

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

DEDICATION IN THE MEMORY OF
MARINE CORPS PRIVATE FIRST
CLASS FRANCIS M. FINNERTY,
JR.

HON. MARGE ROUKEMA

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 2, 2002

Mrs. ROUKEMA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call the attention of my colleagues to a very special event to be held later this month in Washington Township, New Jersey.

On October 20, 2002, the community of the Township and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6192 will dedicate the intersection of Pascack and Westgate Avenues to one of Bergen County's fallen sons, Marine Corps Private First Class Francis M. Finnerty, Jr. PFC Finnerty, who made the ultimate sacrifice for his country, exemplifies the American values that have made our country great.

PFC Finnerty arrived in Vietnam in August 1967, at the tender age of nineteen. A rifleman, he was the only soldier in his platoon to survive the battle of Hue in February 1968, later surviving almost a month in the mountains of Vietnam. Even before that—only two weeks after his arrival in Vietnam—PFC Finnerty earned a Purple Heart for injuries to his hand and leg suffered when he was wounded by a land mine in Thu Bai.

Later, in an act of pure selflessness, PFC Finnerty elected to remain in Vietnam to fight, even when he became eligible to return to his home in Washington Township. Tragically, only a short time later, PFC Finnerty became the 117th serviceman from Bergen County to give his life for his country, when he was killed in Da Nang.

Mr. Speaker, at a time when our Nation most needs its heroes, PFC Finnerty's selflessness, courage, and dedication to his country should serve as an example to us all. On October 20, 2002, our hearts will go out to PFC Finnerty's family—particularly his parents, Marion and Francis M. Finnerty—who will return to Washington Township as the Township and VFW Post 6192 dedicate one of the Township's streets in his memory.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing this solemn occasion, and commemorating the sacrifice made by PFC Francis M. Finnerty, Jr. years ago so that we might all enjoy a more secure freedom today.

TRIBUTE TO EDWIN HEAFEY, JR.

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a remarkable Californian, who has left an indelible mark on the law and the community through his work in both the courtroom and the classroom.

Edwin Heafey, Jr. was a founding partner of the Oakland-based law firm Crosby, Heafey, Roach and May. With his father, brother and a law school classmate, Edwin Heafey built the firm from eight attorneys to 250 attorneys, and six offices throughout the state of California.

Edwin Heafey was a lawyer's lawyer, among the last of the breed who could rightly claim to be an expert in fields ranging from business law to personal injury law and who had 150 trials under his belt to prove it.

He represented Alameda County in the Oakland Raiders' \$100 million antitrust dispute with the National Football League, and some of his big cases helped shape product liability law in California and across the country. In these cases and others, he was a fierce advocate, but one known for his good humor and courtesy as much as his expertise and tenacity.

His knowledge of the law was as encyclopedic as his respect for it was immense. Edwin literally wrote the book on trial procedure.

As a professor at Boalt Hall law school in Berkeley for 17 years, he helped train the next generation of trial lawyers. As a teacher and, for many, as a mentor long after graduation, Edwin Heafey seeded the California legal community with talented young people steeped in both his knowledge and his uncompromising ethic.

Edwin Heafey held himself to the highest standards and believed that the law—and his law firm—could be a significant force for social as well as legal justice.

The Crosby, Heafey, Roach & May Foundation has made hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of grants to non-profit organizations throughout the San Francisco Bay Area and Southern California. Grant recipients have included such organizations as Second Chance Adult Literacy Program, Los Angeles Youth Conservation Corps and the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights.

In addition, every year dozens of Crosby Heafey lawyers provide pro bono legal services totaling thousands of hours. They represent asylum seekers from Central America, Tibet and Haiti and seniors who have been taken advantage of or abused. They help people with AIDS to plan their estates and provide legal representation to low-income people who would otherwise go unrepresented in discrimination cases, landlord-tenant disputes and consumer problems.

The firm Edwin Heafey helped found is unique in another respect. While many big companies preach the virtues of diversity, few actually achieve a truly diverse workforce. Through commitment to the recruitment and retention of minority and women lawyers, the 2002 issue of *Minority Law Journal* ranked Crosby, Heafey, Roach and May as the 10th most diverse of the nation's 250 largest law firms.

For that, and for so much more, the East Bay of California and indeed, the legal community nationwide, has much to be thankful for from Edwin Heafey Jr.

Edwin Heafey succumbed to cancer this summer, leaving behind his beloved wife, Mary, two children, three stepchildren and four much-adored grandchildren.

His family, the closest people to him, gave the best description of him that I can imagine in a card written shortly after their loss.

They called him "fun, a phrase maker, the problem solver. He repaired relationships, created opportunities, built careers."

He was "an enthusiastic scholar, learned educator, builder of a band of mutually devoted companions into a law firm."

He was, in sum, "quite a guy."

I could not agree more.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DOUG BEREUTER

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 2, 2002

Mr. BEREUTER. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 427 & 428 for reasons of official business to release the first annual report of the Congressional-Executive Commission on China.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on the approval of the Journal and on H. Con. Res. 476.

HONORING YALE LEONARD
ROSENBERG

HON. KEN BENTSEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BENTSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise in memory of an accomplished and revered legal scholar, Yale Leonard Rosenberg, who passed away on Sunday, September 22, 2002, at the age of 63. His death is a tremendous loss not only to his wife Irene, but to the University of Houston Law Center community and Houston's Jewish community. As an A.A White Professor of Law at the University of Houston Law Center, Mr. Rosenberg will be fondly remembered by his students and colleagues as a devoted teacher who inspired those around him with his quiet decency and boundless passion for teaching the law.

Yale Rosenberg, a native Houstonian, was an exceptional individual who exemplified the best of the legal field. At an early age, he demonstrated remarkable academic ability and desire to be involved in the community. In high school, he was named Houston's "Outstanding Jewish Athlete." At Rice University, Yale Rosenberg not only excelled academically, graduating with a degree in Business Administration-Economics, but also and served as the "Grand Aleph Godol," or International President of the B'nai Brith AZA Youth Organization.

Yale Rosenberg's stellar legal career began at New York University Law School and was

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