

TRIBUTE TO WALTER T. McDONALD, PRESIDENT-ELECT, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 25, 2003

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate Walter McDonald, President-Elect of the National Association of Realtors (NAR). NAR is America's largest trade association, representing more than 840,000 members involved in all aspects of the residential and commercial real estate industries. Walter has demonstrated his commitment to Realtor issues and willingness to devote his time and expertise towards furthering the priorities of Realtors nationwide.

Walter has been a Realtor since 1964 and is the broker-owner of Walt McDonald Real Estate, a single-office, independent firm specializing in property sales, leasing and lending. He holds the professional designations of Certified Residential Specialist and Graduate, Realtor Institute.

Currently, Walter serves as a NAR director and has been particularly active in legislative, finance and housing issues. From 1996 through 1998, he served on NAR's Executive Committee. In 1998, he took over as Regional Vice President for NAR, representing the states of California, Hawaii and Guam. He also serves on the association's Leadership Team and Executive Committee. He served as NAR's First Vice President in 2002.

Walter has also been active at the state and local levels of the Realtor Organization. In 1993, he served as President of the California Association of Realtors (CAR), one of the nation's largest state trade organizations with more than 95,000 members. He has served on CAR's board of directors since 1971 and also served as Chairman of the board of Real Estate Business Services, Inc., a subsidiary of CAR. Walter also has been as President of the Riverside/Moreno Valley Association of Realtors and President of the Riverside County Real Estate Council.

In addition to his numerous professional involvements, Walter is also dedicated to his community as well. Walter has served on the advisory boards of the local Habitat for Humanity chapter, the Riverside National Bank and he is currently serving a 2-year term on the advisory board for Fannie Mae. He also served on the California Department of Real Estate Advisory Commission through 1998, under an appointment by the state's governor.

Walter's long list of accomplishments demonstrates why he is ideal for the position of President of the National Association of Realtors. His tireless passion for the real estate industry and his community has contributed immensely to the betterment of Riverside County, California, and our Nation. I congratulate him and wish him the best of luck on his future endeavors as President.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO MARGARET MORGAN

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 25, 2003

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with solemn heart that I stand before you here today and honor the memory of an outstanding citizen of my district. Margaret Morgan of Glenwood Springs, Colorado recently passed away at the age of 106. She was the region's oldest citizen and will be sorely missed. As her family and friends mourn her passing, I would like to take this opportunity to remember the remarkable aspects of Margaret's life.

Margaret was a lifelong resident of Glenwood Springs, having been born there in 1896. Margaret's was the first class to graduate from the county high school in 1916. After graduation Margaret pursued a career centered around her lifelong passion for horses. Margaret got her first horse at the age of four, immediately sparking her interest in riding and grooming the large animals. Over her lifetime, she worked as a wrangler and an outfitter for over thirty years.

Margaret's home was always open to friends and family and was frequently filled with guests from all across the country. Her hospitable nature attracted many friends throughout the years, all of whom are saddened by the news of her passing. She attributed her longevity to a life spent free of any unhealthy vices. Her diet consisted of natural foods eaten regularly, and she refrained from smoking and drinking.

Despite our society's numerous advances in science and medicine, centenarians remain rare in this day and age. Margaret was so much more than Glenwood's oldest resident to her fellow citizens; she was a tremendous asset to the community and, above all, she was a friend to many. I extend my deepest sympathies to her family and friends as they mourn her loss.

IN HONOR OF CHRISTIAN CHILDREN'S PARADE AND MULTICULTURAL FESTIVAL

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 25, 2003

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Christian Children's Parade and Multicultural Festival, which celebrated its 25th annual parade on Saturday, September 13, 2003, in Jersey City, New Jersey.

For 25 years, the Christian Children's Parade and Multicultural Festival has been providing a wonderful celebration for children and parents, and has enriched the spiritual development of young people throughout Jersey City.

By dedicating the Christian Children's Parade and Multicultural Festival's annual parade to the second anniversary of the September 11th attacks, this event will provide an opportunity for us to remember those who were lost, and to recognize the strength and unity of families and friends who lost loved ones on that horrible day.

Led by the Reverend Jose C. Lopez, president of the Christian Children's Parade and Multicultural Festival, the parade will end with a ceremony in Hamilton Park. I extend my gratitude to Reverend Lopez and his staff for making this important event possible for the children and residents of Jersey City.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the Christian Children's Parade and Multicultural Festival for its years of dedicated service to the children of Jersey City, New Jersey.

THE STERLING HEIGHTS FIREFIGHTERS ANNUAL DINNER-DANCE

HON. SANDER M. LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 25, 2003

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, on Friday, September 26, 2003 the Sterling Heights Fire Fighters Union will host their Annual Dinner-Dance honoring their 2003 retirees. This is a wonderful event that I have been honored to attend in the past where hundreds of firefighters, their families, and appreciative members of the community come together to recognize the Sterling Heights firefighting family.

I am proud to rise today to pay tribute to the careers of three distinguished firefighters.

Captain Pat Silver began his firefighting career in 1978. He received the Meritorious Unit Citation for conducting a search and removal of a woman from a well-involved trailer fire. He also received the Fire Chief's Award for assisting the Training Division in developing a performance standard for pumper operations and developing and producing the "FEO" and "Dinosaur" newsletter.

Battalion Chief Bob Moore was appointed a Firefighter in 1973. He received the Fire Chief's Award for work on the Radio Committee, for using his Graphic Commercial Arts degree to mark the fleet of the Sterling Heights Fire Department with the new city logo and for his heroic participation in a house fire.

Fire Marshal Thad Balmas was appointed Firefighter in 1979. He received the Veteran's Recognition Award for serving in the Air Force and the Meritorious Unit Citation for his involvement at a major gas line explosion.

These gentlemen have demonstrated acts of heroism and actions above and beyond the call of duty. Indeed, the people of Sterling Heights have been well-served by the untiring care and concern each has given without limitations to their community.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing these gentlemen for their dedication, accomplishments and years of service. I wish them good health and happiness as they embark on a new phase of their lives.

HONORING GREATER HOLY TEMPLE MINISTRIES

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 25, 2003

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating

the Greater Holy Ministries Church of God in Christ as they celebrate 40 years guiding the people of Flint in the worship of the Lord.

In 1963, now Bishop Roger Lee Jones came to my hometown of Flint at the invitation of the late Bishop John Seth Bailey and organized an additional congregation for the members of the Church of God in Christ living in the area. The first service was held in a building on Genesee Road. The congregation settled on the name of Greater Holy Temple and shortly after, Elder Jones moved the congregation to a location on Mildred Street. Under his spiritual and apostolic direction, the congregation grew. Through their baptism in the Holy Spirit the members were inspired to spread the Word of God as revealed in the Bible throughout the area. The expanding membership required a larger home. In September 1978 the grand opening of the permanent sanctuary was consecrated.

Taking encouragement from the words in Zechariah 4:6 "Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of Hosts," the members of the Greater Holy Temple Ministries have worked tirelessly to help those with physical and spiritual wants. Their belief in the sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit sustains them through the task of providing for the less fortunate. Through their efforts they reflect the redemptive work of Jesus Christ.

Bishop Jones has provided guidance to his flock and he has been called upon to lead at the national and state levels. In 1968 he was elected to serve as Chairman of the national board of Trustees. He was appointed Bishop of the Third Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction of Southwestern Michigan in 1985.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to rise with me and applaud the work of the Greater Holy Temple Ministries Church of God in Christ as they celebrate 40 years of enthusiastic and motivating labor on behalf of the Lord.

RECOGNIZING THE 250TH ANNIVERSARY OF HEREFORD TOWNSHIP, PENNSYLVANIA

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 25, 2003

Mr. GERLACH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Hereford Township, Pennsylvania on the occasion of the Township's 250th Anniversary. I proudly represent the citizens of Hereford Township in the 108th Congress and would like to highlight the history of the Township as the current residents prepare to celebrate this special occasion on Saturday, October 4, 2003.

Before intrepid settlers from Europe arrived in the area we currently know as Hereford Township, the area was inhabited by Native Americans of the Delaware or Lenni-Lenapi tribe. These first inhabitants of Hereford Township practiced limited agriculture in the fertile soils of eastern Berks County while hunting and gathering in the area.

During the early part of the eighteenth century immigrant settlers began to arrive in Berks County. Their origins primarily German, Swiss and English, these settlers found their way to present day Berks County as they sought refuge from religious persecution in

Europe. The very earliest settlers to Hereford Township arrived between 1710 and 1720. At this time, the land was dominated by thick forests that would soon be cleared to provide fields for crops.

While the challenges these first settlers faced were great, in Hereford Township they found a large fertile valley and fields that were very productive, as they remain today. The Perkiomen Creek provide ample water for these crops and was also the base of development for Hereford Township's first industries. The Perkiomen Creek and its tributaries provided power to support grist mills, sawmills, a fulling mill and forges. The early iron industry provided metal for nails, plow blades and other utilitarian devices that made the lives of these early settlers easier. The heavily wooded hillsides also provided the timber for heat, homes and charcoal for the burgeoning iron industry.

During the Fall of 1734, the Schwenkfelders, a religious group from Silesia, arrived in Philadelphia and many quickly made their way to Hereford Township. By 1745, Hereford Township had been settled by not only the Schwenkfelders but also Lutherans, Reformed Menonite and Catholic immigrants. Not long after, on February 1, 1753, Hereford Township was formally established, less than one year after the foundation of Berks County on March 11, 1752.

During the remainder of the eighteenth century agriculture and the iron industry flourished and produced prosperity in Hereford Township. In many ways Hereford Township has remained the same over its 250 years. While we have become more technologically advanced through the years, Hereford Township remains a close rural community, today of about 3200 residents.

Mr. Speaker, again, I rise to recognize Hereford Township and her citizens on the occasion of its 250th Anniversary.

HONORING THE CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF ALAMEDA COUNTY TEAMSTERS LOCAL 70

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 25, 2003

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Teamsters Local 70's Centennial celebration on Saturday, September 27, 2003. For 100 years, the Brotherhood of Teamsters, Auto Truck Drivers, Line Drivers, Car Haulers and Helpers Local 70 of Alameda County has championed the rights of workers. Local 70 is headquartered in Oakland, California and has jurisdiction in Alameda County. It was first chartered October 1, 1903.

Local 70 has thrived under the leadership of Chuck Mack. Mack was first elected Business Agent at Local 70 in 1966. He became Secretary-Treasurer in 1972. During his years of leadership, the Local has been recognized for its militancy and defense of its members. It has a reputation with unions and employers alike as one of the strongest, aggressive locals in the country.

Mack, during his career, has chaired Joint Council 7 Freight negotiations. This Supplement is among the finest in the nation. He has also brought to his members in freight, solid

waste disposal and UPS, a health and welfare program second to none. Perhaps his proudest accomplishment is obtaining pension benefits for workers. Mack has fought tooth and nail for early retirement. His efforts were instrumental in obtaining the "80 and Out" in the Western states.

For 100 years, Local 70 has championed the rights of workers. Through collective bargaining, the Local continues to deliver to members and their families some of the best health and welfare and pension plans in the nation.

Organizing is also a priority. Mack, the officials, and members of Local 70 have been on the street, at the terminal gates, bringing the benefits of Teamster membership to nonunion workers.

Local 70 has been a force in the political arena with the goal of improving the conditions of all workers through legislation and activism.

Local 70's presence has been felt in the community. Whether it is youth activities, food banks or helping other unions, the Local's rank and file as well as their officers and officials are quick to volunteer. They represent Local 70 with pride.

I extend heartiest congratulations and best wishes to Local 70 for 100 years of service.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO JERRY STEELE, JOHN DOOSE AND SCOTT STEELE

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 25, 2003

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise before this body of Congress to pay tribute to the brave actions of three outstanding citizens from my district. Jerry Steele, John Doose and Scott Steele selflessly responded to calls for help from a fellow Coloradan and risked life and limb to save the life of a stranger. Their display of courage and willingness to risk their own lives is remarkable. I am honored to pay tribute to their heroic acts today.

While working on a house across the street, the trio witnessed a violent explosion and immediately rushed to the aid of a neighbor in trouble. They would later learn that the spark of a cigarette lighter in a house with a leaking natural gas line had ignited the blast.

Scott ran quickly to shut off the gas valve and prevent any further explosions. Jerry and John pulled the victim, Luke Little, to safety, administering first aid until the paramedics arrived. Their quick thinking ultimately saved Luke's life. Moments after they pulled him to safety, fire consumed the house.

These three men risked their lives to help save the life of a man they had never met. Had it not been for the heroic actions of Jerry, John and Scott, Luke Little most likely would not have survived the accident. Thanks to their quick thinking and remarkable display of bravery, Luke's family is optimistic about his full recovery. This extraordinary act of selflessness is truly worthy of our recognition, and it is my honor to pay tribute to Jerry Steele, John Doose and Scott Steele for their heroic actions.