

RECOGNITION OF CLINTON TOWNSHIP DEMOCRATIC CLUB HONOREE HAROLD BREWER

HON. DAVID E. BONIOR

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 9, 1999

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, over the course of my career in the Congress, I have had the good fortune of knowing some of the most committed and impassioned volunteers. No one has done more than this year's Clinton Township Democratic Club Honoree Hal Brewer. I have known Hal Brewer for twenty years now. Through the course of that time, Hal has proven himself to be one of the most dedicated, reliable, and fun loving volunteers we have ever seen.

Not only has he provided Democrats in the state of Michigan with countless hours of folding, stuffing, labeling, tree bagging, walking, cheering and sign posting, but he has also managed to raise his family with his same ethics and ideals. His son, Mark Brewer, a former intern in my office, has gone on to become the current chair of the Michigan Democratic Party.

Hal's contribution has gone beyond the average work night or volunteer brunch. He has involved himself in every level of government, from helping his township treasurer to driving in Vice Presidential motorcades. Hal knows everybody, and everybody knows Hal. His sharp wit and unequalled charm has put Hal on the top of everyone's call list when help is needed.

Please join me today in honoring one of my district's most tireless advocates for democratic ideals. We salute you, Hal Brewer. Your work ethic and civic pride are an inspiration not only to me, but to all who know you.

A TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF LIBERTY TECHNOLOGIES: AN ENTREPRENEURIAL SUCCESS

HON. JAMES A. BARCIA

OF MICHIGAN

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Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Liberty Technologies, Inc., located in my home town of Bay City, Michigan. For nearly twenty years, Liberty Technologies has been a leading community-oriented business and a fine example of entrepreneurial initiative for Michigan's small businesses.

Liberty Technologies was incorporated in 1981 to develop, formulate, blend and distribute environmentally-friendly detergents, sealers and dispensing systems. The company has since evolved into a dynamic small business in Bay City, and now produces such products as the trade-marked "The Best Cleaner in The World—World's Best". This cleaner is environmentally-friendly, biodegradable and non-toxic, characteristics which are goals of many companies that are attempting to redesign products which are less harsh on the environment. The company is also leading the way in innovative technologies, such as its web sites, www.worldsbestcleaner.com and www.quicknkleen.com, and its emphasis on continued research and development. But

more importantly, the company has invested in the community. It has donated its products to the annual Bay City Fourth of July Fireworks Festival, Bay County's Created For Caring, which provides for the less fortunate, the Bay Medical Foundation, and many other civic organizations.

Liberty Technologies has been the recipient of a distinguished award. The company received the 1999 Certificate of Merit from the Small Business Association of Michigan, for entrepreneurial experience in developing "products and services that are truly unique and serve a genuine market need." The company's product "The Best Cleaner in The World—World's Best" has been officially recognized by the United States Patent Office.

As this millennium nears to a close, we see that communities across America are becoming more and more successful due to small businesses, and the entrepreneurs who found, oversee and represent these businesses. For many in Bay County, Liberty Technologies serves as just such an example of a local success story.

Mr. Speaker, I invite you and our colleagues to join with me to congratulate Liberty Technologies, for its commitment to the community and for entrepreneurial initiative.

TRIBUTE TO AQUINAS HOUSING CORPORATION

HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 9, 1999

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, it is with joy and pride that I rise to pay tribute to Aquinas Housing Corporation (AHC) which celebrated its 18th anniversary of providing services to the community on Wednesday, November 3, 1999, at the Marina Del Rey restaurant to families in need.

Aquinas Housing Corporation was founded in 1981 by a group of volunteers who understood the need to provide quality transitional housing services to families in need.

Mr. Speaker, over the past 18 years, Aquinas Housing Corporation has sponsored and developed the rehabilitation of 35 buildings, 990 residential units, 104 cooperatives, and 115 two-and three-family homes. By the year 2000, AHC plans to renovate 10 more buildings with 160 additional units for a total of 1,152 decent and affordable rental housing units that were nonexistent prior to AHC's creation.

Along with housing development, AHC provides a full range of social services to the residents of its buildings and community at large. Services offered include an adult job readiness program, a computer learning center, a clothing bank, case management, tenant organizing, neighborhood improvement projects, classes in English as a second language, parenting skills, senior services, a home-based child care resource and referral center, a tree maintenance program, and activities and field trips for youth and seniors.

It is a privilege for me to represent the 16th district of New York where Aquinas Housing Corporation is located, and I am delighted by its success. I have witnessed first-hand the exemplary work they are doing for our community and I am deeply impressed. I applaud

the commitment and the efforts of Aquinas Housing Corporation's staff in the assistance they provide to the elderly, and low- and moderate-income families, as well as, in facilitating educational opportunities for our talented youth.

I would like to especially compliment this year's honorees, St. Thomas Aquinas Elementary School, St. Barnabas Hospital, and the Bank Street College of Education Center for Family Support, for their leadership in improving the quality of life in our community.

Mr. Speaker, St. Thomas Aquinas Elementary School, an institution which provides quality and caring instruction to the younger members of the community, will receive the Community Education Award, St. Barnabas Hospital, which offers a wide range of services at both their main facility and their numerous satellites throughout the borough, will receive the Community Health Services Award, and the Bank Street College of Education Center for Family Support will receive the Community Family Support Award.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the Aquinas Housing Corporation and its staff and in wishing them continued success.

TRIBUTE TO WALTER P. KENNEDY

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 9, 1999

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, recently, the United States, and the House of Representatives in particular, lost a true public servant. On October 24, long-time Sergeant-at-Arms Walter P. Kennedy passed away at the age of 78.

I first met Mr. Kennedy when my father, John J. Duncan, was a Member of this Body. Daddy always had nice things to say about Mr. Kennedy. I, too, found Mr. Kennedy to be a consummate and dedicated member of the House family. He was a fine Christian man who had a special bond with Members on both sides of the aisle.

Mr. Speaker, Walter Kennedy was also a great family man. He and his wife of 53 years, Ana Luisa Bou, raised a family of seven beautiful children, all of whom still live in the Washington area.

Mr. Kennedy also enjoyed success after his service in the House of Representatives. For six years, he served as Chairman and CEO of the Kennedy Group Companies, a consulting and public relations firm based here in Washington, D.C.

Walter Kennedy set an example that we should all try to follow. He was truly a great American and gave tirelessly to many good causes. He was a volunteer for the Boy Scout program for many years and a long-time and dedicated member of the Catholic Church.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to add my condolences and best wishes to the Kennedy family. America has lost a true statesman in this fine man. The United States would be a far better place if we had more men like Walter P. Kennedy.

I submit a copy of Mr. Kennedy's obituary that I would like to call to the attention of my colleagues and other readers of the RECORD.