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I was also unavoidably detained for Roll Call No. 213, on the Motion to Adjourn. Had I been present I would have voted no.

I was also unavoidably detained for Roll Call No. 214, to Table the Appeal of the Ruling of the Chair. Had I been present I would have voted yea.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING  
RICHARD SCHOLL

**HON. ROBERT W. NEY**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 11, 2002*

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, whereas, Richard Scholl has reached the safety milestone of One Million Miles driven without a preventable accident; and

Whereas, Richard Scholl has been awarded the rank of "Individual Million Mile Safe Driver", a rank of accomplishment reached by only a few professional drivers; and

Whereas, Richard Scholl must be commended for his service to the community, providing safe transportation on our nation's highways;

Therefore, I join with the residents of the entire 18th Congressional District in recognizing Richard Scholl as a recipient of the Individual Million Mile Safe Driver award.

TRAFICANT TRIAL: A RAILROAD  
OF JUSTICE

**HON. JAMES A. TRAFICANT, JR.**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 11, 2002*

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, the government presented a ten-count indictment against me on May 4, 2001. And, convicted me on those ten counts, Thursday, April 11, 2002.

Count Three—John J. Cafaro (The great anomaly—double jeopardy, perjury.)

This count surrounds a now bankrupt firm known as U.S. Aerospace Group Inc. of Manassas, VA. Like Lorena Bobbitt, they couldn't keep track of their appendages; in this case their corporate structure.

The owner of the company was John J. Cafaro. The president was his 21-year-old daughter, Capri. The COO was Richard Detore, who was later succeeded by Al Lange. The company was going bankrupt, but owned patent rights to an aviation safety device second to none, the laser flight navigation system. I arranged to have this laser system demonstrated for Aviation Subcommittee Chairman Jimmy Duncan of Tennessee and FAA Administrator Jane Garvey. Both were impressed. Ultimately there was \$4 million appropriated for military testing and use of this system—MEANPALS.

This count was supposed to be a quid pro quo like the others. Truth of the matter is the

only agreement I made with USAG was that (1) the manufacturing of any product would be in my district and (2) eventually the entire corporate headquarters and all umbrellas would be relocated to my district for the procurement of jobs for my constituents. In this venue, I might add, high-tech jobs.

J.J. Cafaro perjured himself in my trial to avoid charges of his previous perjured testimony in the RICO trial of former Mahoning County Sheriff, Phil Chance. In fact under cross-examination by myself, Mr. Cafaro admitted to "lying but not perjuring" himself, which is evidenced in the transcript.

Be advised that the testimony in the Chance trial dealt with an alibi, wherein Mr. Cafaro claimed to have given money to former Sheriff Chance, instead of mob-boss Lenny Strollo. Lenny Strollo later admitted that he had given the money to Chance. The same prosecutors in my trial called J.J. Cafaro in the Chance trial a "liar" and Cafaro admitted to that in his testimony. Mr. Cafaro perjured himself at my trial and paid for the perjured testimony of Al Lange, by providing for Al Lange's attorney's fees. In addition, I have come to find out that as an additional inducement for his testimony, Al Lange, who has been diagnosed with cancer, is being maintained by Mr. Cafaro's insurance, although the company has since gone bankrupt and Mr. Lange is no longer employed by Mr. Cafaro.

This whole quid pro quo also involves my boat. I had it for sale and was visited by J.J. Cafaro in my D.C. office one afternoon, where he handed me a book containing an evident bookmarker. When I opened the book I found that it was a bank draft for \$26,000 to buy my boat. Mr. Cafaro was so thrilled that his company, which was on the brink of bankruptcy, was given life through my efforts by obtaining \$4 million for MEANPALS.

I refused the money that Mr. Cafaro offered me and informed him that one of his employees, Al Lange, had a sincere interest in purchasing the boat and claimed he had bonus money coming from the company and that Mr. Lange would "repair the boat and use it for water navigation purposes." J.J. Cafaro and Al Lange testified that the whole thing was a boat scheme to reward me for my appropriation of the \$4 million. The problem is that they cannot overcome their lies with the following facts:

1. Al Lange had a professional boat survey done on the boat that showed that the value of the boat to be greater (without repairs) than I had been asking.

2. Richard Detore, then COO of USAG, was a witness to the boat transactions and said he "would not lie" even after tremendous pressure by the government to do so.

This information is evidence in a taped conversation I had with Mr. Detore on August 1, 2001. It states in pertinent part:

RD: What kind of witness does Cafaro really make when the reality comes out that the guy's lying . . .

JT: Well he's going to have Al Lange to make him look like he's telling the truth, but they can't handle the fact that you are so upright and upstanding a man of integrity, and it's going to blow their case; do you understand?

RD: Yeah, they tried to tear me apart, IRS. They tried saying that I committed fraud in order to obtain my house, which is nonsense because the bank told them I qualified for the house before I even moved. I was all prequalified. They tried to tell me that I was

trying to support my wife's lavish lifestyle. They had no idea that my wife has worked 20 years, worked her way through college and that her family is very financially well off; and we have never sought money from anybody. And when I moved from New Jersey, I was carefully, carefully debt free and had no obligations to anybody; and the thing about having to commit fraud with a bank in order to obtain a mortgage is pure nonsense. That's where they've gone. They've gone after me in every way, shape and form.

JT: And Cafaro lied to you from day one, didn't he?

RD: Yes, he did.

JT: And everything he said was a lie?

RD: And I have numerous witnesses where he lied to them.

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RD: Like I said, I can only tell the truth. I fear for my children's lives. I'm scared to death.

JT: You're going to be subpoenaed by me.

RD: Do it through the attorney.

JT: I will.

RD: The threats and intimidation; I'm willing to go to the media. I'm willing to go anywhere, you know.

JT: File your lawsuit and go to the media and say their zeal to get Trafficant, they wanted me to lie. That's the bottom line; and they pressured me to lie and made it known very clearly from what you told me that if I lie, all my problems would go away.

RD: I didn't lie. They wanted me to. I refused. I just said keep calm. I've discussed with my wife. I discussed it with other associates. They said that I was (UNINTELLIGIBLE) with the IRS. I basically couldn't even speak and my family members sat there with me, and they said, Rick, we know you; you won't lie; you don't lie; don't lie. Don't be coerced into lying. I said they're telling me they're going to ruin my life if I don't.

I'm basically at my breaking point. I'm mentally running, I mean to tell you the truth; I'm ready to just go ahead and blow my head off. It is so bad, if it wasn't for my kids and the strain it would have on my kids, I'd be gone.

4. Mr. Detore, because he would not lie, was charged with a superceding indictment with me.

This information is evidenced in Mr. Detore's sworn declaration in his Motion to Dismiss filed with the court. It states in pertinent part:

"30. Mr. Morford attempted to pressure me [Detore] to change my statement that I knew of no acts of corruption involving Congressman Trafficant, J.J. Cafaro, and USAG."

5. Mr. Cafaro and Mr. Lange both testified that they bought me a welder and a generator, which is another lie, since I would have no use for these items having already owned a welder and generator. The welder and generator were given to me at my D.C. office to deliver to Brian Kidwell, a constituent of mine, who had stated to me and the officials at USAG, once he saw the first completed trailer, that he could "build the trailers needed for the company at a great savings." He further stated that "you [USAG]" provide me with a welder for aluminum work and a quality generator and I'll save "you up to 40% on trailer costs."

Mr. Kidwell testified under oath that the generator perished in a fire and affirms that he has reported this information to his insurance company.

The welder was photographed and scheduled for delivery to the U.S. District court in Cleveland so it could be shown to the jury that it was unused. The welder was picked up at Mr. Kidwell's residence in Vienna, Ohio under extremely suspicious and threatening circumstances. The following affidavit by Mr. Kidwell describes the events: