

a parish during high school when the pastor of St. Vincent de Paul offered him a job as parish Secretary on the condition that he attend St. Ignatius High School. Over summer and Christmas vacations while at the Seminary Schenkelburg worked in various occupations, including mail carrier, playground instructor, and construction laborer.

Father Schenkelburg's ordination occurred on April 28, 1951 at St. John's Cathedral and was bestowed by Bishop Hoban.

Father Schenkelburg has taken on many challenges as a parish priest including teaching religious classes and serving as the hospital chaplain at Metro Hospital and Akron Children's Hospital. An avid sports enthusiast, he played baseball with the Holy Name Society and started bowling leagues for his parishes.

In addition to providing for the spiritual needs of St. Mel's parishioners, Father Schenkelburg has also been able to assist the church financially by organizing successful bingo games and raffles. The funds earned through these fundraisers allowed St. Mel to make major renovations to the Church and add a Church Hall without the need to solicit building funds from parishioners.

Father Schenkelburg will celebrate his final Mass as Pastor at St. Mel on January 16, 2000, a day designated by the Parish as "Fr. Ed Day." Following the Mass, family and parishioners will have the opportunity to celebrate his contributions at a formal reception and dinner.

My fellow colleagues, please join me in paying tribute to Father Schenkelburg on his retirement from St. Mel's Parish. I'm proud to have known Father Schenkelburg and I wish him a well-deserved and fulfilling retirement.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF WILLIAM RUSE ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT

HON. MICHAEL G. OXLEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 24, 2000

Mr. OXLEY. Mr. Speaker, congratulations to William Ruse, a seasoned health care executive who will be retiring at the end of the year 2000 after 43 years of service in the health care industry.

Bill started his career as pharmacist in 1957; and by 1963, upon completing his MBA in Hospital Administration from Xavier University in Cincinnati, Ohio, he advanced from pharmacy director to hospital administrator. As President and CEO of Blanchard Valley Hospital, he aggressively began transforming the organization from a small rural hospital to a regional health system. Recognizing the advantages of legal savvy, Bill completed a Doctor of Jurisprudence degree "in his spare time" by 1972.

Through his vision and entrepreneurial spirit, he developed programs on uncharted paths. He gained national recognition when he introduced the first "guaranteed services" policy in the country in 1974. Then in the early 1980's, Blanchard Valley Health Association was one of the first businesses to band smoking in their facilities. As small hospitals have struggled to maintain a presence in health care, Blanchard Valley has continued to grow and expand by

forging partnership relationships that insure their customers' best interests.

His professional leadership positions, awards, honors, and society memberships along with community service accomplishments read like a Who's Who Library. In addition, he has published articles in both health care and law journals.

Bill Ruse is an American we can be proud of in every sense of the word. And one last honor of distinction—he just celebrated his 65th birthday so now we welcome him into our inner circle, the Social Security System. Pat and I would like to express our sincere best wishes to William Ruse and his lovely wife, Donna as they move through their golden years.

IN HONOR OF THOMAS WALKER ON HIS 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 24, 2000

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Thomas Walker on his 100th birthday, December 16, 1999. He will be celebrating this joyous occasion with family and friends on February 20, 2000. By this time he will have lived in three centuries.

Born in 1899 in Cleveland, Ohio, Thomas has dedicated his life to working with his hands. He always loved to build and was very talented with his hands. As an electrician in IBEW local 38, he touched so many of his co-workers' lives. They looked toward him for leadership, advice, and friendship for so many years. Thomas also was a dedicated family man. His love for his family and friends has helped carry him so far in life.

At 100 years young, Thomas continues to live a fulfilling and happy life. He has been a wonderful father of four amazing children, Ruth, Dorothy, Thomas Jr., and Dolores. Thomas is loved by his family and the many lives in his community that he has touched. My fellow colleagues, please join me in wishing a loving husband and father a very happy birthday and many more delightful years to come.

TRIBUTE TO MS. BEVERLY G. LEMONS OF UNION GROVE, ALABAMA

HON. ROBERT E. (BUD) CRAMER, JR.

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 24, 2000

Mr. CRAMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding contributions of Ms. Beverly G. Lemons to the Top of Alabama Regional Council of Governments. In her distinguished career with TARCOG, she has repeatedly proven her capabilities having been promoted from secretary to bookkeeper to fiscal agent and personnel officer. In this role she has had fiscal responsibility over various grants and contracts. In her most recent duties, she has performed the crucial tasks of budgeting, payroll, contract management and report preparation for funding agencies.

For her vision, hard work and loyalty, I feel that this is an apt honor. Over her 27 year ca-

reer, she has become a role model for her work ethic and dedication. Her titles include Economic Development Finance Professional and Certified Public Personnel Administrator. Now as she retires, I wish to thank Ms. Lemons for her extraordinary work for my community and this nation.

On behalf of the U.S. Congress, I pay homage to Ms. Lemons and thank her for a job well done. I congratulate Ms. Lemons on her retirement and wish her a well-deserved rest. I wish TARCOG the best of luck in coping without her.

IN HONOR OF BILL RANDLE

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 24, 2000

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in tribute to Bill Randle for receiving the Lifetime Achievement A.I.R. Award.

Bill Randle has been a notable figure at WRMR 850 AM since his being named "Top Jock" by Time in the 1950's. Randle helped start up such acts as Montovani, Jonnie Ray, The Crewcuts, The Diamonds, and even Elvis Presley.

Currently, Bill Randle spends 31 hours a week on the air and also practices law. The Lifetime Achievement A.I.R. Award is well deserved for a man who has built an impressive career in radio broadcasting. He has given much of his time and effort in producing quality radio broadcasts. His charismatic personality and sense of humor bring character and definition to his show. Randles colleagues and listeners appreciate and admire his professional skill and dedication.

Would my distinguished colleagues please join me in recognizing Bill Randle as he is honored with the Lifetime Achievement A.I.R. Award.

HONORING SOUTH JERSEY'S EMERGENCY PERSONNEL

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 24, 2000

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank South Jersey's emergency response personnel who keep our families safe during the holiday season as well as throughout the year. Communities from across South Jersey nominated heroic members of local EMS, Fire and Emergency crews who deserve special recognition for their bravery. I would like to personally express my gratitude to the 20 men and women who put their lives in jeopardy to ensure the safety of ours. Thank you to 20 of South Jersey's bravest men and women.

Javier Matos, Camden City Fire Department Squadron #6
Mary Catalfamo, Chesterfield Township Emergency Management Squadron #269
Lorraine Taraskas, Atco Township Emergency Management Squadron #23
James Newman, Deptford Township Emergency Service Squadron 11-9
Barry Petty, Edgewater Park Township Emergency Service Squadron
William Mason, Newfield Borough Emergency Service Squadron

Donald Ley, Sr., Woodbury Heights Emergency Service Squadron 15-9 and Fire Company 15-01
 Clifford Leary, Maple Shade Township Independent Fire Company #1
 Robert Harper, Jr., Lawnside Fire Company and Emergency Management Squadron
 Albert Freck, Clayton Borough Fire Company Station #41-1
 Irene Rowe, Mantua Township Community Ambulance Squadron
 Bob Barney, Chesilhurst Fire Company
 Robert Davis, Monroe Township Ambulance Association Squadron #29-4
 Chief James J. Trautner, National Park Fire Station, #6-8
 Chief Brian Cunningham, Hi-Nella Fire Company #1, Station #691
 Captain James Hillman, Camden City Fire Department Ladder #2
 Frank Sandrock, Camden City Fire Department Rescue #1
 Warren Everett, Camden City Fire Department Rescue #1
 Al Adomanis, Chews Landing Fire Company #82
 Jim Price, Chews Landing Fire Company #82

IN HONOR OF THE PHILIPPINE
 AMERICAN SOCIETY OF OHIO

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 24, 2000

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of the Philippine American Society of Ohio as they gather for their Rizal Night Celebration on December 18, 1999.

The Philippine American Society of Ohio is an organization dedicated to the preservation of the Filipino culture. The Rizal Night is an annual celebration commemorating the birthday of the nation's hero, Dr. Jose Rizal. In addition to honoring Dr. Rizal, the event will induct two sets of officers to the PASO board and PASO Women's Auxiliary Board. This important event will also raise funds for maintaining the newly designed cultural center in Parma, Ohio.

The Philippine American Society of Ohio is a great cultural asset. As it is probably the first group of Filipinos to build a cultural center, their determination and dedication to their heritage is an inspiration to their families and community. Countless people have contributed to the construction of the Center, through financial support, sharing their electrical and painting talents, granting interest-free loans and donations of materials. The construction of the center is testament to the cohesiveness of the Society.

Moreover, I commend the strength of the Philippine American Society for the Medical Missions Projects. Missionaries not only treat patients for their physical ailment, but also provide spiritual support. Their work in reaching out to people living in the Philippines is admirable.

It is with great honor that I ask my distinguished colleagues to join me in congratulating the Philippine American Society of Ohio as they celebrate the birthday of Dr. Jose Rizal and congratulate the new board members.

TRIBUTE TO REP. FRANK HORTON

HON. LOUISE McINTOSH SLAUGHTER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 24, 2000

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise in tribute to a former colleague and dear friend, the Honorable Frank Horton of New York.

Representative Horton embodied all the best traditions of this institution. He was known—indeed, was legendary—for outstanding constituent service, for his votes cast in a spirit of bipartisanship and integrity, and for a commitment to the best interests of his district and the nation as a whole. For those of us who had the privilege of serving with him, he was a role model and a special friend.

On the recent occasion of Representative Horton's 80th birthday, his colleague at the law firm of Venable, Baetjer, Howard & Civiletti, Andrew Fois, composed a moving tribute to this great man. I would like to share it with my colleagues today. I hope you will all take the opportunity to read it; we could all learn a great deal from the example of Frank Horton.

(By Andrew Fois)

Within days of the dawn of the new millennium, a great man of the 20th century marked his 80th birthday. Frank Horton, born on December 12, 1919 in Cuero, Texas, represented parts of Rochester and its surrounding areas for thirty years in the United States House of Representatives. During the course of his remarkable life, Frank Horton saw combat in World War II, engaged successfully in the private practice of law, served as President of the Rochester Redwings minor league baseball franchise, raised a family, published a children's song and as one of the most well-respected congressmen of his generation.

Frank Horton's accomplishments are enough for several lifetimes. What made Frank so remarkable as a congressman, however, is something that is becoming increasingly scarce in the Congress. Although Frank was and always will be a Republican, and represented a majority Republican district, he always put the interests of his district, state and country before those of his party. He was a true bipartisan, able to work effectively with Democrats as well as Republicans. As a testament to the value of that attribute Frank was selected by his New York colleagues to serve as Dean of the New York State delegation—despite the Democrats holding a substantial majority of the seats.

Frank's independence was not universally admired, however. The kind of man Frank Horton is, and the kind of congressman he was going to be, was apparent from his very first vote in Congress in 1963. The issue was the composition of the powerful Rules Committee and the proportion of Democrats, then in the majority, to Republican members. Frank supported the Democrats' position in a vote the outcome of which was certain from the start. While the vote was still pending he was questioned by then Minority Leader Charlie Halleck. "Son," said the older man, "I think you made a mistake." "No, sir, Mr. Halleck," responded the freshman lawmaker, "I believe that the majority should have the ability to control the committee." Halleck just walked away. Before that fateful vote, Frank was in line for a coveted position on the Judiciary Committee. Halleck, however, saw to it that Frank's independence was "punished" by "relegation" to the Committee on Govern-

ment Operations, which oversees the federal bureaucracy, and the District of Columbia Committee.

This incident at the start of Frank's Washington career proves two points. First, that brass-knuckle partisanship is not a recent political innovation. Second, sometimes standing up for what you believe pays off in the end because Frank is convinced that Halleck did him a big favor. He went on to serve with great success on the Government Operations Committee for thirty years—most of them as the senior Republican on the panel where he enjoyed a great relationship with its feisty Chairman and fellow Texan, Jack Brooks. Ironically, he also rose to serve on the Committee on Committees, where he helped decide committee assignments for other Republicans.

Despite being a member of the minority, Frank left his mark on important legislation and other issues of substance. He was a tireless watchdog of the executive branch rooting out waste, fraud and abuse and was a leader in the effort to establish inspectors general in federal agencies. He championed legislation to reduce government paperwork and reform federal procurement procedures. He fought for creation of the Department of Education—the only Republican on Government Operations to support it. He was an early proponent of home rule for the District of Columbia and he sponsored legislation honoring Asian-Pacific Americans. He was a founder of the Northeast-Midwest Coalition, helping to focus attention on the distribution of federal funds in the industrial corridor.

But his ability to reach across the aisle and work with his colleagues of the opposite party is Frank's greatest legacy. Unfortunately, few members of either party seem able, or interested in, doing the same today. It is a shame that Frank Horton never saw a single day in the majority despite his thirty years in Congress. If he had been serving the last few years you can be sure that many highly charged matters would have been handled in a much more bipartisan and productive fashion.

Among the professional mementos on display in his office is a personal note coincidentally dated December 12, 1968, from President Lyndon Johnson that stands as summary of, and testament, to Frank's career. In it, the outgoing President writes of the memories he will take with him when he leaves the White House and observes that, "High among them will always be the knowledge that we stood together, men of different parties, to work for a better America."

Happy birthday, Frank. And thank you.

IN MEMORY OF JOSEPH
 MADZELONKA

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 24, 2000

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Joseph Madzelonka for his lifelong dedication to working people. Joe, retired president of United Food and Commercial Workers Union Local 880, passed away earlier this month at the age of 67. He was a great man and an extraordinary leader.

Joe began his life in the labor industry at the age of 17, when he started working as a bagger at an A&P grocery store. Soon after, he was elected a steward, and eventually a business representative for the union. Joe was an international vice president of his union and