

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

PAYING TRIBUTE TO INGRID BOGCESS

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 13, 2001

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with a solemn heart that I would like to take this opportunity and pay tribute to the life and memory of Ingrid Boggess who recently passed away in Pueblo, Colorado on December 3, 2001. Ingrid was fighting pancreatic cancer, and as we mourn her loss, I would like to recognize the dedication displayed and contributions made by Ingrid to her community.

Ingrid was born in Czechoslovakia and dreamed of coming to the United States early in life. While living in Germany, she learned English and worked as a translator for the German government in the late 1950's. Her dream was realized when Ingrid became a naturalized citizen in 1964 and moved to the community of Pueblo. Ingrid soon found work, married her husband Jack, and dedicated her free time and energy to the community. Among her interests were promoting education, public health, and the arts.

Ingrid was a member of and served as President of the Pueblo Symphony and the Symphony Guild. Her commitment to helping others was evident in her service to the National Assistance League, Assistance League of Pueblo, Parkview Hospital Foundation Board and the Pueblo Community College Foundation. She also dedicated her time and efforts to the preservation of our history and arts through the Pueblo County Historical Society, the Rosemount Museum Auxiliary, and the Sangre de Cristo Arts and Conference Center.

Mr. Speaker, I have mentioned just a few of Ingrid's many contributions to the community of Pueblo. She was a dedicated servant who dreamed of coming to this nation and living the American dream. She not only lived that dream but dedicated her life to helping others reach their aspirations. Her husband, two children survive her. My heart and my condolences go out to Ingrid's family and friends during this time of loss and healing.

TRIBUTE TO SAND FORK ELEMENTARY

HON. SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 13, 2001

Mrs. CAPITO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Sand Fork Elementary in recognition of their achievement as an "exemplary" school.

Sand Fork Elementary has been selected as one of the top 50 schools of West Virginia. "Exemplary" status is based on Stanford Achievement Test results, attendance, drop out rates, and writing exam scores.

I commend the leadership and faculty on their dedication to the children that walk through their doors each day. They have set an incredible example for the other 817 schools in West Virginia.

I equally commend the students and parents of Sand Fork Elementary for their commitment to a quality education and a bright future.

Efforts to bring superior education to all of West Virginia and America are among our top priorities. Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring Sand Fork Elementary.

DENOUNCE TERROR IN ANY FORM

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 13, 2001

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to condemn terrorism in all forms. We continue to be shocked and saddened by the September 11 attacks, and the gruesome attacks that have been taking place in Israel this month. Wednesday night, at least 10 Israelis were killed and more than 30 were injured during a roadside bombing and shooting attack against a bus. It was among the bloodiest incidents in nearly 15 months of violence in the Middle East. If there is going to be hope for peace in the region, these acts of hate and terror must stop. Israel cannot be expected to negotiate with those that allow for such atrocities to occur.

I was also angered and saddened yesterday to learn that two leaders of the Jewish Defense League were assembling bombs to use in planned attacks against one of L.A.'s largest mosques and the local offices of a House member (Mr. ISSA).

The two men, Irving David Rubin and Earl Leslie Krugel, have been charged with conspiracy to manufacture and detonate bombs targeting Arab and Muslim buildings in the Los Angeles area, as well as the San Clemente offices the gentleman from California (Mr. ISSA).

As a Jewish Member of Congress, I was particularly outraged by the news of those vicious plans. I want all of my colleagues and the entire American public to know that those individuals are seen by Jews as any other terrorist would be seen. They have no right to attempt to carry out murder in the name of religion and they do not represent the values or the beliefs of the Jewish community.

Now, more than any time, it is important for this nation to embrace its diversity and for all of us to denounce discrimination, terror, and hate in any form.

CHRIS PIENING, A BUILDER OF TRANS-ATLANTIC RELATIONS

HON. BENJAMIN A. GILMAN

OF NEW YORK

HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 13, 2001

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, it is with regret that we report that last weekend our friend Chris Piening died after a long struggle with amyloidosis.

Chris worked for years as the staff engine, behind the European side of what is not called the Transatlantic Legislative Dialogue—the interparliamentary dialogue between the United States Congress and the European Parliament. That dialogue just had its 53d meeting, and is a critical part of the burgeoning interaction between the two largest economic and political entities in the Western world.

Chris was born in New York in 1945: he was an exceptional human being. His good humor, capacity for hard work, and diplomatic skills were regularly tested but never found lacking. He always exhibited an extraordinary zest for life that touched all those he came in contact with.

Chris was a scholar as well as a legislative official. During a leave at the University of Washington he wrote *Global Europe: the European Union in World Affairs* (Lynne Rienner: Boulder, Co., 1997), considered an authoritative account of the EU's actions abroad. He worked in recent years as the head of the European Parliament's information office in London.

Mr. Speaker, on our own behalf, and on behalf of the Members, former Members, and staff associated with the Congress-EP exchange, we extend our condolences to Chris's wife, Marion, his children, Jenny and Claude, and his colleagues and friends at the European Parliament.

For the information of our colleagues, we set out below a tribute relating to Chris's life and work issued by the Secretary General of the European Parliament.

STRASBOURG,
December 12, 2001.

NOTICE TO STAFF

DEAR COLLEAGUES: It is with the deepest sadness that I have to inform you of the death of our colleague, Chris Piening, who died in London last Saturday, December 8, aged 56 after a long and painful illness. Chris leaves his wife, Marion, and two children, Jenny and Claude.

He began work in the Parliament on May 1, 1973 as a Translator in Luxembourg, becoming an official the following year. He was appointed Administrator in June 1979, Principal Administrator in December 1983 and became Head of Division in 1989. In 1985 he was assigned to Brussels where he worked for DG II, DG III and then the President's Cabinet. In February 1999 he was appointed Head of our London Information Office.

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