, District Committee Member and Chaplain—Boy Scouts of America, the National Rifle Association, and Pheasants Forever.

His political and legislative memberships have included the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC) National Task Force on Education, the Michigan and Lenawee County Republican Parties, and the National Republican Legislators Association.

Representative Walberg and his wife, Susan, live in Tipton, Michigan. They have three children, Matthew, Heidi, and Caleb. Their family dog, Sadie, is a special member of their family as well. Tim loves fly fishing, hunting, and riding his motorcycles. I am sure his retirement from public service will give him more time to pursue these loves and spend more time with his family.

Public service has its challenges and it sometimes requires sacrifice. In all that he has accomplished throughout his distinguished career of public service, Tim Walberg handled his public duties with honor, generosity, and integrity. As a former state legislator myself, I know that Tim's contributions will be sorely missed in Lansing. I am confident, however, that Tim will continue to use his many talents to enrich our state and its people.

On behalf of the people of Michigan, I am honored to recognize and thank Tim Walberg for his outstanding contributions to public service and the state of Michigan.

AMERICAN HERITAGE RIVERS INITIATIVE

HON. HELEN CHENOWETH

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 18, 1998

Mrs. CHENOWETH. Mr. Speaker, during the 105th Congress I have fought the American Heritage Rivers Initiative (AHRI) with legislation to abolish it, oversight hearings to expose its flaws and a federal lawsuit challenging its illegal establishment.

Repeatedly the Clinton-GORE Administration stated AHRI was not a new federal program and would not result in a new federal bureaucracy and new federal employees. Moreover, it would only be a new approach to help communities gain access to existing federal programs.

The Property Rights Foundation of America, Inc., located in Stony Creek, New York, has recently compiled the partial listing of federal bureaucrats that will be administering AHRI. It is based on information supplied by the Council on Environmental Quality which has always been the lead agency for this new program.

This is only a partial listing and does not include the names of "River Navigators" for each designated river and the five person National Task Force which will consist of federal employees working full time. These names will be available at a later date.

I encourage my colleagues to read this revealing information which illustrates more broken promises from the Clinton-GORE Administration regarding the American Heritage Rivers Initiative.

AMERICAN HERITAGE RIVERS OFFICIAL FEDERAL AND LOCAL CONTACTS REVEALED INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this directory is to overcome the impediments to citizen participation which have characterized the American Heritage Rivers Initiative. With the knowledge of the identities, agencies, locations and telephone numbers of both the federal contact and the federal facilitator, as well as the "community" contact, for each of the fourteen American Heritage Rivers designated by the President, citizens should now be able to become informed of the heretofore secret "community" meetings before they are held, and also bring influence toward holding properly notice public hearings about all facets of the American Heritage Rivers program in their region. Citizens should also be warned that the "community" meetings may be led by professional facilitators and conducted by consensus. This means that skills to manipulate meeting outcomes may dominate and that, instead of taking votes, a feeling of agreement or acceptance, supposedly by all present, will be the basis for official leadership pronouncements and decisions. Minutes may not be taken. Citizens should make an effort to enable a broad range of the public, resource users, and other business people from the region who are concerned about the economy, home rule, and private property rights to be consistently present in adequate numbers. Citizens are forewarned to be ready to issue formal minority reports to the press,

the public and their elected representatives about the issues and programs under consideration. They should plan to lead the consensus and committee structure and assignments in directions beneficial to the local economy and respectful of private property rights and home rule.

The full identities and contact information for each member of the thirteen-agency American Heritage Rivers Interagency Committee created by President Clinton are included to enable citizens to contact these individuals as well. As soon as they are available, we intend to add to the directory the Navigators for each individual river and the five-person, full-time national Task Force which, it is said, will soon be selected to administer the American Heritage Rivers Initiative.

PART 1. THE FOURTEEN AMERICAN HERITAGE RIVERS

Blackstone and Woonasquatucket (RI/MA)—The nomination was made by the Providence Plan.

Community Contact: Michael Creasey Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Coordinator, One Depot Square, Woonsocket, RI 02895, 401-762-0250.

Jane Sherman, The Providence Plan, 56 Pine Street, Suite 3B, Providence, RI 02903, 401-455-8880.

Co-Facilitator: Doug Thompson, U.S. EPA, Water Quality Unit/Office of Ecosystem Protection, JFK Federal Building, Boston, MA 02203, 617-565-3480.

Elissa Tonkin, U.S. EPA, JFK Federal Building, Boston, MA 02203, 617-565-1154; 617-565-1141.

Interagency Contact: Jerry Wylie, U.S. Forest Service, 14th & Independence, SW., Washington, DC 20250, 202-205-1129 or Jerry Wylie, Federal Building, 324 25th Street, Ogden, UT 84401, 801-625-5172.

Connecticut (CT/MA/NH/VT)—The Connecticut River Watershed Council submitted the nomination.

Community Contact: Whitty Sanford, Connecticut River Watershed Council, One Ferry Street, Easthampton, MA 01027, 413-529-9500.

Facilitator: Eric Scherer, Natural Resources Conservation Service, 3 Sunrise Terrace, East Granby, CT 06026, 860-653-4149.

Interagency Contact: Roger Stephenson, U.S. Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street, NW, (MIB 31230), Washington, DC 20240, 202-208-3855.

Cuyahoga (OH)—The Cuyahoga was nominated by the Cuyahoga River Remedial Action Plan (RAP).

Community Contact: Kay Carlson, Program Manager, Cuyahoga River Community Planning, Organization/Cuyahoga River RAP, 668 Euclid Avenue, 4th Floor Atrium, Cleveland, OH 44114-3000, 216-241-2414, ext. 253.

Facilitator: Lucy Loghead, Community Builder, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Renaissance on Playhouse Square, 1350 Euclid Avenue, Suite 500, Cleveland, OH 44115-1815, 216-522-4058, ext. 7214.

Interagency Contact: Loretta Neumann, U.S. Department of Transportation, American Heritage Rivers, 722 Jackson Place, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20503, 202-395-7416.

Detroit (MI)—The City of Detroit, Wayne County, Downriver Community Conference and Peter Stroh, representing the business community, nominated the Detroit River.

Community Contact: Mark Brederland, Michigan State University Extension, Michigan Sea Grant Extension, MSUE—Macomb County, 21885 Dunham Road, Suite 12, Clinton Township, MI 48036, 810-469-7176.

Facilitator: Rick Wears, Community Builder, U.S. Department of Housing and