

TRIBUTE TO ALEX MACHASKEE

**HON. ROB PORTMAN**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 16, 2003*

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Alex Machaskee, President, Publisher and Chief Executive Officer of The Plain Dealer in Cleveland, Ohio. Alex will be honored as the International Business Executive of the Year by the World Trade Center Cleveland on September 18, 2003. This award recognizes leading Northeast Ohio business executives for achievements in international business.

Alex was born in Warren, Ohio. He is a graduate of Cleveland State University with a bachelor's degree in marketing. He joined The Plain Dealer in 1960. Before being named Publisher in 1990, he served five years as Vice President and General Manager. He also served as Director of Labor Relations and Personnel, Assistant to the Publisher and Promotion Director.

In addition to his service at The Plain Dealer, Alex has been active with a number of local and national organizations. He is Chairman of the Board of United Way Services, and served as Chairman of the United Way Campaign from 2000 to 2001. He is past Chairman and a member of the Greater Cleveland Roundtable, an organization of community leaders that works to promote racial amity and diversity. Alex also is Vice President of the Musical Arts Association (the Cleveland Orchestra), serves on the Board Governance and the Finance and Administration Committees of the Cleveland Foundation and is a member of the Museum Council of the Cleveland Museum of Art. Nationally, he is a member of the Labor Relations Subcommittee of the Newspaper Association of America and a member of the American Society of Newspaper Editors.

Alex's success has not gone unnoticed. He was awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters from Cleveland State University in 1995 and from the University of Akron in 1998. He also was inducted into the Northeast Ohio Business Hall of Fame in 2001.

Mr. Speaker, Alex's leadership has been integral to promoting the economy of Northeast Ohio, and I hope my colleagues will join me in recognizing his accomplishments as he is honored as the International Business Executive of the Year. All of us in Southwest Ohio, the area I represent, congratulate him for his outstanding service, including his commitment to our friends in Northeast Ohio.

HONORING THE 112TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE OXFORD HOTEL OF DENVER, COLORADO

**HON. MARK UDALL**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 16, 2003*

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker I rise today to commemorate the 112th Anniversary of the Oxford Hotel in Denver, Colorado.

Mr. Speaker, 1891 was a tremendous year. Fueled by the Silver Rush, it was a time of great promise for the fledgling State of Colorado, and in September of that year, the Ox-

ford Hotel opened its doors for the first time. With its beautiful artwork and antique furniture, the Oxford offered its patrons class and luxury in the heart of the American Frontier. It provided its patrons with world-class dining facilities. The Oxford also was one of the first hotels in the West to have an elevator.

Located in the historic Lower Downtown district of Denver, the Oxford is only a walk away from the city's most cherished landmarks: The Denver Mint, the State Capital, Larimer Square, and the Denver Center for the Performing Arts, just to name a few. It's history and location helped build the Oxford's reputation as a cultural beacon in Colorado. This was reinforced in the 1960's and 70's when the hotel became renowned for as a jazz center.

For years I have had the privilege of knowing the owners of the Oxford Hotel: Walter and Christie Eisenberg and Dana Crawford. And I must commend them for their fabulous preservation of the Oxford as a piece of Colorado history and for maintaining its reputation as one of the West's best hotels.

The Oxford has seen a city, a state, and indeed a whole region grow around it in its 112 years. Even though the country around the Oxford has changed dramatically, the hotel has not. This wonderful hotel remains a unique visiting experience for its patrons. It still provides world-class services to all who stay there. And it is, and shall be, one of Colorado's most cherished landmarks for as long as it stands.

Mr. Speaker, I encourage my colleagues to join me and show support for the Oxford Hotel and its 112 years of greatness.

INTRODUCTION OF A RESOLUTION URGING OBSERVANCE OF GLOBAL FAMILY DAY

**HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 16, 2003*

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased today to introduce the Global Family Day Resolution.

For several years leading up to the turn of the new millennium, a small group of children and mothers patiently petitioned the Congress and the United Nations, asking that a special day of peace and sharing be established and celebrated on January 1, 2000—a day without violence, a day when citizens and nations would lay down their arms and extend their hands in friendship and caring for all the peoples of the earth. This would be a day when all people regardless of race, culture, religion or economic status might celebrate life on earth together.

"One Day in Peace January 1, 2000" as designated by the United Nations General Assembly, and supported by a thousand organizations, a hundred governments, and twenty-five U.S. governors, did indeed become a day of peace, a twenty-four hour period in which violence was rare and kindness and cooperation commonplace.

Despite the very real dangers of riot, terrorism, out-of-control celebrants, and panic over expected failure of computer systems worldwide, through cooperation and responsible actions by nearly every nation and lit-

erally billions of individuals, the first day of the 2000's also became the world's first deliberate day of peace.

Noting that rare accomplishment, in 2000, the 106th Congress unanimously recommended that every year begin with a day of peace and sharing, and asked that the President annually lead in promoting its observance.

Late in 2001, the United Nations General Assembly also recommended that all member nations and all the peoples of the world join in its commemoration.

Following the tragedy of 9/11, Congressional leaders joined me in requesting that the President issue his annual proclamation early that year, in order that Americans and others around the world could prepare, with food drives and pledges of nonviolence, for a celebration intended to help reduce both hate and hunger, locally and globally. However, citing the ongoing conflict in Afghanistan at the time, the White House declined.

At this time of intense international tensions, a time when Americans' true motives are misunderstood around the world and escalating conflicts threaten, we again implore the President to take a leadership position in the promulgation of One Day in Peace, now to be known as Global Family Day.

For as long as half of our human family must live on less than two dollars a day, as long as innocent civilians are dying in Iraq and disease devastates Africa, as long as children are starving in North Korea or go hungry in American schools, we know there is room for improvement in our global family values. And that is what Global Family Day was created to do.

I ask all members to join me in supporting this cause.

CHARLES R. FOUQUETTE—2003  
JOHNS FELLOWSHIP AWARD  
WINNER

**HON. BOB FILNER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 16, 2003*

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to salute Charles R. Fouquette on receiving the 2003 Johns "Fellowship Award" in recognition of his outstanding contributions to the working men and women of our community.

Charley is a 10th generation Californian who was born and raised in the San Diego area. After high school, Charley went to work for the Santee Water District, beginning as an installer then serving as an equipment operator, running bulldozers, loaders and graders, and building Santee Lakes 2 through 6.

In 1965, Charley took a job as a labor foreman for a union company, building tilt-up and lift-slab buildings for the Navy at Camp Pendleton. When the job was completed, he worked with a number of ironworkers on a job in Port Hueneme, California. Charley admired these ironworkers strong work ethic and dedication to delivering the best possible product for the contractor and themselves. He went to work for Rawlins Steel, a Local 416 company. While at Rawlins, he worked on projects in Tehachapi, along the coast from Santa Barbara down to Malibu, and on the offshore islands.

He returned to San Diego in 1967, and for the next dozen years worked as an ironworker