

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN HONOR OF FOOD NOT BOMBS
CLEVELAND

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 19, 2001

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Food Not Bombs Cleveland for the significant contribution that organization is making in Ohio's 10th Congressional District and the Greater Cleveland area.

Like other Congressional Districts around the country, my district has severe and significantly problems with hunger. This problem is prevalent among those who have places to live and those who do not.

Food Not Bombs Cleveland operates on the principle that society and government should value human life over material wealth. Many of the problems in the world stem from this simple crisis in values.

By giving away free food to people in need in public spaces, such as Cleveland's Public Square every Sunday afternoon since January 1996, Food Not Bombs Cleveland directly dramatizes the level of hunger in this country and the surplus of food being wasted. Food Not Bombs Cleveland also calls attention to the failure of our society to support those within it while amply funding the forces of war and violence.

Food Not Bombs Cleveland is part of an informal network, Food Not Bombs, which was formed in Boston in 1980 as an outgrowth of the anti-nuclear movement in New England. Food Not Bombs Cleveland is committed to the use of non-violent direct action to change society. It is by working today to create sustainable institutions that prefigure the kind of society we want to live in, that Food Not Bombs Cleveland works to bring a vital and caring movement for progressive social change.

Food Not Bombs serves food as a practical act of sustaining people and organizations, not as symbolism. Thousands of meals are served each week by Food Not Bombs groups in North America and Europe. The meals served by Food Not Bombs Cleveland each week are vegetarian, donated by Cleveland-area grocers such as the Food Coop, the Web of Life, Panera Bakery, and vendors at Cleveland's West Side Market, prepared by volunteers, and are shared with anyone who wants to participate.

It is at these weekly gatherings that information is shared by participants on all issues of significance, from available resources for survival on and off the streets to how to make positive non-violent change in our society. Since many of the participants in Food Not Bombs Cleveland are living on either side of the edge of homelessness, there is much information gathered and shared that is useful to the participants.

For instance, it is at these gatherings that the Northeast Ohio Coalition for the Homeless distributes its "Street Card," detailing all social

services available to both the homeless, the formerly homeless, and those at risk of becoming homeless. Participants share information about their own experience with social services resources, both as users and providers of such services. Thus, Food Not Bombs Cleveland operates as an important networking tool for those in need of social services that help those in need.

I am proud of the work that Food Not Bombs Cleveland accomplishes through its free public meals, by drawing attention to the hunger and homelessness crisis in America, and by using direct, non-violent means toward helping resolve these crises. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognition of Food Not Bombs Cleveland the national Food Not Bombs network.

IN MEMORY OF WILLIAM FRANCIS
LANDIS

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 19, 2001

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize William Francis Landis, who died June 10, 2001 in Humboldt County, California at the age of ninety.

Bill Landis was born in Oakland, California where he attended local schools. In 1939, he graduated from the University of California at Berkeley. He became a full time employee of the Bank of America, having worked for the bank part time while attending the university.

After the 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor, Bill Landis joined the United States Army and served in the Army Air Corps throughout World War II.

When the war ended, Bill Landis returned to work at Bank of America. Before the war he had met his future wife, Marian Adele Anderson, of Ferndale, California. They married and settled in Hayward, California. After the birth of their sons, William, Jr. and James, Bill and Marian decided to move back to Humboldt County to raise their family. The family grew as three more children were born, Charles, Gary and Adele.

Bill worked for the Arcata Plywood Company and was instrumental in organizing Local Union 2808. In 1962 he was elected 5th District Supervisor for the County of Humboldt and was a strong supporter of the establishment of the Redwood National Park. After his term as Supervisor, he served as business agent for the Humboldt County Employee Union for ten years.

After his retirement, Bill Landis served as Senior Senator, advising the California Legislature on important senior issues. Actively involved at the Eureka Senior Center, he educated others about senior health concerns and advocated lowering the cost of prescription medications for low-income seniors.

A fervent Democrat, a dedicated humanitarian, and a champion for senior citizens, Bill

Landis has left a distinguished legacy to his children and grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, it is appropriate at this time that we recognize William Francis Landis for his unwavering commitment to the ideals and values that sustain our great country.

A SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO SISTER
NANCY LINENKUGEL, OSF, EDM,
FACHE

HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 19, 2001

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to recognize Sister Nancy Linenkugel, a member of the Sisters of St. Francis, who will be stepping down as President and Chief Executive Officer of the Providence Health System and the Providence Hospital in Sandusky, Ohio after 21 years of service.

During Sister Nancy's tenure, she worked diligently to improve and enhance not only the hospital but also the people's lives that came into contact with her. Sister Nancy served 15 years as president and CEO of Providence Hospital. In addition to her hospital duties she concurrently served for 14 years as president and CEO of the Providence Health System which is made up of not only Providence Hospital but, Providence Care Centers, Providence Properties, Providence Fund, Providence Enterprises, and Providence Professional Corporation as well.

Over her 21 years, Sister Nancy has guided the Sandusky hospital through a significant period of growth. She has overseen the development of a Women's Center, an obstetrics unit, two physical therapy clinics, a sleep lab, a mobile MRI unit, inpatient rehab unit, and a home health agency, just to name a few. In addition, she established an Open Heart Surgery Program and initiated a physician relations program that significantly boosted hospital admissions. One important goal Sister Nancy had for the hospital was a freestanding long-term care facility. Her dream came true in 1989 when the Providence Care Center, a nursing home, opened its doors.

I am not the only one to recognize her accomplishments. Sister Nancy was inducted into the Ohio Women's Hall of Fame in 1999, given the Distinguished Alumni Award in 1993 from her alma mater Xavier University, named the Erie County Chamber Commerce Businesswoman of the Year in 1992 and the Sandusky Business and Professional Women named her Woman of the Year in 1989.

Mr. Speaker, Sister Nancy Linenkugel is an inspiration. Through her hard work, dedication, and determination, she has made Providence Health Systems one of the best in Ohio and the country. I ask my colleagues to join me in saluting her and wishing her the very best in her future endeavors.

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TRIBUTE TO CHRISTINE DIEMER
IGER

HON. GARY G. MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 19, 2001

Mr. GARY G. MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute and honor the accomplishments of Christine Diemer Iger, Esq.

Christine Diemer Iger, Chief Executive Officer for the past twelve years at the building Industry Association of Southern California/Orange County Chapter, will be resigning this post in August, 2001, to join the law firm of Manatt, Phelps and Phillips, LLP.

Mrs. Iger will be remembered for her dedication to making the BIA the spokesperson of record for the Orange County homebuilding industry. She interfaced closely and successfully with local, state, and federal officials to resolve Orange County's diverse and complex land use and building development issues. Prior to joining the Building Industry Association, Orange County Chapter, she served in the administration of Governor George Deukmejian from 1986–1989, as Director of the California Department of Housing and Community Development, and from 1983–1986 as Deputy Attorney General before the Court of Appeals and Supreme Court. Her legal career began in 1977, as Law Clerk to United States Magistrate Edward A. Infante in San Diego. She also served as Assistant Legal Director for the California District Association in 1979.

Mrs. Iger is a past board member of the Federal National Mortgage Association. She currently serves as a board member and audit committee chair of the Keith Companies, a successful engineering company and environmental land-use planning firm.

Mrs. Iger has an outstanding record of service to her community. She is a member of the executive committees for the University of California, Irvine, CEO Roundtable and Foundation, member of the Board of Directors for the Orange County Business Council, Orange County Performing Arts Center, Pacific Symphony Orchestra, and Opera Pacific.

Christine Diemer Iger's exemplary professional service has earned the admiration and respect of those who have had the privilege of working with her. I would like to congratulate her on these accomplishments and wish her well in her new endeavor.

IN MEMORY OF MR. JEFFREY
LEBARRON

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 19, 2001

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in memory of a great an, Jeffrey LeBarron. Mr. LeBarron has had a distinguished career working in both public and private sectors for Cleveland's economic development. During his career he has held a wide variety of positions ranging from executive assistant to former Cleveland Mayor Voinovich, director of retail real estate for the Richard E. Jacobs Group, to executive vice president of the Downtown Cleveland Partnership.

Mr. LeBarron graduated from Chagrin Falls High School in 1973. In 1977 he graduated from Boston University. He then continued his education earning a law degree in 1981 and then a master's degree in 1982 in business administration from Case Western Reserve University.

During his time in the Voinovich mayoral administration, he held the positions of assistant safety director and chief assistant law director, between 1981 and 1990. Mr. LeBarron then took a job with what was then Jacobs, Visconsi, & Jacobs Co. During his time with this development firm, he worked on the development of mayor real estate projects such as South Park Center and Chagrin Highlands. After he left Jacobs, Visconsi, & Jacobs Co., he joined with the Downtown Cleveland Partnership, a non-profit organization focused on downtown real estate development plans.

All of the hard work and dedication that Mr. LeBarron has displayed during his career is exemplary. He was an extraordinarily bright and an incredibly genuine person.

Mr. Speaker, please rise today and join me in applauding an individual who has made numerous contributions to the Cleveland area, Mr. Jeffrey LeBarron.

HONORING FRANK CAMMARATA
UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM
THE CLEARLAKE CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 19, 2001

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Frank Cammarata as he retires from the Clearlake Chamber of Commerce. Frank, a true friend of mine, has served the people of Clearlake, California at the Chamber since 1994. He originally joined the Chamber after he retired in 1982 from a successful career in Italian Foods.

During Frank's tenure working with the Clearlake community he has been instrumental in bringing light industry and jobs to the area. He has also helped establish a DMV office in Clearlake as well as a State Park and new community senior center. In addition, he has been credited with starting many events, such as the annual Lake County Wine Auction Gala, the city Jazz Festival, Christmas parade, and city hall tree lighting. He will also continue to work to bring Kaiser Health Plan to his community. His initiative and commitment is truly an asset to Lake County and an inspiration to our entire country.

In recognition of his work for the community he was named Clearlake's Man of the Year and Grand Marshall for the Fourth of July parade in 1997. He was also named Lake County's Man of the Year in 1999 for his determination in making Clearlake "the safest, friendliest town in California." This collection of awards is testimony to the value that Frank adds to the community of Clearlake. All citizens from Lake County have benefited from Frank's dedication and hard work.

Frank's involvement in the program "Toys for Kids" has made the program into a tremendous success. Every Christmas, "Toys for Kids" delivers toys and clothing to over 400 low-income kids in Clearlake. Without Frank's

energy and enthusiasm we would not be experiencing such great success in helping the children of our community.

Frank and his wife, Alva, have been married for over 40 years. He has four children—Frank V, Chris, and twin daughters, Anna and Cindy—and eight grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, it is appropriate at this time that we recognize Frank Cammarata for his contributions and unwavering service to the community of Clearlake. He is a model citizen whom we can all admire and emulate.

A SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO PHYLLIS
AND ELMER WELLMAN ON THE
OCCASION OF THEIR 50TH WED-
DING ANNIVERSARY

HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 19, 2001

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to congratulate Phyllis and Elmer Wellman, of Delphos, Ohio, on the recent celebration of their golden wedding anniversary.

Elmer J. Wellman married Phyllis A. Davis on July 16, 1951. After they were wed, the Wellmans settled in Delphos, Ohio. Their first priority throughout their lives have been their three children: Pat, Jim, and Mark, my Chief of Staff. They are also the devoted grandparents of four grandchildren.

Both Elmer and Phyllis were raised in farming families during the Great Depression. That common experience gave both of them an appreciation for the truly important things in life. They have also distinguished themselves as accomplished professionals and have generously contributed to their community.

Elmer recently retired from farming. He has also been active in civic positions including the Van Wert County Hospital Board, the former Peoples National Bank of Delphos, the Delphos Country Club and is a retired high school basketball referee.

Phyllis recently retired from her third career. After raising her three children, Phyllis returned to the profession of teaching. Her patient, yet demanding teaching style helped prepare countless students for the working world. She retired from teaching in 1978, only to serve in the administrative office of Wellman Seeds, Inc. until her retirement last year.

Mr. Speaker, the institution of marriage provides the strength that holds our communities together. Maintaining a marriage requires sacrifice, understanding, patience, and sometimes forgiveness by both husband and wife. Marking the fiftieth anniversary of a marriage is a very special occasion for not only the couple, but also for the family, friends, and community they have touched.

It has been my privilege to know Phyllis and Elmer Wellman for more than twenty years. I ask my colleagues to join me in extending to them our very best on their golden anniversary and to wish them many more years of happiness together.

TRIBUTE TO JENNETTA HARRIS

HON. GARY G. MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 19, 2001

Mr. GARY G. MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute and honor the accomplishments of Jennetta Harris, of Alta Loma, California.

Ms. Harris has been employed by Southern California Edison for twenty-eight years. In her role as Public Affairs Region manager, she has provided support to many organizations and the community at large. Ms. Harris has received numerous, well-deserved honors for her legendary giving of time and self to professional, civic and youth organizations. She was recently honored by the American Red Cross for her outstanding leadership as chair of the Pomona Valley Chapter.

Past awards and honors include: NAACP Legal Defense Fund Black Woman of Achievement; Los Angeles African American Women's Political Action Committee; Mary Church Terrell Award; 1999 AOH Woman; Pitzer College Learning Center Achievement Award; YMCA Leadership Award; Inland Valley News Publisher's Celebration of Excellence Award; American Woman Business Association Community Service Award; Boys and Girls Club C.J. Tuck McGuire Award and San Gabriel Valley; Branch NAACP Black Women of Achievement Award.

Ms. Harris serves as a minister, Sunday School Teacher and editor for her parish, Greater Bethel Apostolic community Church in Riverside, California. She enjoys spending time with her children, Elijah and Jennell, writing poetry and traveling.

Ms. Harris' impressive record of community service has earned the admiration and respect of those who have had the privilege of working with her. I would like to congratulate her on these accomplishments and thank her for the service she has provided to her community.

IN HONOR OF ST. THEODOSIUS
ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 19, 2001

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the anniversary of the construction of the St. Theodosius Orthodox Cathedral. This architectural wonder has housed this faithful congregation for ninety years.

In addition to celebrating their anniversary, the Cathedral community has been engaged in a comprehensive restoration and improvement project. The beautiful Neo-Byzantine murals are being cleaned and restored. In addition, new gold leaf gilding, marble floor, and carpet are being installed and an entry-way will be constructed that will be compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Over 500 individuals call St. Theodosius their spiritual home. The church community traces its history back to its founding in 1896 as the first Orthodox Community in Cleveland.

Since then, this historic church has served the Tremont neighborhood and the rest of the Cleveland community in countless ways. Recently, it has been active in helping the needy by providing a Food Pantry every month along with hot lunches and holiday meals.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring this congregation and their architectural marvel. May they serve their community faithfully for another ninety years and beyond.

HONORING THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE OPEN DOOR COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 19, 2001

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 30th Anniversary of the Open Door Community Health Centers. Open Door began in 1971 as a volunteer clinic providing health, legal and other social services. Their mission has always been to provide high quality, affordable health care to all without regard for financial, geographical, or social barriers.

In its thirty-year tenure, Open Door has grown tremendously, presently operating eight community health centers in Humboldt and Del Norte counties. Open Door provides quality care to 32,000 patients a year and employs 250 people. The Mobile Health program serves over thirty school and community sites, bringing care to remote areas that would otherwise remain underserved.

In addition to providing two million dollars a year in free or reduced-fee services, Open Door has acted as an incubator for many new programs that have since become key service agencies for our community. Open Door has been instrumental in identifying the health needs of rural communities and in bringing them to the attention of state and federal legislators.

The committed staff of the Open Door Community Health Centers strives daily to provide the utmost in quality care for our community. Mr. Speaker, it is appropriate at this time that we recognize and honor their dedication on this 30th Anniversary of the Open Door Community Health Centers.

DEPARTMENTS OF COMMERCE, JUSTICE, AND STATE, THE JUDICIARY, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2002

SPEECH OF

HON. JERRY MORAN

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 18, 2001

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2500) making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes:

Mr. MORAN of Kansas. Mr. Chairman, I rise today to speak in favor of the Small Business Administration 7a Loan program.

Currently, 40% of all long term business loans of \$1 million or less through private sector lenders have SBA involvement. Because of inadequate federal resources, SBA has had to rely on increased user fees. This results in higher costs and many lenders quit providing SBA loans because they are not profitable. This often means that small business are denied long term credit.

Over the last eight years, over 5,500 small business loans were made in the state of Kansas. If SBA had not been available to finance these loans, most would not have been made. Small businesses are vital to the small communities in my district. Without the availability of these long term loans, many small business would never get off the ground. If SBA must continue to rely on user fees to fund SBA, the future of small businesses will be jeopardized.

I urge my colleagues to support increasing SBA funding under the Commerce, Justice, State Appropriation bill.

H.R. 2562, THE MINORITY EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS ACT OF 2001

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 19, 2001

Mr. BISHOP. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing a bill that will help minorities better prepare for tornadoes, floods, and other disasters, thereby raising the level of protection for segments of the population hit the hardest. This bill is entitled the "Minority Emergency Preparedness Act of 2001" and already has 25 original co-sponsors. I feel this initial response is a testament to the importance and value of this legislation.

This bill will establish a research program to assess the impact of man-made and natural disasters on minority populations, especially low income, under served populations in rural communities and densely-populated urban areas. This information can then be used to help prepare for disasters such as tornadoes, floods, earthquakes, hurricanes, fires, and storms involving heavy rains, high winds and ice and snow, and thus lessen their impact.

According to the Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA), minorities are impacted by emergencies two and a half times more than others in the country, and this is unacceptable. We must do more to help those who need it, so that they will not be impacted as much at times of disaster.

It is my hope that all people in high risk circumstances will benefit from this program, which will document and make available information about the dangers that are present in different locations as well as provide practical guidance on how to protect against disasters. I ask my colleagues to join with me in supporting this legislation, and lessen the harsh effects that disasters have on our communities in the states and regions most impacted by them.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO JENNIE
TERPSTRA

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 19, 2001

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to extend my sincerest congratulations to Jennie Terpstra in honor of her 100th birthday. Ms. Terpstra was born on July 23, 1901 in Eastmanville, Michigan and has spent most of her life on a farm in Lamont, Michigan. It was on the farm where she acquired a love for flowers, gardening, and reading.

On June 21, 1923, at the age of 21, Jennie was married to George Terpstra at Tallmadge Church. George was her elder by one year and one day. Later in life, Ms. Terpstra found her spiritual home at the Lamont Christian Reformed Church.

To date, Ms. Terpstra has five children, nineteen grandchildren, over forty great-grandchildren, and six great-great grandchildren.

Therefore Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Ms. Jennie Terpstra for turning 100 years young. Eric Butterworth once said "Don't go through life, grow through life;" Ms. Terpstra certainly has.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT
AUTHORIZING CONGRESS TO
PROHIBIT PHYSICAL DESECRATION
OF THE FLAG OF THE
UNITED STATES

SPEECH OF

HON. TODD RUSSELL PLATTS

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 17, 2001

Mr. PLATTS. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of my constituents and my late father, Dutch Platts, an army veteran who felt very strongly about protecting the American flag from desecration, I rise in support of this proposal.

House Joint Resolution 36 is important for many reasons. The American flag is of great importance not only to the men and women of the United States of America but also to the citizens of the world. Every time we raise or lower the many flags flown all over the world, we have given thanks and shown appreciation not only to the veterans who fought and gave their lives to ensure the freedoms we know today, but to the many citizens who work daily to preserve those freedoms. Desecration of this commanding symbol, whether it is by burning, tearing or other mutilation, undermines the powerful sense of patriotism Americans feel whenever they see the red, white

and blue. To many, desecrating the American flag not only destroys a cloth, it also destroys the memories and devotion thousands of veterans and others carry with them throughout their daily lives.

In this day of world conflict, we must remember that the Stars and Stripes has been a force that holds communities together. I agree with the gentleman from California, Mr. Cunningham, that, "The American flag is a national treasure. It is the ultimate symbol of freedom, equal opportunity and religious tolerance. Amending our Constitution to protect the flag is a necessity."

In looking to whether our Founding Fathers intended the First Amendment right to freedom of speech to include burning of the American flag, I look to how our Founding Fathers treated the flag: When the Founding Fathers would go into battle, one soldier would carry the flag. If that individual fell in battle, another soldier would give up his weapon to pick up the flag. Those actions tell us pretty clearly how much our Founding Fathers respected and were willing to sacrifice themselves for the flag and how they did not intend the First Amendment right to freedom of speech to include desecration of the American Flag.

I am hopeful that this bill will pass with broad bipartisan support.