

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN HONOR OF ORAH BELLE
SHERMAN

HON. JOHN LEWIS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 26, 2004

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, in the last days of Black History Month, I want to be sure this Congress honors the memory of Orah Belle Sherman, a woman who served our democracy well. In the eyes of some, her labor may have seemed humble, but her spirit was great. For 41 years, Orah Belle Sherman served the citizens of Atlanta as the hostess of Paschal's restaurant, and the comfort and hospitality of Paschal's reached the very soul of the Civil Rights Movement.

The role of the capable hostess is fully acknowledged in politics today. Sometimes decisions that impact the history of mankind may be made in the relaxation of social environments. A hostess is the architect of that relaxation, creating a seamless atmosphere of comfort where minds can meet undistracted and strike an agreement. Her grace eases the tension of division, and the ambience she offers invites opposing sides to sit down together. Orah Belle Sherman was a master hostess among hostesses because her grace not only cooled the tensions of ideological differences but momentarily silenced the ravages of racism.

In a segregated Atlanta, where a cacophony of signs declared "White Only," "Colored Only," "Colored Waiting," "White Waiting," in the heart of a hostile America, in the recesses of the Jim Crow South where a wilderness of racism threatened the future of this nation, Paschal's became an oasis of friendship, brotherhood and peace. There African Americans were always welcomed by Orah Belle Sherman.

She created a safe space where men and women who were outcasts of mainstream America could socialize in dignity and peace. In her haven of comfort and acceptance, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Ambassador Andrew Young, Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall, Dr. Benjamin Mays and many other soon-to-be great men of the Civil Rights Movement were welcomed, fed, and given the room to deliberate. In the loving glow of Orah Belle Sherman, they strategized the actions that would become the Movement we know today. Many of the great civil rights speeches, the plans for marches and sit-ins, the boycotts and sermons were discussed in the ambience of Paschal's restaurant.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. once said that, "Love is the most durable power in the world. This creative force is the most potent instrument available in mankind's quest for security and peace." The love of Orah Belle Sherman has an enduring place in the history of the Civil Rights Movement. She is a gem of the South that reminds us of a culture of hospitality that is slipping away. Her graciousness and charm consoled the builders of a new day

for America. She will long be remembered in the hearts of all the lives she touched.

RECOGNIZING THE HONOREES OF
THE 57TH ANNUAL PUBLIC SERV-
ANTS MERIT AWARDS

HON. STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 26, 2004

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the nine honorees of the 57th Annual Public Servants Merit Awards Luncheon, held Friday, February 13, 2004. This event was hosted by the Cuyahoga County Bar Foundation and the Cuyahoga County Bar Association.

Tim Brennan currently serves as the Civil Division's Assistant Personnel Director/Acting Office Manager for the Clerk of Courts, Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas. Tim assists with interviewing applicants for the Clerk's office, promoting employees, and assisting in resolving personnel disputes.

Tim and his wife, Janene are Lakewood residents and have been married almost as long as Tim has worked in the Clerk's office. They met as employees of the Clerk's office and have three children, Patrick, Megan, and Molly.

Tim is very active in Lakewood and Cuyahoga County Democratic Party activities. He became interested in politics at an early age, as the son of Judge Hugh P. Brennan. Also, Tim has been active for many years with St. Mark's Church.

Despite his many accomplishments in work and politics, Tim feels that his greatest achievement is securing the love and support of his family.

Since 1974, Tom Bykowski has been an office mainstay for the Cleveland Municipal Court. As a supervisor in the office, he is responsible for drafting the judgment entries and other pleadings.

Tom attended St. John Cantius High School and Cuyahoga Community College. He is a longtime Old Brooklyn resident and lives with Helen, his wife of more than 25 years, and their children Benjamin and Kate. Tom is devoted to his family, but still has found time to be active in his local community development corporation, his parish school, as well as his ward & county Democratic Party activities.

He often spends his days asking the tide of people passing through the Clerk's office, "How can I help you" because he enjoys contact with the public.

Richard L. Gray has been employed at the Lakewood Municipal Court since 1974. He began his tenure in the Criminal Division and, for more than 20 years, has been the Clerk of Court.

Richard has been honored by many organizations for his work, and is particularly proud of his 1991 nomination as the Outstanding Clerk by the Ohio Association of Municipal

Court Clerks. He is a past President of that organization, as well as past President of the Northeastern Ohio Municipal Court Clerk's Association. He remains an active member in both organizations.

Richard is also an Army veteran of the Vietnam campaign and a graduate of Baldwin-Wallace College. He and his wife of more than three decades, Janice, live in Lakewood where they raised their two children, Jessica and Alissa.

Terri Lynn Hudak is a Deputy Clerk/Supervisor in the Cuyahoga County Probate Court's Data Entry Department. She began her employment with the Court after graduating from Parma's Valley Forge High School, 23 years ago.

Terri and her department are responsible for entering new filings on the court's docket, organizing files for transmission to the Court of Appeals and assisting the public in locating court records.

She still lives in Parma with her husband Paul and their children Matthew and Valerie. She is active in St. Charles school events, parish activities, and her neighborhood block committees.

Terri says that raising her family, supporting her children's sporting events, and working full-time are her most outstanding accomplishments.

Dorothy Lawson began her work with the Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court as a typist in the court constable's office. She then went on to serve as a scheduler for as many as four judges at one time.

For the past 15 years, Dorothy has served as the personal bailiff, first for Judge William E. Mahon and currently for Judge Brian J. Corrigan. She views her 1989 promotion to personal bailiff as one of her greatest accomplishments in life.

A Euclid resident, Dorothy lives with John, her husband of almost a quarter century. She spends much of her time evaluating the creativity of the excuses given by tardy lawyers. However, she fundamentally believes that her three decades of service has allowed her a deeper understanding of the judicial system.

Regina Laura Mandanci has worked for Domestic Relations Court for 24 years. She is the nominee of Administrative Judge Timothy M. Flanagan. For the past two years, Gina serves as Personal Bailiff to Judge James P. Celebreeze, after over 20 years in the Central Scheduling Department.

Gina, a Florida native and Brecksville High School graduate, lives in Brecksville with her children, Nickolas and Jessica. She is proud of her service in the Domestic Relations Court, which she started with just out of high school.

Mary Jo O'Toole is a Judicial Secretary at the Eighth District Court of Appeals with 17 years with Judge Ann Dyke. Nominated by Judge Kenneth A. Rocco and Presiding Judge Michael J. Corrigan, Mary Jo, after a brief detour into the private sector, has worked in the courts for over 20 years, shortly after her graduation from Holy Name High School.

Mary Jo and Patrick, her husband of 16 years, live in Avon with their two children,

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Megan and Brian. The family enjoys weekends at their cottage and spent many years renovating their residence, a century home.

Carolyn Penn, nominated by Juvenile Court Administrative Judge Joseph F. Russo, is a Probation Manager at the Court's Bedford Heights office, where she manages a staff of probation officers and administrative assistants who deal with delinquent, unruly and violent children living in the southeast portion of Cuyahoga County.

A graduate of Central State University with a master's degree from Case's School of Applied Social Sciences Administration, Carolyn lives in Cleveland Heights. The widow of James E. Penn, Jr., and the mother of a grown son, James E. Penn III, Carolyn was also honored by a Cleveland Mayoral proclamation for her years of service to at-risk children and the community.

Carolyn volunteers with senior citizens and participates in charities, along with actively supporting individual political candidates and social service ballot issues. She takes pride in her work and protecting her community.

Pauline Pope is the Assistant Chief of Security in the Bailiffs Department of the Cleveland Municipal court, where she has worked since 1986.

Presiding and Administrative Judge Larry A. Jone's nominee, Pauline previously worked for the City of Cleveland, as part of more than a quarter century of public service. She works hard to assure that the employees and the public enjoys a safe environment in the Court.

Pauline came to Cleveland after graduating from high school in South Carolina. She is active in ministries, nursing homes and prisons. Early in her court employment career, she was assigned to provide security to the late Judge Carl B. Stokes.

On behalf of the people of the 11th Congressional District of Ohio and the United States Congress, I pay tribute to the leadership, dedication, support, and commitment of the 2004 Annual Public Servants Merit Award honorees.

HON. THE WORK OF REVEREND
RUBEN LOUIS ARCHIELD, SR.

HON. CIRO D. RODRIGUEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 26, 2004

Mr. RODRIGUEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Reverend Ruben Louis Archield, Sr., a great friend, teacher, and counselor. As pastor of Friendship Baptist Church in San Antonio, Texas since 1963, Reverend Archield has served the spiritual needs of his congregation and the San Antonio community.

Under Reverend Archield's direction, Friendship Baptist Church has enjoyed an unparalleled period of growth as many new buildings have been constructed and programs established to serve the ever-changing needs of the surrounding community.

Reverend Archield has also contributed to the community through involvement with organizations such as the Baptist Ministers' Union, the Citywide Brotherhood of San Antonio, the National Baptist Convention, the San Antonio Development Agency, and the Project Drug Abuse Center. For these extraordinary deeds, Reverend Archield received the San Antonio

Register's Pulpit Heritage Award and the Patriarch Award from Greater Love Baptist Church.

February 22, 2004 marks Friends and Family Day at Friendship Baptist Church, a time to come together with special friends and loved ones to worship and express thanks for our many blessings. I wish Reverend Archield and the members of Friendship Baptist Church all the best on this special day.

RECOGNIZING THE FAIRFAX COUNTY
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 2004
VALOR AWARD RECIPIENTS
FROM THE FAIRFAX COUNTY OFFICE
OF THE SHERIFF

HON. TOM DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 26, 2004

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, Mr. MORAN, Mr. WOLF and I rise today to recognize an extraordinary group of men and women in Northern Virginia. Each year, the Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce recognizes individuals who courageously have demonstrated selfless dedication to public safety. The hard work, dedication, and perseverance of the Fairfax County Office of the Sheriff have earned several of its members the highest honor that Fairfax County bestows upon its public safety officials—The Valor Award.

There are several types of Valor Awards awarded to a public safety officer: The Life-saving Award, the Certificate of Valor, or the Gold, Silver, or Bronze Medal of Valor. During the 26th Annual Awards Ceremony, 53 men and women from the Office of the Sheriff, Fire and Rescue Department, and the Police Department received one of the aforementioned honors for their bravery and heroism.

It is with great honor that we enter into the RECORD the names of the recipients of the 2004 Valor Awards in the Fairfax County Office of the Sheriff. Receiving the Lifesaving Award: Second Lieutenant Steve J. Elbert, Sergeant William E. Friedman, Private First Class Morris F. Hood Jr., Private First Class Dena M. Hubbard, Private First Class Steven P. Queen, Master Deputy Sheriff Juan L. Romero, Sergeant Mark W. Sites, Second Lieutenant Elaine M. Stanley, Private First Class Zachary D. Taylor, Private First Class Huihao Wang, Private First Class Kenneth W. Wing, Jr.; the Certificate of Valor: Private First Class Peter J. Fox; the Bronze Medal of Honor: Deputy William L. Bishop, Second Lieutenant Gregory A. Merck, Sergeant Eli G. Rejeili.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, we would like to take this opportunity to thank all men and women who serve the Fairfax County Office of the Sheriff. The events of September 11th serve as a reminder of the sacrifices our emergency service workers make for us each day. These individuals' continuous efforts on behalf of Fairfax County citizens are paramount to preserving security, law, and order throughout our community. Their selfless acts of heroism truly merit our highest praise. We ask our colleagues to join us in applauding this group of remarkable citizens.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE
MEKHITARIST FATHERS' ARME-
NIAN SCHOOL'S 25TH ANNIVER-
SARY

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 26, 2004

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Mekhitarist Fathers' Armenian School. On Saturday, February 28, 2004, members of the Armenian community in Southern California will gather to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the establishment of the Mekhitarist Fathers' Armenian School.

The school is the pride of the Armenian community. Its impressive curriculum, dedicated faculty and administration, quality extracurricular activities, devoted parents, alumni and committed Trustees serve as strong pillars of this unique educational institution.

The Mekhitarist Fathers' Armenian school was established in 1979 with dreams of rearing and educating young Armenians about their past. Yet they taught their pupils to appreciate their new home in America and establish respectable, productive and thriving communities as well as the importance of making lasting contributions to society.

In 1998, when the school had prospered to more than 350 students, they leased a campus in La Crescenta. The school was facing unlimited difficulties. Mekhitarist Fathers had a very short time to find a home for those whose educational responsibilities were put upon their shoulders. They proved without a doubt that despite insurmountable obstacles, they fulfilled their seemingly impossible responsibility toward this community when they purchased their own land on Foothill Boulevard, in Tujunga.

Today, the number of students has dropped due to obstacles that the school has had to overcome. Yet, that is what has made this institution stronger. As Fr. Augustine Szekula said, "It is the very existence of nurturing Armenian schools in the Diaspora that supports and indeed, enables our Mother country [Armenia] to exist, and for our rich Armenian cultural heritage to continue to flourish with dignity and grace."

It is my distinct honor to recognize the Mekhitarist Fathers' Armenian School's invaluable service to the community and congratulate them upon their 25th anniversary.

TRIBUTE TO BOEING ENGINEERING
TEAM

HON. ROBERT E. (BUD) CRAMER, JR.

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 26, 2004

Mr. CRAMER. Mr. Speaker, I have the honor to represent NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center and numerous space contractors. Throughout North Alabama, scientists and engineers are working diligently to create the necessary technology to take humans and cargo into space. In addition, the innovative research and development that is being done and managed by the Marshall Space Flight Center and its partners is having significant and positive impact on our Nation's quality of life.