

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO THE LATE ANNE SPERRY RULE

HON. MARK FOLEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 27, 2000

Mr. FOLEY. Mr. Speaker, this Friday, June 30, 2000, the ashes of Anne Sperry Rule will be laid to rest with her late husband, Col. Richard Rule, in a ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery.

Anne was an overly dedicated, respected and well loved member of her community. Anne would not want us to be sad or to suffer from her loss. Rather, she would want us to cherish our memories of her and celebrate her life.

Anne's daughter, Cathi, will read the following poem on Friday which serves as a message for us all.

TO THOSE I LOVE AND THOSE WHO LOVED ME

When I am gone, release me, let me go—
I have so many things to see and do.
You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears.
Be happy that we had so many years.
I gave you my love, you can only guess
How much you gave to me in happiness.
I thank you for the love you each have
shown,

But now it's time I traveled on alone.
So grieve a while for me if grieve you must,
Then let your grief be comforted by trust.
It's only for a while that we must part.
So bless the memories within your heart.
I won't be far away, for life goes on.
So if you need me, call and I will come.
Though you can't see or touch me, I'll be
near—

And if you listen with your heart, you'll hear
All of my love around you soft and clear.
And then, when you must come this way
alone,
I'll greet you with a smile and "Welcome
Home."

RECOGNITION OF NICOLA M. ANTAKLI RECEIVING THE ANTONIAN GOLD MEDAL AWARD

HON. DAVID E. BONIOR

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 27, 2000

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, on June 9th of this year, His Eminence Metropolitan Philip Saliba visited my home State of Michigan in order to present a very prestigious award to Nicola Antokli. The Antonian Gold Medal Award is the highest honor the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America can bestow upon a member.

Born in Homs, Syria, Nicola Antakli came to the United States as a student in 1955. After establishing Middle East/African operations for an auto company, he founded Intraco Corp., an international trading, consulting and export management company with branches in Lebanon, Syria, Cyprus, and the United Arab

Emirates. Through his guidance and vision, the company has mastered the art of developing mutually beneficial business partnerships in the world economy.

Nicola has been honored by many different organizations for his hard work and dedication to international commerce, but his church and community involvement are his most rewarding duty. His civic interests range from state, local and national politics to philanthropic associations and Arab-American groups. He is, of course, deeply involved in his church. A life member of the Order of St. Ignatius, he has served as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America for the past 11 years. Currently Nicola is a member of St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church in Troy, MI, and is a founding member of St. Paul Antiochian Orthodox Church in Naples, FL.

Few have achieved the same success in life as Nicola Antakli has. Fewer still have dedicated so much of the energy and resources of that success to the betterment of others. I am proud to know Nicola Antakli and to consider him a friend. I understand the devotion and sense of civic responsibility that one must have in order to receive an Antonian Gold Medal Award, and I ask each of you join me in recognizing this remarkable achievement.

HONORING TERRY KRAEMER, JR.

HON. HOWARD P. "BUCK" McKEON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 27, 2000

Mr. McKEON. Mr. Speaker, today I commend a young constituent of mine for his insightful letter.

Terry Kraemer, Jr., of Palmdale, CA, sent me a very thought provoking letter about the recent death of his father, Terry Kraemer, Sr., due to melanoma. His letter recounted how his father endured a painful death as his skin cancer traveled from a small mole on his leg to his lymph system and then to other vital organs.

He also told me about how his father served his community as a Boy Scout leader, a counseling intern, and as a "father figure" for many of the children in the neighborhood.

In his dad's memory, Terry wrote to me to ask that Congress place a special emphasis on finding a cure for melanoma and on educating other Americans, so they will not suffer as Terry's family has suffered.

His letter compelled me to find out what the federal government is doing to prevent this devastating disease. I was pleased to see that both the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) have extensive programs on melanoma.

First, the NIH's CancerNet website contains a comprehensive page on melanoma including information on early detection, symptoms, diagnosis, and treatment. CancerNet also addresses genetics, risk factors, and prevention

so that sun worshipers will be able to protect themselves early and properly. You can find CancerNet at http://cancernet.nci.nih.gov/cancer_types/melanoma.shtml.

Second, the CDC sponsors the "Choose Your Cover" Campaign—a skin cancer prevention initiative aimed at children and young adults. This program uses education materials, brochures, posters, and public service announcements to remind young Americans that they can have fun in the sun and still be safe. For more information on this campaign, see the CDC website at <http://www.cdc.gov/ChooseYourCover>.

As we head to the beaches and outdoors over this 4th of July recess, I appeal to all my colleagues to learn more about melanoma by reviewing these websites and to educate their families and constituents about the ways to prevent this horrible disease.

In closing, I want to thank Terry for bringing this important issue to my attention. Terry put aside his grief so that others will not suffer as he has. He is a brave young man and deserves to be recognized. I am proud for this opportunity to do so.

And, finally, on Terry's behalf, I encourage you all to "Choose Your Cover."

HONORING TOM ARCHER

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 27, 2000

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Tom Archer for a lifetime of public service. Today he retires from years of serving the citizens of Mariposa County as the Human Services Director.

Tom's academic endeavors have taken him to some of our nation's top universities. He received a Bachelor's degree in Social Science from the California State University, Stanislaus, a Master's degree in Political Science from the University of California, Berkeley, and a Master of Social Work degree from West Virginia University. He is currently a Ph.D. candidate at the University of California, Davis.

Not only is Tom an accomplished scholar, he is also a compassionate social worker and an American soldier. Tom served in the United States Navy, and has served as Director of the Central Valley Regional Center in Merced, California, as Council Member and Mayor Pro Temp of the City of Merced, and most recently as Human Services Director for the County of Mariposa.

Tom has spent his lifetime dedicated to sound community planning, managed growth, and intergovernmental relations in diverse communities throughout the country. He has served selflessly and strengthened every community he has touched with his longstanding interest in extending social and cultural programs to all citizens.

Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate Tom Archer on his achievements and thank him for

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his dedication to our communities. I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing Mr. Archer many more years of continued success.

INTERNET TELEPHONY ACCESS
CHARGE PROHIBITION ACT OF 2000

HON. EDWARD J. MARKEY

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 27, 2000

Mr. MARKEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce legislation to permanently prohibit "per minute," or time sensitive, access charges on Internet telephone calls. Mr. Speaker, telephone calls over the Internet—often referred to as "IP telephony" or "VOIP (voice over Internet protocol)"—has a bright future for telecommunications competitors and consumers but only if we succeed in treating it from a regulatory standpoint in a way that is consistent with the flat rate nature of the Internet itself.

The legislation I am introducing today prevents per minute access charges on the providers of Internet telephone service. This prohibition would cover any per minute access charges irrespective of whether such access charges are levied for the purpose of universal service funding or for any underlying cost of providing such access.

A little history of how we got here I believe is important. Back in the late 1980s, the Reagan FCC was poised to abandon the access charge exemption that so-called "enhanced service providers" such as Prodigy and Comuserve had enjoyed. I convened hearings as then-Telecommunications Subcommittee Chairman to battle any per minute access charge on this nascent information industry. At a Boston field hearing in October of 1987, I argued to the Chairman of the FCC that it was vital to nurture and foster the development of this new industry and that the resulting rate shock from per minute fees would destroy the economic base of the information providers. I was greatly concerned that the FCC proposal would put this exciting service out of reach financially for millions of consumers.

Successfully defeating that Reagan FCC proposal was one of the key decisions in the development of the Internet. In other words, it was not by accident that the Internet has developed largely as a flat rate medium, it was by design—but not without a battle.

Recently, the House of Representatives approved a bill (H.R. 1291) that purportedly was crafted to address a "threat" that Congress or the FCC was going to impose access charges on the Internet. No such threat exists. Nevertheless many Members of Congress had received letters—generated by rumors on the Internet—about a bill that would impose a "modem tax," or a per minute fee, on email or consumers' general Internet use. This fictitious bill—sponsored by the equally fictitious Representative Schnell—allegedly aimed to impose new fees on Internet use.

The bill that the House approved however, didn't technically prohibit access charges on the Internet—the bill only prohibits access charge fees that would support universal service. It did not prohibit per minute access charges that could be assessed by local phone companies for recovering access costs

that did not go into any universal service support mechanism. Most shocking, however, is the fact that the bill includes a legislative "green light" to the FCC to support per minute fees on internet telephone calls by specifically exempting IP telephony from H.R. 1291's (albeit incomplete) access charge prohibition.

This big "legislative wink" that the bill's supporters give to the FCC, i.e., to look at access charges on Internet telephony providers may accelerate and embolden efforts by local phone companies to pressure the FCC into permitting local phone companies to assess per minute charges on IP telephony providers. Congress should not, in my view, be expressly and overtly exempting Internet telephone calls from the current access charge exemption.

Moreover, my legislation to close the IP telephone exemption contained in H.R. 1291 would also mitigate against the creation of a potentially huge privacy issue. Who is going to monitor your Internet usage to see which of your bits are email bits, which are websurfing bits, and which are bits representing telephone calls?

The bill I introduce today is designed to remedy this situation. It is based upon the amendment that I offered in the House Commerce Committee to prohibit the FCC from authorizing per minute charges on Internet telephony. I believe we need to safeguard the flat rate nature of the Internet for consumers. Mr. Speaker, I hope my colleagues in the House will look favorably upon this policy.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ALBERT RUSSELL WYNN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 27, 2000

Mr. WYNN. Mr. Speaker, on June 21, 2000 through June 23, 2000, I missed rollcall votes number 298 through 321, due to the death of my father, Albert F. Wynn. Had I been present I would have voted "no" on rollcall votes 299, 302, 303, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 321 and "aye" on votes 298, 300, 301, 304, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319 and 320.

RECOGNIZING THE FREMONT
FESTIVAL

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 27, 2000

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize an event in the 13th district that has become widely popular and enormously successful. The Fremont Festival of the Arts, sponsored by the Fremont Chamber of Commerce, will continue for this, its 17th year.

This festival attracts over 400,000 attendees and will feature more than 750 artists, 40 culinary selections and 20 bands. This efforts is underwritten by the Fremont Chamber of Commerce and made possible by over 300 volunteers who give willingly of their time for the betterment of our community.

It takes generous and concerned individuals like those volunteers to reach out and make a

difference, ensuring promise and opportunity for this and future generations to enjoy. The spirit of community service is alive and thriving in Fremont, as in many communities throughout our nation. The City of Fremont has recently been recognized as an All-American City, an honor which was also promoted by the Fremont Chamber of Commerce.

I am indeed proud to salute the efforts of the organizers of the Fremont Festival of the Arts for making my district a better place in which to live. I particularly would like to commend the efforts of David M. O'Hara, the volunteer Chairman of the Festival for his generous and untiring efforts on behalf of my constituents.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PATRICK J. KENNEDY

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 27, 2000

Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island. Mr. Speaker, on June 26, 2000 I was unavoidably detained and consequently missed one vote, rollcall 326. Had I been here I would have voted "no" on the passage of H.R. 4690.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LEONARD L. BOSWELL

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 27, 2000

Mr. BOSWELL. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained while en route from Iowa back to Washington yesterday afternoon. Due to an aircraft mechanical problem, I missed rollcall vote No. 322, the Sanford amendment. Had I been present, I would have voted "no." I also missed rollcall vote No. 323, the Oliver amendment. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea." Finally, I also missed rollcall vote No. 324, the Hostettler amendment. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

RECOGNIZE THE CENTENNIAL OF
STAMFORD, TEXAS

HON. CHARLES W. STENHOLM

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 27, 2000

Mr. STENHOLM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a great deal of Texas pride to recognize the Centennial of my hometown, Stamford, Texas.

On June 30, 2000, citizens in this small West Texas town will gather to celebrate this event. Founded by owners of the SMS Ranches and the President of the Texas Central Railway, Stamford will honor the Centennial with the unveiling of a large sculpture made of steel that depicts a mounted cowboy meeting the railroad. The sculpture acknowledges the two industries—agriculture and railways—that contributed to the City's founding. Citizens will also place items into a time capsule that will be opened at the Bicentennial.

I wish to include in the RECORD a brief history of the City. In addition, I want to include