

IN RECOGNITION OF FERNANDO
"FRED" C. MACHADO

HON. DEVIN NUNES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 3, 2003

Mr. NUNES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the contributions of Fred Machado to the community and agricultural industry of the great Central Valley of California.

Mr. Machado emigrated from the island of Flores in the Azores, Portugal in 1949 with his family at the age of 16. He worked as an agricultural laborer for a couple of years before joining the U.S. Navy and proudly served in the Korean War.

After fulfilling his duty to his country, Mr. Machado returned home and married Maxine Finney. They purchased a farm and started a family. He was successful in both.

Mr. Machado now operates a 1,500-cow dairy, along with 730 acres of diversified crops, including almonds, grapes, prunes and other field crops.

Over the years, Mr. Machado has served on numerous agricultural industry boards. He was appointed to the USDA Agricultural Trade Advisory Committee during the Reagan Administration, served on the board of the California Farm Bureau Federation, as well as the Fresno County Farm Bureau.

He has also served on the Fresno District Fair Board, the Fresno County Republican Central Committee, the Fresno County Cabrillo Club, the St. Jude Church in Easton and Ag One, among others.

On Aug. 23, the Ag One Foundation will bestow the Community Salute honor on Mr. Machado. Proceeds from the event will establish the Ag One—Fernando 'Fred' C. Machado Scholarship Endowment fund, which will benefit students pursuing a degree in the College of Agricultural Sciences and Technology at the California State University, Fresno.

Please join me in extending congratulations to Mr. Machado.

TRIBUTE TO TONY DEMARZO

HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Tony DeMarzo, of the Hernando County 10–13 Club, an organization of retired New York police officers in my Fifth Congressional District of Florida.

Serving as President, Vice President and Director of this organization throughout his 10-year involvement with the 10–13 Club, Tony has shown exemplary leadership and leadership.

Recently, Tony, a personal friend of mine, was honored by his fellow members with a plaque commemorating his service to the organization.

Mr. Speaker, I'd like to read the inscription from that plaque as I believe it outlines a few of the many reasons Tony's friends have chosen to honor him:

It reads: "In recognition of his distinguished leadership and strong stewardship this plaque is awarded to Antonio "Tony" DeMarzo by his

many friends and fellow members of the Hernando County 10–13 whereas during the last ten years as President, Vice President, and Director, Tony has overseen and guided the organization to the fruition of many goals. During his most recent tenure Tony established an honor guard, a booster Club and has dramatically increased both the membership and the treasury. Further, he organized the 9–11 disaster fund which raised many thousands of dollars. He also hosted the very successful 2002 national convention. He has been instrumental in creating and maintaining the professional rapport that exists today between the Hernando County 10–13 and the Hernando County Sheriff's Department."

Mr. Speaker, as we all since 9–11 have been reminded of the importance that our law enforcement officials play in securing our streets and communities, I believe it is also important to honor those who have retired from the profession. Their many years of noble service are not to be overlooked.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating Tony DeMarzo for his service while in uniform and his undying commitment to community, which has endured long after he stopped wearing the uniform.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. JULIAN
BATLAN

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to laud the accomplishments of Mr. Julian Batlan. Mr. Batlan is a truly remarkable individual. He is someone who has unconditionally volunteered his service time and time again to New Jersey's sixth Congressional District, the State of New Jersey, and to the United States of America.

Mr. Batlan comes from a family steeped in rich and noble history. He descends from the first Jewish man to settle on the eastern shores of America in 1655, Mr. Jacob Barsimon. He is also related to Mr. Simon M. Levy who in 1802 was a member of the first graduating class of cadets at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point.

Mr. Batlan, himself, has held his own and has reached the ranks of many of his highly esteemed relatives. His military record is stellar. Mr. Batlan is a decorated combat soldier, serving in World War II in the U.S. 1st Army, 1st Infantry Division in both the 7th and 9th Corps in the European Theater of Operations. He also fought on the fields during the Battle of the Bulge in Rhineland. For his bravery and wounds on the battlefield, Mr. Batlan has received the Silver Star, the Bronze Star, and the Purple Heart. After the war, Mr. Batlan did not stop serving his country. He was able to successfully move from the stage of war to the realm of domestic service through his membership in the Jewish War Veterans.

Mr. Batlan joined the Jewish War Veterans Elin-Unger Post 273 in June 1946. As the charter commander, he was instrumental in founding and organizing the Manalapan-Marlboro, NJ Post 972. Mr. Batlan was the first commander of the Jewish War Veterans Monmouth-Ocean County Council to ever be elected to two terms of office. Mr. Batlan pioneered

the highly publicized, annual J.W.V public relations breakfast programs to encourage friendship and understanding between the Jewish and the Italian community. Mr. Batlan continued to unite different cultural groups when he established the Martin Luther King Jr. Brotherhood Breakfast to build bridges between the Jewish community and African-American Community.

Mr. Batlan's strong belief in community building, has led him to serve as President of the Kiwanis International of Eatontown, NJ. He also served as the Scoutmaster of Troop 230, Boy Scouts of America, Linden, NJ. These different activities are just a handful of the many organizations that Mr. Batlan has helped to strengthen.

Once again, Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate Mr. Batlan for his energy and vigor in serving the American people, through fighting for democracy in World War II to building bridges of equality today. I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring the distinguished Mr. Julian Batlan.

TRIBUTE TO RAY TREMBLAY

HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

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Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ray Tremblay, a constituent of mine, residing in Levy County in my Fifth Congressional District. Mr. Tremblay, an honorable officer of the law in the city of Chiefland, was recently named the department's 2003 Officer of the Year by his colleagues and superiors and I want to take this opportunity before this body to honor him and to say a few words about why he is deserving of this noble distinction.

Ray Tremblay has served the Chiefland community for nearly a decade. Beginning his service in 1994, he has been a highly visible member of the Chiefland Police Department, attending many school functions and stressing the importance of staying off drugs, wearing seatbelts, and the importance of public service and safety.

Additionally, he has been active in the "Buckle Up" program and with the "Click-It or Ticket" program, ensuring safety on our highways by issuing numerous warnings and citations to motorists failing to comply with Florida's seatbelt laws.

Ray Tremblay has been described by Chiefland's Chief of Police as someone who always shows the utmost respect and consideration for his fellow officers and supervisors. Always willing to lend a hand, always help cover a shift, and work extra hours without complaint, Mr. Tremblay is a true example of what public servants should be.

Having law enforcement officers like him is what makes our streets and communities safe and what inspires youngsters to continue in the profession of noble, honorable service to their neighbors.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in saluting Mr. Tremblay and all officers of the law, for the work they do is invaluable and of immeasurable importance to our society and to our safety.