

HONORING THE SHREWSBURY
PUBLIC LIBRARY

HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2003

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join the community of Shrewsbury, Massachusetts in celebrating the 100th birthday of the original building of the Shrewsbury Public Library.

Dedicated in September 1903, through the generosity of a trust fund established by Jubal Howe, the library has served the town well from its central location on the town common. The Artemas Ward annex was added in 1922 in memory of the Revolutionary War hero, and in 1978 a town meeting voted a major addition and renovation project. For those who could not travel to the library, Anthony and Olive Borgatti donated a bookmobile in 1959 that for many years traveled to neighborhoods with an assortment of reading materials for loan. Today, the Town of Shrewsbury is again looking at ways to expand the size of the library to keep up with a growing population.

The Shrewsbury Public Library is one of the finest in the area and includes 135,000 books, 354 art prints, over 3,500 videocassettes, and subscriptions to 14 newspapers and over 160 magazines. It has the second highest library circulation in Worcester County. The library has children's story hours, conversation circles, book discussion groups, and family activities. With 100 years history in this library building, many wonderful stories have been told and enjoyed. Many lessons have been learned and many adventures have occurred by the simple turning of a page.

Mr. Speaker, I am sure that the entire U.S. House of Representatives joins me in congratulating the Shrewsbury Public Library on 100 years of dedicated service to the people of Shrewsbury. It is an honor for me to be part of this special celebration.

HONORING THE SESQUICENTEN-
NIAL OF THE FIRST BAPTIST
CHURCH

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, we in Toledo are proud to recognize the sesquicentennial of one of our oldest congregations, First Baptist Church. Now in suburban Greater Toledo, First Baptist Church was an anchor in central Toledo for more than a century. It is still known as "the friendly church with the caring spirit" and this motto characterizes its congregation. Its membership sees the church as a home and each other as a family of believers. They care for each other, our community, and our world.

During the early days of Toledo, Ohio, a hardy band of believers with a missionary zeal joined together in fellowship and formed the First Baptist Church. Right from the start, though their mission was to carry the Gospel forth into the world, the church's members have lived God's Word by example and have strived to serve our community. As Toledo

grew and changed, so too did First Baptist Church. Today, its congregation can look back on a journey weathering hard times and good, tests and successes, drama and triumph. The journey continues, and First Baptist's members look forward to the future even as they celebrate their history.

In John 8:12, we are reminded of Christ's promise that "I am the light of the world: he that follows me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." For 150 years, the faithful of First Baptist Church in Toledo have tried to follow our Lord's Word and live a Christ-centered life. The fruits of their labor may be seen in the continuity of their church, and its viability in our community over generations. I join with the congregation of First Baptist Church and our entire community in congratulating the church on reaching its milestone 150th anniversary. May these first 150 years be the inspiration for the next. Onward!

A SPEECH BY ADMIRAL JAMES O.
ELLIS

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, on August 15, at the annual Military Order of World Wars and International Officers Ball, Admiral James O. Ellis, Jr., Commander of the United States Strategic Command, provided us with words that should be shared with all. I extend his remarks for fellow Members of Congress. I know that we can benefit from his words as we face international challenges.

Congressman Skelton, a true friend and colleague in shared service to our nation over nearly three decades, Major General Shirkey, Brigadier General Hirai and fellow officers, active, retired, American and allied, Jim and Pat Snyder, who created this marvelous venue, veterans and members of the Military Order of the World Wars, other distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen. It's truly a pleasure to be with you this evening. I cannot begin to tell you how much I have been looking forward to tonight, with its camaraderie and conversation and its symbolism and spirit. I suppose I am the senior Naval Officer for a thousand miles in any direction, and if my being honored with this opportunity tells you nothing else, it tells you how far we really have come in joint and combined operations.

Congressman Skelton, thank you for your far too generous introduction. Your kind words actually remind this wonderful audience of two basic facts about me. The first is that I am old and the second is that I can't hold a job!

In all seriousness, I cannot tell you how delighted I am to have a small part in this great evening. This room is filled with a military presence that, literally, spans a wealth of experience and a world of potential.

The real guests of honor this evening are, of course, the military members from the seventy-two countries, resplendent in the cloth of their nations, who join their American colleagues in a year of personal promise and professional opportunity.

But it is also a particular honor to be in the company of veterans from what is now referred to as America's greatest generation but who would only protest they were merely doing their duty.

It is also appropriate that we remember the thousands of military professionals who have passed through the doors of Bell Hall en route to prominence in the spotlight of history or, more often, to the unlit corners of the globe and the ironically brighter glow of heroism in all its forms known only to the colleagues with whom they served. In a very real sense, they, and all of you, have brought us to this place and time in history.

It is also appropriate to recognize our hosts this evening. The Military Order of World Wars has always been active in work to support men and women in uniform. Through a long and storied history of over eighty years, the Order has stood tall. Among many other achievements, the Order successfully revived the dormant Purple Heart award for service members injured in combat and successfully lobbied Congress for creation of the nation's annual Armed Forces Day observance.

I'd like to particularly thank the Greater Kansas City Chapter of this fine organization for making tonight's event an annual tradition over the past 14 years. Jim and Pat Snyder have worked very hard to make this night a success, and I particularly want to thank them.

They are in good company, as part Kansas City chapter alumni include former Presidents and Army veterans Harry Truman and Dwight Eisenhower.

The world has changed a great deal since these two gathered in this group. Foes have become friends, prosperity and democracy have spread underneath an international security umbrella and alliances and coalitions that no one would have dreamed of a decade and a half ago have become reality. There is cause for optimism, even in the face of today's stark realities. As Secretary Colin Powell's fourth law says: "It CAN be done!"

Last March, Japan's Prime Minister Koizumi said "I am convinced that the time will come when many countries keenly realize the necessity of international collaboration for world peace, stability and prosperity." I would add only that the time is now and the obligations are ours, together.

A few years ago, I was privileged to command NATO's Allied Forces in Southern Europe during a significant period of Balkan conflict. Then, as now, I saw the value of strong alliances of like-minded nations that could, in time of crisis, find a way to both debate and act to resolve issues of international security and humanitarian crisis. It is possible to accommodate legitimate national concerns and still deal swiftly, as we must, with dictators and despots. The old saying is that "much is asked of those to whom much is given." We, all of us in this room, have been given much. Now is our time to show an understanding of the obligations that come with all those wonderful opportunities.

Every nation—large and small—must contribute to the common good, as the Bible says, "each according to his means."

Consider the words of Estonian foreign minister, Thomas Hendrik. Speaking about NATO in October 2001, he said, "The organization as a whole can only benefit from the fact that the alliance includes members whose national security is greatly dependent on the existence of a strong, prestigious, and vital defensive union. The members and the candidate states who make up this alliance, including Estonia, are not just consumers of security, but also very important producers of security."

In other words, we're all in this together. The basics remain the same.

The challenges we collectively face are not all military or political. There are opportunities to share in a host of common interests in trade, technology assistance, culture, education and athletic exchange. But none of

these will be possible without collective security. Ronald Reagan once said, "There are simple answers, there are just no easy answers." And the security challenges have never been more difficult as a thousand snakes have replaced a single dragon.

One of the security opportunities that works best is what we are seeing here tonight—the faces of military men and women from many nations, brought together in common interest to learn, share and grow, both personally and professionally. The goal is to share strengths and different perspectives; to appreciate and enjoy different backgrounds and cultures, not to eliminate them. A bit of humor will often help.

Some years ago I was posted in Bahrain as Captain of the U.S. Navy regional flagship. One day a Royal Navy frigate Captain paid a call and asked if I had heard the new joke making the rounds of the UK Admiralty. A straight man to the end, I replied, "No." He said it was about the two American Naval officers whose ship was sunk, leaving them stranded on a small desert island—a mound of sand, a palm tree and just the clothes on their backs. Within two days, he said, they were working nights. . . . You can make a lot of telling points with humor!

Young men and women of 72 nations are participating in the Army Command Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, this year. I have been privileged to grow old in the service of my country, service that has allowed me to personally visit 37 of the 72 nations represented here tonight and to serve with half again as many of your professional military forces. Even tonight, I cannot gaze on your uniform splendor without beginning a flashback recall of 34 years that included the skies over Vietnam, a decade in the Arabian Gulf, from Japan to the Taiwan Straits and from Italy into Macedonia, Albania and even a parachute jump into Kosovo. We shared dangers, opportunities, challenges, commitment and the occasional toast. I learned and laughed with friends from many nations, some of whom I can never forget and others whom I only dimly remember. But I treasure each experience as well as the friendship that remain to this day. And I envy each of you, because your excitement is here and now.

The American writer Ralph Waldo Emerson once said, "The only way to have a friend is to be one." The flags decorating this hotel ballroom represent the nations who are now friends and partners with the United States. We truly value your views and experience in this newly globalized world. Whether you come from India or Indiana, from Kazakhstan or Kansas, your participation enriches all of us.

Earlier, I mentioned the presence in this room of vast military tradition and experience. Another presence in this room is a spirit of teamwork.

I see it reflected in the faces of men and women from other nations who stand with us today. Together, we are the best hope for a civilized world as we face an ever-changing field of security challenges.

Teamwork is the mortar for the operational bricks of our military superstructure. There is an old proverb from the Czech Republic—"Do not protect yourself by a fence, but rather by your friends." The nations of our alliances must stand together against those who would threaten the peace and security of our world. We must not hide in the shadows behind ever-taller barriers but rather stride confidently into the sunlight, unafraid in the company of our friends. This is our time to make a stand. This is our time to make a difference.

One of the most encouraging developments I've seen over my 30-plus years of service is the growing strength of the alliances and coalition partnerships I've mentioned.

Immediately after the September 11th terrorist attacks in New York City and Washington, DC there were many world leaders and ordinary citizens from many nations who expressed their anger at the craven acts, and support for the United States in confronting what we now know is a global scourge. One of them was British Prime Minister Tony Blair who said, "This is not a battle between the United States of America and terrorism, but between the free and democratic world and terrorism."

Blair said his soldiers would stand shoulder to shoulder with Americans and would not rest until evil is driven from our world. He and many others have remained true to that commitment.

Just a few weeks ago, Congressman Skelton was speaking at the Truman Library as it opened a new exhibit on the Korean War. He talked about the coalition fighting the war against global terrorism and said, "What they are doing today will set the stage for the next 50 years."

I agree. And you all are the leaders of today and tomorrow who will get it done.

The best of friends, I believe, are those who have demonstrated a resilience and resolve born of their own challenges well and truly met. Those who, perhaps in a decade or generation or over a long and storied history have shown they, as a people, have what is necessary to weather any crisis and pass any test that confronts us.

That's why we look to those of you from other nations who are here tonight. The Greek warrior Thucydides said, "We secure our friends not by accepting favors, but by doing them."

It is my expectation that all of you embarking on this course of study will be challenged. It must be so if you are to learn. But think of the opportunities this year will bring and savor every moment.

It reminds me of a story about a little girl who had been eagerly looking forward to her very first day of school. That evening, when her father came in from work, he called his daughter to him and asked her what she thought of school. She looked at her father and said, very seriously, "I think I may have started something I can't finish." She was right.

The serious business of learning more about others, about this world in which we live, and about our profession of arms is a process we never finish. Congressman Skelton is a strong proponent of lifelong education, both formal and informal. Indeed, I received a letter from him just last month in which he enclosed an abbreviated fifty-volume reading list he personally recommended. This is a man who practices what he preaches! He believes, as do I, in the truth of the old maxim, "If you want a new idea, read an old book!"

When you graduate from Army Command and General Staff College, I encourage you to view your education as just the beginning or, hopefully, a continuation of what for each of you is a life-long effort to expand your horizons to include new ideas and, in so doing, deepen your understanding and appreciation of the world around you.

My background is Navy, and, as such I am arguably not the most credible spokesman in support of Professional Military Education. Perhaps as a result of our deployment mentality, the U.S. Navy has come late to understand its value. I am embarrassed to admit in front of Congressman Skelton that, despite participating in a dozen Joint Task Forces, four combined operations in crisis and conflict and now leading a major Joint Combatant Command, I am not a graduate of ANY professional military courses.

I am embarrassed, but it is true. I once noted that having me speak in favor of PME

is about the same as making me the spokesman for the Hair Club For Men. But that is why the self-taught, home-schooled, on-the-job-trained warrior envies you the opportunity that this year offers.

The value of a Professional Military Education is inestimable in today's world. It accelerates your professional life, allowing you to walk in the shoes of hundreds of others, to learn from their successes and their failures and to create the incredibly valuable capability to think. It also provides a time to consider what it means to be a professional soldier, Sailor, airman, Marine or Coast-guardian. The core values of integrity, service beyond self, and excellence in all we do are not only on-duty military values, they are lifetime values.

Every one of you will gain skills as warriors, and at the same time you will enrich your lives by participating in the curriculum at Leavenworth. Those of you from other lands will enrich the American lives you touch.

And when the time comes to return home or to your respective services, I hope you will take with you a renewed confidence in your own abilities to help shape a different world. For your efforts will define, in ways large and small, our future. In the affairs of nations, no outcome is pre-destined. Your presence here is the result of clear vision, decisive choice, and unwavering commitment. The future of individual nations and our alliances will be the result not of inevitability, but of sustained collective effort.

It's effort we must continue to make every day, every week, every year, in defense of our shared freedom.

In 1999, as his nation was joining the NATO alliance, Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban said, "Finding one another is a promising beginning, staying together is a process, and working together is a success."

So, tonight I challenge those of you from around the world to work together for our shared success.

Someone once said that a successful marriage is a sixty-sixty proposition. In that light I encourage each of you to strive to put more than what you think is your fair share into this upcoming year; that will, ironically ensure you get out far more than you put in. Encourage one another to gain a deeper understanding of your part of our world and ensure that when your time together is ended, you can leave with the regret that characterizes good friends parting and not the regret of tasks left undone or words left unsaid.

I would close by reminding you of something that you already know, but which you must never forget, in the words of a leader from another time and another crisis. You may not know it, but my Navy family harbors a dark secret. It concerns my son, who, despite the efforts of his mother and me to raise him properly and set him on the right path, is a graduate of West Point. He would be embarrassed to hear me speak of it, but, in all seriousness, he knows how proud we are of him, now in command of Bravo Company, Second Ranger Battalion. He has recently returned from Afghanistan where for six months he shared dirt, danger and duty with UK Paras, Italian Carabinieri and soldiers, new friends from a dozen other nations.

In the four years that his mother and I journeyed up the Hudson to that storied Point, I came to appreciate the words of a distinguished graduate of that school who, in a moving speech nearly four decades ago described the role of a military in a democratic society and also described a world whose concerns have not changed so much in the decades since. Perhaps the more things change, the more they stay the same.

General Douglas MacArthur said: "And throughout all this welter of change and development, your mission remains fixed, determined, inviolable. It is to win our wars. Everything else in your professional careers is but a corollary to this vital dedication . . . You are the ones who are trained to fight."

"Let civilian voices argue the merits or demerits of our processes of government; whether our strength is being sapped by deficit financing indulged in too long; by Federal paternalism grown too mighty; by power groups grown too arrogant; by politics grown too corrupt; by morals grown too low; by taxes grown too high.

"These great national problems are not for your professional participation or military solution. Your guidepost stands out like a tenfold beacon in the night: duty, honor, country. You are the leaven which binds together the entire fabric of our national system of defense. From your ranks come the great Captains who hold the nation's destiny in their hands the moment the war tocsin sound."

He may have been Army, but I can't improve upon that! Thank you and have a good night.

HONORING HERB LEONARD ON RETIREMENT FROM THE WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the work of one of the finest public servants with whom I have had the pleasure of working in the District of Columbia. After 30 years, Herbert Leonard, Jr., a native Washingtonian, will be retiring from his position as the Government Relations Officer for the District of Columbia at the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority WMATA. WMATA will be losing a valued employee and I will be losing a treasured counsel and advocate.

Since 1973, Herb has worked closely with other elected and government officials in the District of Columbia as well as civic associations, advisory neighborhood commissions and businesses. Over the years, many of these groups have recognized Herb for his efforts in their communities. Today I, too, honor his work.

I cannot count the number of times that Herb has gone above and beyond the parameters of his job in order to assist me in bringing comfort and support to my constituents. Whether facilitating transportation for a constituent with disabilities or helping disadvantaged children at my annual Christmas parties, Herb has been dedicated, respectful, and responsive to the needs of the people of the District of Columbia, particularly those in the greatest need of assistance.

With his energy and intelligence, Herb Leonard could have been a success in any line of work he desired. Indeed, Herb holds several U.S. patents and in 1965, he was chosen by then-Vice President Hubert Humphrey, as one of 85 prominent black businessmen to visit predominately black colleges in order to convince minority youth of the importance of getting a good education and to encourage them to take advantage of the increasing career op-

portunities in business and industry. With the world at his feet, Herb chose to make public service his vocation, and for that, we should all be grateful.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House to join me in wishing Mr. Leonard the very best in his new endeavors.

HONORING THE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE IRONWORKERS LOCAL #55

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, one hundred years ago the Ironworkers Local #55 joined together in union in Toledo, Ohio. I am pleased to recognize this milestone anniversary and pay tribute to the union's courageous founders and all of the men and women who followed them over the course of a century.

In 1903 the idea of unionization was viewed as radical, and often dangerous for those who pursued it. Yet, men working to build our cities, the bridges, skyscrapers, schools and factories which were changing the American landscape worked under dangerous conditions themselves. They found themselves not only at the mercy of difficult working conditions, but subject to forces who did not respect them and the jobs they did. They worked long hours for low pay, no compensation for injury or sickness, and little if any thought was given to their general welfare. The Ironworkers Union itself was only seven years old when Toledo's Local #55 was chartered on February 16, 1903, 104 members strong. Toledo's ironworkers have been an integral part of the growth and development of the Ironworkers Union since the beginning.

The first recorded ironworker union jobs came that same year, with the Illinois Steel Company's construction of a cantilever bridge and two turntables for the Toledo Furnace Company. Just two years after its founding, Ironworkers Local #55 struck one of Toledo's largest and prominent contractors, A. Bentley and Sons. Though the strike was ultimately unsuccessful, the action showed clearly that the infant union was willing to battle even the largest, most anti-union companies. At the close of the century's first decade, Ironworkers Local #55 was firmly established and under the capable and visionary leadership of William R. "Big Bill" Walters, the union's first business agent, who went on to serve the union in various offices until 1935. Since him, many noble leaders have guided the union through both hard times and prosperity.

The union gave its members good jobs with good wages, health care and pension benefits, injury compensation, and sickness and death benefits. Just as importantly, it offered its members and their families the spirit of workers united in the common goal of bettering the lives of everyone. Out of this spirit came a sense of camaraderie, of loyalty, of protection and pride in what they were all trying to build together. I have been privileged to be welcomed into this spirit, and it is uniquely union.

A look around our region reveals the accomplishments of Ironworkers Local #55 union members. Their skill and hard work gave us signature bridges, downtown skyline, the

schools which educate our children, monuments paying tribute to our efforts as community and Nation. We owe Toledo's City Hall, Ohio Building, Spitzer Building, Swayne Field, Toledo Museum of Art additions, Bell Building, Toledo Public Library, Acme Power Plant, Standard Oil, Pure Oil, Sun Oil and Gulf Oil refineries, Federal Building, Owens-Illinois Fiberglass Tower, Medical College of Ohio, Davis-Besse Power Plant, Islamic Center of Greater Toledo, Summit Center and the Valentine Theatre to Local 55 members, just to name a few of our region's significant buildings whose frameworks were formed by ironworkers. Now, as its second century dawns, Ironworkers Local #55 members are undertaking the construction of our region's largest single project to date: the new 8,800 foot long, 120 foot high Maumee River Crossing.

I join with members and friends of Ironworkers local #55 past and present in celebrating one hundred years of history. It is these "cowboys of the sky", along with fellow members of the building trades, who built America. We stand along side them and look to the future as together we continue to build our Nation.

CONGRATULATING ROBERT DYNES ON HIS SELECTION AS PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

HON. RANDY "DUKE" CUNNINGHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2003

Mr. CUNNINGHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Robert Dynes on his term as Chancellor from 1996 to 2003 for the University of California at San Diego (UCSD). It is an honor to recognize the accomplishments and contributions that Bob has made to this University and the state of California during his tenure.

Over the past eight years Bob has dedicated his life to the University of California at San Diego and has had numerous challenges and accomplishments to prove it. I have personally observed Bob's term as Chancellor and seen the determined focus of his administration to uphold the integrity of this fine University. One of the missions of his administration has been to keep the quality of UCSD's faculty at a premium. Bob has maintained this excellence in addition to a 14% growth in faculty. In the past seven years, UCSD faculty has produced two Nobel Prizes, a Fields Medal, three National Medals of Science, a National Humanities Medal, the Kyoto Prize, the Enrico Fermi Award, and two MacArthur Awards.

Bob has also helped UCSD broaden the school's research and academic portfolios. This year alone, UCSD established a School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, a Management School, and an undergraduate college dedicated to the integration of technology, culture and the arts. Also on the undergraduate level, under Bob's leadership, UCSD more closely integrated Scripps Institution of Oceanography into the curriculum. The University has also broadened the curriculum related to diversity, adding a Chicano/Latino Arts and Humanities Minor.