

Joseph Budd Youth Assessment Center where he commanded the Youth Bureau. In addition, Mark was the first trained Drug Abuse Resistance Education instructor, more commonly known as D.A.R.E., in Western Massachusetts and headed the D.A.R.E. program for many years.

Trained by the F.B.I. as the first hostage negotiator for the police department, Mark used his skills several times during hostage situations that were both dangerous and volatile. Mark's skill and courage did not go unnoticed. In 1979, after a fire broke out in the Kimball Towers, he assisted many people to safety and was awarded a commendation for bravery.

After the tragedy at the World Trade Center on September 11th, Mark involved himself immediately and was assigned Captain of the newly implemented Central Intelligence Bureau working closely with the F.B.I. on all homeland security issues. As the events of September 11th attest, police officers serve and protect the nation often at great sacrifice to themselves and for this we are immensely grateful.

Mark is not the only member of his family to dedicate his life to protect others. Mark's grandfather and father were police officers before him and his son is currently a police officer making four generations to serve the Springfield Police Department. I am proud and honored to represent such a praiseworthy individual and devoted family man.

Mark's achievements and accomplishments speak to his tremendous love and respect for his fellow citizens. I wish him all the best in his upcoming retirement and I humbly offer my sincerest thanks and gratitude for the lifetime of service he has given.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO PROF.
ROBERT V. REMINI

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 18, 2003

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, today I wish to honor the esteemed historian Dr. Robert V. Remini on the occasion of his 82nd birthday. As many of our colleagues know, Professor Remini was appointed as a Distinguished Visiting Scholar of American History in the John Kluge Center at the Library of Congress to undertake the ambitious project of writing the history of the U.S. House of Representatives.

Dr. Remini, Professor Emeritus of History and the Humanities at the University of Illinois at Chicago, was educated at Fordham University (B.S. 1943) and Columbia University (M.A., 1947, Ph.D., 1951). He has been teaching history for more than 50 years and writing books about American history for nearly as long. In addition to his three-volume biography of Andrew Jackson, he is the author of biographies of Henry Clay and Daniel Webster, as well as a dozen other books on Jacksonian America. Remini is also the author of two recent books: John Quincy Adams, and Joseph Smith: A Penguin Lives Biography.

"The House of Representatives is regarded as the People's House in which many distinguished, diligent, colorful, and larger-than-life personalities met together and during the past 200 plus years discussed, debated, quarreled

and helped hammer out the Nation's laws," Remini said on the appointment of his position to update the House History. "I intend to write a narrative history of this extraordinary institution with its vivid and sometimes outrageous personalities that will capture and frame all the excitement and drama that took place during the past 200 years so that the record of its triumphs, achievement, mistakes, and failures can be better known and appreciated by the American people," noted Remini.

Working with my colleague, the gentleman from Connecticut, JOHN LARSON, we believe that Professor Remini's efforts will result in a significant tool for the public and Members themselves to understand how and why Congress works the way it does and its unique and compelling history.

Please join me in congratulating Professor Remini on the occasion of reaching this milestone in his career. We all look forward to working with him as he completes the history of the House and to learning the lessons it teaches us upon its publication.

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2004

SPEECH OF

HON. DAVID WU

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 14, 2003

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill, H.R. 2673:

Mr. WU. Mr. Chairman, I thank my colleague from Montana for yielding me time. I rise in strong support of this food labeling amendment.

Opponents of this amendment argue complexity and delay. I offer simplicity and brevity.

Last Congress, this body voted in support of country-of-origin food labeling. We voted in favor of labeling because it supports family farms, increases food safety, and gives customers the right to choose where their food comes from.

Several decades ago, we created the strongest securities and financial industry in the world by asking for labeling and disclosure. This action was opposed tremendously by the financial industry at that time. Today, however, many segments of the securities industry support disclosure because it created a new and stronger industry.

I firmly believe that consumer right-to-know is a good thing. I can look at the back of my tie and determine that it is made in America. I can look at the labeling in my suit and determine that it is made in America. If I go to the supermarket and buy a pound of hamburger, I cannot tell where that product came from.

The opponents of this amendment want to keep me, and all American consumers in ignorance. That is wrong—wrong for America's family farmers and wrong for American consumers.

Country of origin labeling helps family farms because, given a choice, most Americans will choose fresh foods grown domestically. In fact, numerous surveys and polls indicate that consumers overwhelmingly support country of

origin labeling and will pay a market premium for U.S. products. Labeling provides additional product information, increased consumer choice and fulfills a desire to support American agriculture. In addition, country of origin labeling addresses the heightened concerns of consumers regarding the recent discovery of mad cow disease in Canada.

The United States produces the most abundant, most affordable, and safest food in the world. Country of Origin Labeling gives American consumers the ability to choose food from places that they know and trust. It also gives family farmers recognition for the tremendous job they do producing safe, quality agricultural products.

HONORING ROBERT P. "BOBBY" KOCH ON HIS PROMOTION TO PRESIDENT AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE WINE INSTITUTE

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 18, 2003

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Robert P. "Bobby" Koch, who was elevated to president and chief executive officer of the Wine Institute this month. Bobby has been an employee of the institute since 1992, and a senior vice president since 1996. Prior to his employment with the Wine Institute, Bobby was an employee of this body, serving Representatives Coelho and GEPHARDT in various capacities, ending his service in this House as Mr. GEPHARDT's chief of staff.

Since Bobby has been at the Wine Institute, the organization has become a strong advocate on Capitol Hill for the wine industry, and Bobby has become the leading voice for the California wine industry. Certainly when I or any of my colleagues need the viewpoint of the industry, Bobby is one of the first people we turn to for advice. There is no stronger recognition of the truth of this statement than the action of the Board of Directors of the Wine Institute in appointing Bobby to replace John DeLuca as president and chief executive.

In addition to Bobby's contributions to California's wine industry, he has other redeeming qualities. Bobby is active representing the Institute on the USDA Agricultural Policy Committee for Trade, and is a board member of the National Commission Against Drunk Driving, the Council on American Politics at George Washington University, the Congressional Wine Foundation, and the California State Society. He has raised millions of dollars for worthy causes, including efforts to cure Crohn's disease and colitis, and the National Children's Hospital.

In addition to his many public accomplishments, Bobby is most proud of his family, including his wife Doro Bush Koch and their four children.

Mr. Speaker, it is truly an honor for me to rise to honor the accomplishments of Bobby Koch, to wish him many more years of success, and to honor him as a friend in his most recent appointment as president and chief executive officer of the Wine Institute.