

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BOB CLEMENT

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 22, 2002

Mr. CLEMENT. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 103, had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

IN RECOGNITION OF THE LOWER EAST SIDE PEOPLE'S FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 22, 2002

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the Lower East Side People's Federal Credit Union (LESPFCU) in New York City. The Lower East Side People's Federal Credit Union has been such a vibrant part of the community in which I live and represent. It is a pleasure to pay tribute to this illustrious organization.

The Lower East Side People's Federal Credit Union is a federally-chartered and regulated nonprofit community development credit union for low and moderate income people on the New York City Lower East Side. The LESPFCU reinvests members' money in the Lower East Side to provide a full range of personal and affordable financial services to the community.

The LESPFCU was created as a result of intense grass-roots community organizing against the 1984 closing of the last commercial bank in the neighborhood and was chartered in 1986 by the National Credit Union Administration. LESPFCU's mission has since remained unchanged: to encourage saving and make loans that contribute to the individual, commercial, and housing development needs of this low-income community.

LESPFCU offers full-service in both Spanish and English and serves close to 10,000 area residents, who otherwise are not served by any commercial banks. The LESPFCU has reinvested over \$5.7 million in loans in the community, contributing to the overall development of the Lower East Side. The LESPFCU is presently in the process of creating a micro-enterprise development program which, through a combination of business training and small loans, will promote job creation and support small entrepreneurs in their community.

In February of 2002, the Lower East Side People's Federal Credit Union opened a new ATM location on Avenue C between 8th and 9th Street, making it the first financial institution to establish a presence on Avenue C since the 1960s. Like its first branch ATM located at 3rd Street and Avenue B, the new ATM is open 24 hours, handicapped accessible, free for members of the credit union and

Co-op Network cardholders, and offers all other users a low surcharge of only one dollar. Now LESPFCU members have access to 6 free ATMs in the Lower East Side.

Mr. Speaker, I salute the Lower East Side People's Federal Credit Union and I ask my fellow Members of Congress to join me in recognizing the great contributions of this tremendously dedicated community organization.

RECOGNIZING THE VATICAN EXHIBIT FOUNDATION

HON. LARRY COMBEST

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 22, 2002

Mr. COMBEST. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Father Malcolm Neyland and the Vatican Exhibit Foundation, Mr. Gary Edson and the Museum at Texas Tech University, and the countless local and community leaders who have made the distant dream of the Vatican Exhibit 2002 become a reality. Because of their dedication and relentless efforts, a priceless collection of frescoes will be transported from the Vatican Museum in Rome, to the Museum of Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Texas.

Preparations for this exhibit began over fourteen years ago. Father Neyland made a series of trips to the Vatican City and after continuous hard work, he successfully convinced Vatican Museum officials to allow the frescoes to be exhibited in Lubbock. Since that time, he and many others have spent literally years making arrangements for this historical exhibit.

The Vatican Exhibit will open on June 2, 2002 and will continue until September 15th. The exhibit features 31 medieval frescoes created by master painters of the Roman School during the 12th and 13th centuries. The frescoes originally adorned the walls of the Basilica of St. Agnese and St. Nicola. As the church was renovated throughout the years, the frescoes were removed and placed in storage in the Vatican. They were recently removed from storage and restored to their original brilliance. This will be the first time the frescoes have left Rome and, once this exhibit is over, they will be returned directly to the Vatican Museums. In addition to the frescoes, the exhibit will feature other rare art from museums in Texas and paintings, sculptures and religious artifacts from the Museo Franz Mayer, the Biblioteca, and the Condomex in Mexico City. This is an unprecedented opportunity for Americans to view a variety of artifacts that have contributed to the shaping of our society and the formation of Christian beliefs.

Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct honor and pleasure today to express my thanks to the Vatican Exhibit Foundation and the many community leaders whose efforts brought this amazing exhibit to West Texas and the rest of America. Thanks to these individuals, thou-

sands of people will now have the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to experience magnificent artwork from the Vatican Museum.

INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION TO RENAME THE POST OFFICE IN LAKE LINDEN, MICHIGAN, AFTER THE HONORABLE PHILIP E. RUPPE

HON. DAVE CAMP

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 22, 2002

Mr. CAMP. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to pay much deserved tribute to former Congressman Philip Edward Ruppe, who ably represented the people of northern Michigan in Congress for over a decade.

This bill, introduced by Representative BART STUPAK, designates the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 600 Calumet Street in Lake Linden, Michigan, as the "Philip E. Ruppe Post Office Building." I am pleased to report to my colleagues that the entire Michigan House delegation has signed on as original cosponsors of the measure.

Congressman Ruppe, whose family has lived in northern Michigan since the late 19th Century, was born in Laurium, Michigan on September 29, 1926. He is not only an active civic leader but also a businessman, actively involved in the community, and a veteran, who served his country as a lieutenant in the United States Navy during the Korean conflict.

In 1966, Congressman Ruppe was elected by the people of northern Michigan to serve in the 90th Congress. He served his constituents faithfully until January 3, 1979. As a member of the Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee as well as the Interior and Insular Affairs Committee, Congressman Ruppe was able to devote much of his focus to the specific needs of northern Michigan. Congressman Ruppe demonstrated his devotion to his constituents by becoming the first Congressman from the district to operate district offices.

Congressman Ruppe has dedicated his life to serving his community and his country. He is an example of everything that is good and decent in public service and this institution. Naming the post office in Lake Linden, Michigan is just one way we can pay tribute to this fine man and I urge support for the bill.

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HON. BOB CLEMENT

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 22, 2002

Mr. CLEMENT. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 97 had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

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