

I am pleased and honored to represent Stetson University, which lies within the Seventh Congressional District, in DeLand Florida. I am also delighted that the School of Law, which is located in the Tenth Congressional District, in St. Petersburg Florida, is represented by my friend and colleague Representative C.W. Bill Young.

Finally Mr. Speaker, the attendees of the State of Florida anniversary event received a copy of the March 15, 1845, edition of the St. Augustine Newspaper which detailed the Congressional action that confirmed Florida as America's 27th State. Some of the advice given by the editor in the article, to give us your "good, tried and honest men" who will lay "party feelings . . . aside" to represent the new state, should be equally important today.

I submit for the RECORD the article from the March 15, 1845, edition of The News of St. Augustine, Florida.

THE STATE OF FLORIDA

The Bill for the admission of the State of Florida into the Union has passed Congress. The day of trial has come, and the people will soon feel the full benefits arising from the change and from the visits of the tax collector. The die is cast, and all, who have opposed State Government, must submit. They can support the burdens of a State as well as those, who have heretofore been most clamorous for it. In many instances, the personal interests of those, who have opposed our admission at this time, will probably be promoted by the change. They resisted it not from personal considerations, but because they entertained the sincere conviction, that the interests of Florida and its prosperity would be injuriously affected by it. Such is their belief still. But the measure has been brought about despite of their opposition. With others rests the responsibility, whatever the result.

Now it is the duty of all to adapt themselves to the new order of things, and to make the most of it. All should unite in organizing the new government in the best and most economical manner. The intelligence and the integrity of the whole Territory should be sought out and employed in putting the government in motion. Much, very much of the future prosperity and greatness of the country will depend on our action now. More than the mere party politicians is needed at this time. The occasion requires those, who have made our free institutions and the science of government their study. A direction and an impulse are now to be given to the machinery of our institutions. Much nearly everything depends on a right commencement. To do this, the mind of the country must be put in requisition. Good, tried and intelligent men must be sent to the Legislature. Party feeling should be laid aside. Partialities and prejudices should be sacrificed to the good of the country. The inquiry should be, who can lend the most efficient aid in imparting the right impulse to our State Government. By no other consideration should any be influenced. At the first session of the Legislature, Officers are to be selected, and their salaries determined; Taxes levied, and their amount fixed and adjusted; the representation of the Counties is to be apportioned; and all the expenses of the new government is to be settled, and whether our burdens are to be light or heavy, whether we are to be free or oppressed, must be determined. The consequences of the action of the first Legislature will be long felt for good or ill. Under these circumstances, we call upon our friends in the country to reflect, and to act with that deliberation, in preparing for the State Government and in

the selection of members of the next Legislature, which the importance of the occasion and the momentous interests at stake, demand of all. The power lies with the country, and we trust it may be exercised with discretion and fidelity. They are called upon to act not only for themselves, but for their children. As the stream is now caused to flow, so it will continue. Great effort will be required to divert from its wanted channel. Reflect seriously, deliberate cautiously, determine justly, and act patriotically.

RECOGNIZING CORPORAL RICHARD ZAHIGIAN

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 10, 2001

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Corporal Richard Zahigian for his service and dedication to the United States Marine Corps. In addition, I would like to recognize his book, *The Other Side of Conflict*, which chronicles his stateside service to his country in the Vietnam Era, between the years of 1966–1968.

While his exemplary career spanned a number of years, his service in the Marine Corps was highlighted on December 22, 1967. On that date, Corporal Zahigian was the honored recipient of the "Meritorious Mast" for his performance and devotion to duty, in keeping with the highest tradition of the Naval Service, as the "Lone Marine" of McGuire Air Force Base, New Jersey.

The *Other Side of Conflict* is dedicated to the generations of young people who served in the Armed Forces, to Corporal Zahigian's fellow Vietnam Era veterans who trained alongside him, and especially to all those who did not return.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing Corporal Richard Zahigian for his selfless dedication to this country and the freedoms that we enjoy. Please join me in celebrating Richard's career and literary success.

A TRIBUTE TO AMERICAN NURSES DURING NATIONAL NURSES WEEK

HON. WILLIAM O. LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 10, 2001

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise this evening to pay tribute to a remarkable group of dedicated health professionals—the nearly 3 million registered nurses in the United States.

These outstanding men and women of every race, creed and ethnic background will celebrate National Nurses Week May 6–12, 2001. This week is set aside as a special week to recognize those who have worked hard to save lives and maintain the health of millions of individuals. I believe that all Americans who have ever been cared for or comforted by a nurse should celebrate National Nurses Week.

According to the American Nurses Association, National Nurse Week was first observed October 11–16, 1954, on the 100th anniversary

of the founding of modern nursing by Florence Nightingale during the Crimean War. National Nurses Day and Week was eventually moved to May to incorporate Florence Nightingale's birthday, which is May 12th.

This year, the American Nurses Association (ANA) and its 53 constituent associations will highlight the diverse ways in which registered nurses, the largest health care profession, are working to improve health care. Studies show that the higher the ratio of nurse-to-patients in a hospital, the lower the patient death rate. In short, registered nurses provide top-quality, cost effective health care services for their patients.

Mr. Speaker, I commend all of America's nurses during this week of May 6–12, 2001 and encourage my colleagues to do the same.

TRIBUTE TO MARK BROXMEYER

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 10, 2001

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Mark Broxmeyer; entrepreneur, community activist, and friend. On the occasion of today's dinner, benefiting the Greene Emergency Center of the North Shore University Hospital, it is appropriate to pay tribute to a man who has dedicated himself to improving our communities.

Twenty-eight years ago, Mr. Broxmeyer founded Fairfield Properties, which, through years of hard work and determination, has grown into a complex network of properties including over 8,000 units in Long Island and beyond. His professional success has earned him the respect of many in the fields of building and real estate, resulting in a cover story on his success in *Builder* and *Remodeler News* and a profile in the real estate section of the *New York Times*.

Mr. Broxmeyer has also been a devoted community activist. His enthusiasm for our communities on Long Island has resulted in his being named "Man of the Year" by the United Cerebral Palsy Association and an Advocacy Award from Big Brothers/Big Sisters. He was appointed by former President Bush to the Board of Directors of the Federal Home Loan Bank for the New York Region. He also serves on the Board of Directors of the United Nations Economic Development Corporation.

Mr. Broxmeyer has also served as the Vice President for the Board of Trustees of the Jewish Institute for National Security Affairs and he was the recipient of a Leadership Award from the Jewish Institute for National Security Affairs, given to him personally by our former colleague, Secretary Jack Kemp.

He has also been active in his Alma Mater, Hofstra University, from which he has received an Alumni achievement award and made a member of the Board of Trustees.

Most important of all, I have come to respect his commitment to his family. As an entrepreneur, demands on Mark's time must be tremendous, yet he still finds time for his children Michael, Evan, Marissa, Daniel, and Becky.

I have been fortunate to know Mark Broxmeyer, and I respect his success and his enthusiasm for his community and his loved ones.