

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

BOSTON IRISH FAMINE MEMORIAL

HON. JOHN JOSEPH MOAKLEY

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 17, 1999

Mr. MOAKLEY. Mr. Speaker, it is fitting that on the feast on St. Patrick I rise to pay tribute to the Irish community of Boston and Massachusetts for building a poignant memorial to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Irish Famine. The Boston Irish Famine Memorial sits at the corner of Washington and School Streets, near Downtown Crossing, just a few blocks from where Famine Irish refugees originally settled in the 1840s. The memorial's place along the city's Freedom trail serves as a constant reminder of what the Irish and others sought when they braved oceans and continents to reach the United States of America.

Ireland's Famine, which lasted from 1845 to 1849, drove over 100,000 Irish refugees to the shores of Boston, where they arrived impoverished, sick, and traumatized by one of the great catastrophes of the 19th Century. Their rise from famine to fame is one of the great American success stories.

The Boston Irish Famine Memorial committee was headed by Thomas J. Flatley, an Irish immigrant who came to this country in 1950 from County Mayo. Mr. Flatley's reputation as a generous contributor to and tireless advocate of Irish and religious causes is well known in Massachusetts. He and his committee were able to draw upon hundreds of friends from the greater Boston community to raise one million dollars to build the park. Donations came from individuals and large corporations alike, and ranged from \$5,000 to \$50,000.

The committee was comprised of leading members of greater Boston's Irish community, and included college presidents and bank presidents, professors and writers, musicians and artists, and representatives of the major Irish Organizations throughout the state.

Massachusetts artist Robert Shure designed the Memorial, which features twin bronze statues depicting the odyssey of the Irish immigrant from tragedy to triumph. Mr. Shure is a well-regarded artist whose works include the bust of George Washington at the Washington Memorial in Washington, as well as the Korean War Memorial in the Charleston Navy Yard, Boston.

The unveiling of the Boston Irish Famine Memorial last June 28 attracted over 7,000 people, and included Ireland's Minister of State Seamus Brennan, Ireland's Ambassador to the United States Sean O Huiginn, Massachusetts Governor Paul Cellucci and Boston Mayor Thomas Menino. Bernard Cardinal Law, head of Boston's Catholic Archdiocese, blessed the memorial. Also present that day were the ordinary people of Boston's neighborhoods—South Boston, Charlestown, Dorchester, Brighton—many of them descendants of the Famine generation. For the, it was a day of remembrance and redemption.

It is worth noting that the committee invited representatives from the African, Asian, and Jewish communities to participate in the ceremonies. The Irish Memorial is more than the story of the Irish succeeding in the United States, it is a parable of becoming American. Since the unveiling, thousands of people from all walks of life have visited the Memorial, to reflect upon the story it represents. Last October Ireland's President Mary McAleese visited the site while in Boston.

The committee's success in building this memorial park in just over two years will soon be matched by the second phase of its humane and practical mission. It is currently working to establish an Irish Famine Institute in Boston to raise relief funds for people in countries still afflicted by famine around the world today. The Institute will also seek to honor missionaries and health care workers toiling in famine countries in the spirit of the late Mother Theresa.

"The Irish love to help others in need," Flatley says. "We want the Institute to serve as a beacon of hope for those people still suffering from hunger and disease a full century and a half after Ireland's Great Hunger occurred. The Institute will give to others what the Irish themselves sought when they came to Boston—compassion and a helping hand"

These words underscore the spirit of the Irish community of Massachusetts and indeed Irish people everywhere. I offer my heartfelt thanks and congratulations to the Boston Irish Famine Memorial committee for this tremendous undertaking.

TRIBUTE TO HERBERT M. TANZMAN

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, on Thursday, March 25, the Highland Park Conservative Temple and Center will present the coveted Chaver Award for exemplary community service to Mr. Herbert M. Tanzman. I am honored to join the Temple in paying tribute to Mr. Tanzman, a leader in civic and Jewish community affairs for many years.

Herbert Tanzman's association with and service to the Highland Park Conservative Temple and Center goes back to his Bar Mitzvah in 1935. In the years since, he has been a member of the Board of Trustees for 44 years, has held the posts of Vice President and Temple Finance Committee Chairman, participated on the Rabbinical Search Committees, and has served for over 40 years as Gabbai. In recognition of this life of service, he was named to the select group of honorary Life Members of the Board of Trustees.

Beginning with the time he served his country in World War II, Herbert Tanzman has maintained a distinguished legacy of community service. For his service in WWII's Naval

Aviation unit, Mr. Tanzman was awarded the Navy Air Medal. A combat veteran of the Battle of Iwo Jima, he has served as Commander of the Veterans Alliance, Commander of Jewish War Veterans Post 133 (New Brunswick, NJ), member of the National Executive Committee of the JWV, National Representative and National Foreign Affairs Chair of JWV of the USA, and Executive Board member of the Navy League.

Mr. Tanzman has demonstrated his leadership through every facet of his life. He has enjoyed a successful career as director for the Real Estate firm of Jacobson, Goldfarb and Tanzman Associates. He rose to the ranks of leadership in his profession to President of the New Jersey Real Estate Commission. He also demonstrated his commitment to his community as a Councilman and Mayor of Highland Park. He served on the State of New Jersey County and Municipal Government Study Commission, and the Board of Directors of the New Jersey State League of Municipalities.

In his tireless efforts to further the causes of human rights, the dignity of the individual, inter-group relations, and a prosperous community for all, Mr. Tanzman has been affiliated with a diverse range of organizations and causes. He has been active in the Job Corps, United Community Services and the Raritan Valley United Jewish Appeal. He has served as the National Liaison Officer to the Catholic War Veterans, and as National Civil Rights Chairman and National Legislative Chairman and National Chairman of American Indian Affairs. He has helped to build the civic life of his community and his country as a member of the Executive Committee and Board of Directors of United Community Services, Trustee of the Middlesex-Somerset Chapter of the Multiple Sclerosis Association, Board member of Job Corps, member of the Board of Directors of YMHA, Chairman of the Building Fund Campaign, and member of the Board of Directors of the Central New Jersey Jewish Home for the Aged. He currently serves as National Vice Chairman and National Campaign Cabinet Member of Israel Bonds, and has served as an Executive Board member of the Greater Monmouth Jewish Federation. He is also President of the Ocean Cove Condominium Association in West End, NJ.

Mr. Tanzman is the recipient of the Jerusalem Covenant Award, the Humanitarian Award of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, the Ben Gurion Award, Israel's coveted Sword of the Haganah Award for record-breaking achievement in bond sales, and, together with his son, Roy, the Family Achievement Award of the State of Israel Bonds, which he received last year at the International Prime Ministers Club dinner in Palm Beach, Florida.

He and his wife, the former Mildred Siegel, have been married for over fifty years and are the parents of three children and grandparents of seven. Roy Tanzman, an attorney, is married to Brenda, and they are the parents of Jill and Brett. Roy and Brenda are previous recipients of the Chaver Award. Jeffrey Tanzman, a

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chiropractor, and his wife Micki (Cohava) are the parents of Danielle, Arielle, Aviv and Shira. Their daughter, Maxine, a psychotherapist, is the wife of Jack Bock and they are the parents of Noah.

Mr. Speaker, Herbert Tanzman has dedicated much of his life to serving others. His dedication to family, community and country, and his abiding love and devotion to serving the Jewish people and the State of Israel, are exemplary, and inspiration to us all. It is an honor for me to pay tribute to this outstanding leader and to wish him continued happiness and success.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN N. HOSTETTLER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 17, 1999

Mr. HOSTETTLER. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall vote No. 51, I was on official Congressional business in Russia, and could not be present. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay" on this vote to pass H.R. 774.

COMMEMORATING THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TAIWAN RELATIONS ACT, H. CON. RES. 56

HON. BENJAMIN A. GILMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 17, 1999

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to introduce today a resolution commemorating the 20th anniversary of the Taiwan Relations Act (TRA). It is right and fitting that the House of Representatives makes note of this important piece of legislation which serves as the basis for continued commercial, cultural, security and other relations between the United States and Taiwan.

The Taiwan Relations Act was passed into law on April 10, 1979 and has served as a critical element in preserving and promoting ties between the United States and Taiwan. The TRA has been instrumental in maintaining peace and stability in the Taiwan Strait since its enactment in 1979. It is my hope that the TRA will continue to serve to ensure that the future of Taiwan be determined by peaceful means. Regrettably, the People's Republic of China (PRC) has refused to renounce the use of force against Taiwan.

The United States is pleased with the flourishing on Taiwan of a fully-fledged, multi-party, democracy fully respecting human rights and civil liberties. It is hoped that Taiwan will serve as an example to the PRC and others in the region in this regard and will encourage progress in the furthering of democratic principles and practices, respect for human rights, and the enhancement of the rule of law.

The Congress looks forward to a broadening and deepening of friendship and cooperation with Taiwan in the years ahead for the mutual benefit of the peoples of the United States and Taiwan.

I am pleased to have this opportunity to introduce this legislation and invite my colleagues in the House of Representatives to support this Resolution commemorating this

distinctive piece of legislation and the unique ties between the peoples of the United States and Taiwan.

HONORING MARIAH MARTIN

HON. BOB SCHAFFER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 17, 1999

Mr. SCHAFFER. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize a young student for her devotion and award-winning community service. On February 4, 1999, Mariah Martin was named one of Colorado's top honorees in the 1999 Prudential Spirit Awards program, an annual honor bestowed upon the most impressive student volunteers.

Mariah is a seventeen-year-old junior attending Poudre High School in Fort Collins, Colorado. Although her own education is foremost, Mariah divides her free time educating area youth. As a member of the Moose International Youth Awareness Program, Mariah has the opportunity to work with many different children's programs. Through these meetings, Mariah realized the importance of teaching positive lifestyles at an early age. As a result, Mariah took the initiative in designing her own curriculum. In January of 1998 her ideas were presented in the form of a nine-week education and self-esteem program for second grade students. The program includes activities on self-esteem, drug and alcohol prevention, smart decision making, healthy habits, problem solving and violence prevention. Success has led Mariah and her program to be invited into five more classes of second grade students.

At a time when many statistics suggest a downward trend in youth community service, the Prudential Spirit of Community Award creates a positive influence in honoring and rewarding outstanding individuals like Mariah. In only four years, the program has become the nation's largest youth recognition effort based solely on community service, with more than 50,000 youngsters participating. Programs such as Prudential's, reinforce community service at an early age.

Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to congratulate Mariah Martin and all of the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards winners. With confidence, I look forward to their leadership in America.

CONGRATULATING FRESNO CRIME STOPPERS

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 17, 1999

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce a Fresno Bee article on the Fresno Crime Stoppers. Crime Stoppers has been a valuable asset in fighting crime in Fresno.

"A televised Fresno Crime Stoppers recently won first place for best re-enactment of a crime for cities with a population of 250,000 to 1 million in a worldwide competition.

More than 300 cities around the world took part in the contest, judged by Crime Stoppers

International, which rates entries on their creativity and authenticity. The Fresno entry was a re-enactment of robbery and homicide at the Ritz Bar in Fowler last year. Two representatives of Crime Stoppers received a plaque at the Crime Stoppers conferences in Gillette, Wyoming.

Crime Stoppers is published in The Fresno Bee to help Fresno County law enforcement agencies capture crime suspects. The Bee features a Crime Stoppers page, which began in January 1998, and is published every other month. The Full-page Crime Stoppers layout contains names and photographs of the 24 most wanted suspects sought by Fresno County's law enforcement agencies and a 24-hour confidential hot line to report tips.

In July 1998, the Crime Stoppers hot line led to the arrests of 27 fugitives. The suspects were arrested on charges ranging from spousal abuse to drug sales to assault with a deadly weapon. Tipsters collected \$3,600 in rewards. Callers who provide anonymous tips that lead to arrests can collect as much as \$1,000 in reward money. Callers are not required to testify in court.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce The Fresno Bee article, "Fresno Crime Stoppers Wins First-place Award." This Organization is a valuable asset to Fresno. I urge my colleagues to join me in wishing the Fresno Crime Stoppers many years of continued success.

IN MEMORY OF SISTER LEONA NIEBERDING

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 17, 1999

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of one of the most influential teachers of my life, Sister Leona Nieberding.

Sister Leona entered the Congregation of St. Joseph from St. Ignatius parish when she was 18 years old. Two years later, she was given her first teaching assignment at St. Joseph school in Canton, Ohio. This began a life of total dedication to the ministry of the education of young people. Over her 77 years as an educator, she taught at five different schools in the Cleveland area: St. Joseph, St. Vincent de Paul, St. Aloysius, St. Ignatius, and St. Angela Merici. She also served as principal at St. Aloysius and St. Vincent de Paul.

Sister Leona worked hard to prepare young people for life, guiding them spiritually as well as intellectually. She demonstrated to her students the practical applications of spiritual guidance and ethical conduct in everyday life. Sister Leona was known for her devotion to young people and her insistence that they understand the importance of education and live up to her high expectations of them. In 1979, the Kiwanis Club of Fairview Park recognized her outstanding efforts by honoring her as the "Teacher of the Year."

Sister Leona, however, never sought credit for her deeds. She often organized the resources of her parish to ensure that the needy families were provided with food and clothes, without taking any credit for the work. These selfless personal efforts did not go unnoticed. Her service is in the finest tradition of nuns of