

PAYING TRIBUTE TO PALISADE
SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST
CHURCH

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 17, 2003

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise before this body of Congress and this nation to pay tribute to a landmark institution from my district. The Palisade Seventh-Day Adventist Church of Palisade, Colorado has served its parishioners and our community for over a century. By working to promote a spirit of unity and cooperation, the church has shaped the Palisade community for the better. For dedication to serving its community, I am honored to pay tribute to the Palisade Seventh-Day Adventist Church here today.

Founded in 1903, the Palisade Seventh-Day Adventist Church has worked tirelessly to meet the needs of its parishioners and the community at large. Its work includes everything from holding a week-long Vacation Bible School in the summer to preparing individuals to serve on mission trips overseas. The church is dedicated to reaching out to all members of the community, seeking to serve everyone in need.

Mr. Speaker, the efforts of Palisade Seventh-Day Adventist Church to meet the needs of their community and foster a spirit of generosity are an inspiration. The Palisade Seventh-Day Adventist Church is an institution that many in the Palisade community turn to for guidance and encouragement in their daily lives. I am honored to join with my colleagues today in honoring the Palisade Seventh-Day Adventist Church for its tireless work and dedication to the community.

HONORING POLICE OFFICER
CHARLES E. BENNING SR.

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of Police Officer Charles E. Benning, Sr., on the occasion of his retirement from the Cleveland Police Department. Charles E. Benning, Sr., has honorably and diligently carried out his oath to protect and serve the people of the City of Cleveland for the past twenty-three years.

Officer Benning is a life long resident of Cleveland, Ohio, educated in the Cleveland Public Schools and a graduate of John Hay High School. He attended Bowling Green State University, and was a founder of the Delta Epsilon Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity there. Officer Benning is a dedicated member of St. James Lutheran Church, and is a member of Bible Study Group that provides male leadership to the church, the Men of St. James (M. O. S. T). He also sings with the Male Chorus.

Officer Benning began his Masonic Career in 1995 in William T. Boyd Lodge #79. He built a solid foundation in Masonry by serving in all seats preceding Worshipful Master. He is a member of Cuyahoga Chapter #36 Royal Arch Masons, Bezaleel Consistory #15, Scottish

Rite Masons and El Hasa Temple #28 of the E.E.A.O.N.M.S. On December 3, 2002, he was elected to Worshipful Master of William T. Boyd Lodge and has served the craft faithfully and to the best of his ability.

For the past twenty-three years in the Cleveland Police Department, Officer Benning served in Basic Patrol, in the 5th District Vice Unit, and the 5th District Strike Force. He was selected as one of nine Gang Detectives when the Department started the Youth/Gang Task Force, and during his tenure in this department has made many presentations at Universities, High Schools, and Middle Schools on gang and youth violence. He is the current President of the Ohio Chapter of the Midwest Gang Investigators Association. He is also a member of the Black Shield Police Association, and the Cleveland Police Patrolmen's Association.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor, gratitude and recognition of Officer Charles E. Benning Sr., upon his retirement as a Police Officer with the Cleveland Police Department. His exceptional and courageous service on behalf of the citizens of Cleveland and beyond have served to lift the spirits and the lives of countless individuals, families within Cleveland and all along the North Coast. We wish Officer Benning, his wife Jean, mother, Katie Mae, and children Kevin, Jason, Derrick and Charles Jr. many blessings of peace, health and happiness throughout his retirement.

HONORING THE STATEWIDE HISPANIC
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
OF NEW JERSEY

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 17, 2003

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Statewide Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of New Jersey for its efforts in developing and advancing the role of Hispanics in small businesses, and in enhancing the interests of Hispanics throughout New Jersey. On Friday, October 17, 2003, the Statewide Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of New Jersey will hold its 13th Annual Convention and Expo at the Newark Airport Marriot Hotel in Newark, New Jersey.

The Statewide Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of New Jersey has contributed to the increase of business opportunities, prosperity and success for Hispanics throughout the state by forming new partnerships with Latin America, bringing products and jobs back to New Jersey, and creating further economic development and business opportunities throughout our region.

The Statewide Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of New Jersey has been serving as an advocate for Hispanic small businesses in the political process since its inception in 1989, successfully bringing the issues and concerns of Hispanic-owned businesses to the forefront of the local and national economic agenda.

As the Hispanic market continues to represent the fastest growing economic sector in the United States, events, such as The Statewide Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of New Jersey 13th Annual Convention and Expo, benefit the general business community, gov-

ernment agencies and Hispanic entrepreneurs, while providing networking opportunities.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the Statewide Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of New Jersey for playing a critical role in the success of Hispanic businesses throughout New Jersey.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO FLO
GALLEGOS

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 17, 2003

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today before this body of Congress and this nation today to pay tribute to an outstanding citizen from my district. Flo Gallegos of Arboles, Colorado has played an instrumental role in the recent renovations and rededication of the Saint Francis of Assisi Mission Church in Arboles. For her hard work and dedication, I am honored to pay tribute to Flo here today.

The Saint Francis of Assisi Mission Church, built in the early twentieth century, desperately needed renovation: the roof needed replacing, the exterior needed refurbishing, and the interior needed fixing up. Flo spearheaded the effort to get funds, volunteers, and artisans to do the work. She saw a need in her community and refused to sit by or to give up before that need was filled. When times got tough, Flo refused to give in, and she got the job done. The renovations Flo worked so hard to secure were finally achieved this year, and the church was recently rededicated.

Mr. Speaker, the determination and hard work of Flo Gallegos are truly inspirational. She displayed tremendous focus and fortitude in her quest to see that the renovation of the Saint Francis of Assisi Mission Church went forward. For her resolve and dedication, I am honored to join with my colleagues in paying tribute to Flo here today.

HONORING THE SCHOOL OF
UKRAINIAN STUDIES, CLEVELAND,
OHIO

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 17, 2003

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of the School of Ukrainian Studies on the occasion of its 50th Anniversary serving students in the Ukrainian community of Cleveland, Ohio.

The School of Ukrainian Studies was established fifty years ago to ensure that the Ukrainian youth in Cleveland would retain the full glory of their language, culture, and community in the United States. The Ukrainian School has succeeded in keeping together a vibrant and cohesive community of Ukrainian-Americans by teaching its students in the language of their mother country, and bringing to the students the traditional dress and cultural awareness of the Ukraine. cam.

The School of Ukrainian Studies will celebrate its 50th Anniversary by holding a banquet resplendent with traditional foods from the Ukraine, and presenting a performance in

which all of its students will participate to demonstrate the knowledge, skills and traditions they have learned during their years of study at the School.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues rise with me today in celebration of the commemorative banquet celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the School of Ukrainian Studies. Many young persons have surely benefited from the work of this wonderful school, and our community has benefited from its efforts to keep the language and tradition of the Ukraine alive in the United States. Let us honor this distinguished school and let us wish them 50 more years of fantastic service to our population.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO BILL HARPEL

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 17, 2003

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with a solemn heart that I rise before you today to pay tribute to the memory of a wonderful citizen from my district. Bill Harpel of Pueblo, Colorado recently passed away at the young age of 40 after a hard-fought battle with leukemia. As Bill's family and friends mourn his passing, I would like to recognize his life before this body of Congress and this nation.

Bill will always be remembered as a staple of the Pueblo theater community. A kind and caring family man at home, Bill was a highly respected professional on stage. Bill was a Pueblo native and studied acting at the University of Southern Colorado. He had an amazing passion for the theater and devoted his time to his acting. Bill spent most of his time in the theater on stage, but also could be found directing several productions. Bill served as President of the "Impossible Players," a local theater company. He was recently awarded the Lifetime Service Award for 2003 by the organization. Away from the theater, Bill was known as a loving husband and a proud father of two.

Mr. Speaker, there is no doubt that the Pueblo theater community lost one of its most prominent members this past September, and the City of Pueblo has lost a remarkable citizen. Bill Harpel's memory will live on in the hearts of his friends and family. He will certainly be missed.

HONORING MOTHER TERESA

HON. PETER HOEKSTRA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 17, 2003

Mr. HOEKSTRA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mother Teresa, a beloved humanitarian revered throughout the world for her charity toward the poor and afflicted.

Mother Teresa, who died on September 5, 1997, at 87 years old in her Missionaries of Charity home in central Calcutta, India, was truly a spiritual guide whom we admire and respect for her uncompromising generosity. Her impact was felt by millions worldwide, and she made all those she touched view the world with a kinder and gentler eye.

A Roman Catholic nun and missionary, she served impoverished people unselfishly, never

asking for anything in return. She firmly believed that the poorest of the poor required self-esteem and hope to escape poverty, and she devoted her life to providing it one person at a time until the day that she died.

She was rightfully awarded a Nobel Peace Prize in 1979 following a lifetime of reaching out to the needy, the suffering and the dying. Her efforts have inspired generations to contribute to the well-being of humanity in both large and small ways.

Mr. Speaker, I offer these remarks to honor the beatification of Mother Teresa by Pope John Paul II on October 19, 2003, in Rome. Her tireless, inspirational work is missed, but her legacy will live on for eternity.

RECOGNIZING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE VILLAGE OF NEWARK

HON. JAMES T. WALSH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 17, 2003

Mr. WALSH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the Village of Newark's Sesquicentennial Anniversary. Incorporated on July 21, 1853, the Village of Newark along the Erie Canal in Wayne County, New York is 150 years old this year, and a host of celebratory events are planned to recognize this milestone this month.

Newark is the only village in Wayne County, New York established as a result of the building of the Erie Canal. Begun in 1817, canal construction crossed the bountiful farmlands of Wayne County, where land was cheap but virtually inaccessible overland or by natural waterways.

In 1820, Joseph Miller received the contract to construct a mile and a quarter of the canal through what is today the Town of Arcadia. In addition to constructing the waterway, Miller purchased some 100 acres for the establishment of a canal side village, plotting streets and dividing parcels into building lots.

The Village of Newark grew into a busy merchant port along the canal, and served as a gateway to markets for Wayne County farmers. Newark has a strong history as being the founding home to many well-known business entities, including Sarah Coventry Jewelry, the Jackson & Perkins Company, and Ultralife Batteries. Today, Newark remains a commercial center for the region and is Wayne County's most populated urban center.

On behalf of the people of New York's 25th Congressional District, it is my honor to recognize and congratulate the residents of Newark on the Village's 150th Anniversary.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO JOAN RICHARDSON

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 17, 2003

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to pay tribute to a wonderful citizen from my district. "Grandma Joan" Richardson of Grand Junction, Colorado volunteers her time to help area students in the classroom, pro-

viding them with a helping hand and teaching them how to read. Joan is a valued citizen of the Grand Junction community, and I am honored to stand before this body of Congress and this nation today to honor her altruistic virtues.

Twice a week, for two and a half hours at a time, Joan devotes her time in an area that she is quite familiar with: the classroom. Having retired from her career as a high school and middle school teacher, Joan has felt the urge to continue to contribute toward the education of local children. The students benefit from having an additional teacher in the classroom a few days per week, while Joan is able to share her valuable skills as a teacher. Joan began helping out on a part time basis when her grandson began school over five years ago. Today she continues to donate her time, helping schools in the Mesa Valley School District.

By making the educational process both interesting and fun for the students, Joan is instilling learning habits that will benefit them for their entire lives. Thanks for your dedication to our youth Joan. I wish you all the best in your retirement.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JIM SAXTON

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 17, 2003

Mr. SAXTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to provide an explanation for the votes I missed on October 15 and 16, 2003. Due to a Congressional fact-finding trip to Iraq and other parts of the Middle East, I unfortunately missed several votes on the floor of the House on the evening of October 15. Additionally, I missed votes on October 16 because I had to attend a conference regarding information technology at the Department of Defense, an issue over which my Subcommittee on Terrorism and Unconventional Threats and Capabilities has sole jurisdiction.

Had I been present, I would have voted in the following fashion:

Rollcall vote 540: "Aye" (H.R. 6, On motion to instruct Conferees on the Energy Conservation, Research, and Development).

Rollcall vote 541: "No" (H.R. 1308, On motion to instruct Conferees on the Tax Relief, Simplification, and Equity Act).

Rollcall vote 542: "No" (H.R. 1, On motion to instruct Conferees on the Medicare Prescription Drug and Modernization Act).

Rollcall vote 543: "Aye" (H.R. 1828, On motion to suspend the rules and pass the Syria Accountability and Lebanese Restoration Act of 2003).

Rollcall vote 544: "Aye" (H. Res. 396, On ordering the previous question for providing for the Consideration of H.R. 3289: Emergency Supplemental Appropriations for Defense and for the Reconstruction of Iraq and Afghanistan for Fiscal Year 2004).

Rollcall vote 545: "Aye" (H. Res. 198, On agreeing to the resolution as amended which expressed the sense of the House of Representatives that France, Germany, and Russia, can initially best contribute to the reconstruction of Iraq by forgiveness of outstanding debt).

I would like to also note, that I am a co-sponsor and strong supporter of the Syria Accountability and Lebanese Restoration Act of