

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN HONOR OF GRACE SZUBSKI

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 16, 2004

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of Grace Szubski—admirable attorney, devoted worker's advocate, friend and mentor, as she was recently honored with the Distinguished Service Award for Worker's Compensation from the Ohio Academy of Trial Lawyers.

Today we celebrate Ms. Szubski's professional contribution as a dedicated advocate of employment justice and legal rights for countless workers within our Cleveland community. Ms. Szubski's significant work lends a strong voice to countless workers whose pleas would otherwise not be heard. Her exemplary work consistently reflects integrity, expertise and heart, and is also a testament to the success and fairness of America's judicial system.

Ms. Szubski has worked as an attorney with Garsen & Associates for the past twenty years. She continues to focus her law practice in the areas of workers' compensation, probate and social security disability. Beyond her significant legal contributions, Ms. Szubski volunteers her time and talents on behalf of several civic and humanitarian causes. She serves as a trustee for the Dioceses of Cleveland Catholic Charities Corporation and also serves on its Executive Committee. Since 1986, Ms. Szubski has journeyed to Kentucky and Tennessee's Appalachian mountain region, as youth leader and participant, to focus on the housing and ministry needs of some of our nation's most vulnerable citizens.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor, recognition and gratitude of the professional and personal work of Ms. Grace Szubski—the 2004 recipient of the Distinguished Service Award for Worker's Compensation from the Ohio Academy of Trial Lawyers. Her outstanding work and accomplishments as a dedicated attorney and, most significantly, her integrity, support and concern for others has served as an inspiration to her clients, colleagues, and countless residents of Appalachia and our own community. We wish Ms. Szubski continued health, happiness and peace throughout her professional and personal journey. Her outstanding service on behalf of the rights of others truly makes a difference, and serves as outstanding example to us all.

HONORING CHIEF PAUL
KITTREDGE

HON. JOSEPH M. HOEFFEL

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HOEFFEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Chief Paul Kittredge who is celebrating

his retirement from the Borough of Rockledge Police Department, in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania.

A police officer for 30 years, Chief Kittredge has dedicated his life to serving his community. He started his career in the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office. He later worked at the Police Departments in both the Jenkintown and Rockledge Boroughs and was named Police Chief nine years ago. Chief Kittredge went above and beyond the call of duty, serving faithfully and always striving to better the community, leading the efforts to expand and modernize the Rockledge police force.

Over the years Chief Kittredge has proven himself to be a dedicated leader, protector, and manager for the borough community. Dedicated to his family as well as the community, Kittredge and his wife of 35 years are the proud parents of three children and the grandparents of two.

It is my pleasure to recognize Chief Kittredge for his many years of service to our community. I congratulate him on his retirement and wish him all the best in the future.

STOP STROKE ACT (H.R. 3658)

HON. MIKE ROSS

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ROSS. Mr. Speaker, on Monday the House of Representatives approved H.R. 3658, the Stroke Treatment and Ongoing Prevention Act (commonly called the STOP Stroke Act). The STOP Stroke Act will:

Raise public awareness by authorizing funding for a national public information campaign to educate the public about stroke, including how to prevent it, recognizing the warning signs, and when to seek emergency treatment;

Help states fight stroke by establishing a grant program to help states ensure that stroke patients have access to quality care;

Collect and share best practices by authorizing the Paul Coverdell National Acute Stroke Registry and creates a clearinghouse to provide technical assistance to states and share best practices; and

Educate medical professionals by providing opportunities to train appropriate medical personnel in newly developed approaches for preventing and treating stroke.

This legislation is an important step in preventing and treating the devastating effects of stroke. Stroke is the third leading cause of death in the nation and a leading cause of long-term disability. In Arkansas, stroke accounted for 2,600 deaths in 1999—making it the second highest state with stroke deaths. In fact, Arkansas is located in the country's "stroke belt," a section of the country made up of 12 Southern states that have high occurrences of stroke. In May, I had the opportunity to join the Arkansas Department of Health in launching its stroke awareness campaign in

Pine Bluff, Arkansas. As part of the campaign, stroke warning signs and symptoms will be placed on grocery store sacks. Additionally, the health department will partner with at risk and hard to reach populations to teach heart healthy meal preparation, provide hypertension screenings and obesity awareness, and other prevention mechanisms. I worked closely with Linda Faulkner, Program Coordinator for the health department's Cardiovascular Health Program, and Diane Mulligan-Fairfield, Vice President of National Communications, National Stroke Association on the campaign's rollout. I commend them for their work on the project.

It is estimated that stroke cost the nation \$45.4 billion in 2001, including \$28 billion in direct costs and \$17.4 in indirect costs. A large share of the direct cost is paid by public payers such as Medicare and Medicaid. Passage of H.R. 3658 and funding the legislation will go a long way towards lowering these statistics and helping Arkansas to implement a full-scale public education campaign effectively.

CONGRATULATING BRIDGEWATER
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COR-
PORATION

HON. MELISSA A. HART

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. HART. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Bridgewater Community Development Corporation (BCDC) for successfully arranging the second annual Bridgewater Community Fun Fest. I am encouraged that the citizens of Western Pennsylvania are working hard to improve their local economies.

The BCDC was created as a means to foster the development of the Borough of Bridgewater by taking advantage of its inherent strengths. Marcia Liggett, secretary and member of the Bridgewater Community Development Corporation (BCDC), created the concept of the Community Fun Fest. The focus of the Fun Fest is to bring together the community with local business owners, police department, fire department, and elected officials. The fun fest brings all aspect of the community together to interact and form new relationships that will foster a better economic community in the Borough of Bridgewater.

The first Borough of Bridgewater Fun Fest was a large success drawing nearly 1,000 people; however, this year is anticipated to draw nearly double the crowd of the first. Providing 2,000 residents of Bridgewater a chance to meet local officials, business owners, learn the organizations of their town, and meet their neighbors. It is a community effort composed of a coalition of residents, business leaders, and interested persons working together to improve Bridgewater.

I ask that my colleagues in the House of Representatives join me in honoring the second annual Borough of Bridgewater Fun Fest.

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All communities across the country should strive to foster economic development within their neighborhoods just as Bridgewater has done—I praise the efforts of this ambitious group.

IN HONOR OF FRANCA P. DORNAN

HON. ELTON GALLEGLY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 16, 2004

Mr. GALLEGLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Franca P. Dornan, who is retiring after nearly 20 years of teaching kindergarten students in my congressional district at St. Jude the Apostle School in Westlake Village, California.

Franca Dornan was born Franca Peirina Amalia Maria Bendi on March 2, 1940, in Rapallo on the Italian Riviera. During five of her first six years, until Americans liberated the city, Franca Dornan lived under Nazi occupation.

In 1946 she moved with her mother and father to White Plains, New York. Then, in 1961, she moved to California, where she graduated from Marymount College in Los Angeles with her teaching credential and a bachelor's degree in English. Her first five years of teaching were spent instructing fifth-graders at Darby Avenue School in Northridge.

In 1963, she met her husband, Dick Dornan, at St. Paul the Apostle Church. They married in the same church on June 24, 1967. Two years later, on Thanksgiving 1969, they moved to Westlake Village, which they have called home ever since.

In addition to inspiring the minds and souls of other families' children, Dick and Franca raised five children of their own, Dick, John, Timothy, Gina and Patrick.

Mr. Speaker, today will be Franca P. Dornan's last kindergarten graduation as a teacher. Fondly known by many as "Mrs. Love, Care and Share," it is her motto and will continue to resonate among the hundreds of children to whom she taught love of God, family and country.

I know my colleagues will join me in recognizing Franca P. Dornan for starting hundreds of young children on a lifelong quest of knowledge and love, and for serving as a yardstick by which we can measure a caring wife, mother and educator.

IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF
JOHN REES

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 16, 2004

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and remembrance of Mr. John Rees—Award-winning journalist, devoted family man, and friend and mentor to many, whose life touched the lives of countless people, including my own.

Mr. Rees' 45-year career in journalism reflected honesty, ethics, and a real connection to the people he wrote about. His ability to pierce through the murky waters of a complex story and uncover the truth of the matter set him apart from most reporters. He was hon-

ored numerous times with prestigious awards for excellence in journalism, including a Cleveland Press Club Award, and a resolution of honor passed by Cleveland City Council in tribute to his significant career. Additionally, Mr. Rees was inducted into the Cleveland Journalism Hall of Fame in 1989.

Though his work was held in high esteem within the Cleveland newspaper circuit, accolades and awards did not impress Mr. Rees; honesty, ethics and writing the straight story did. He understood the power of the printed word and upheld his unbreakable personal and professional ethics with every word he wrote.

The exceptional person reflected the exceptional writer. Mr. Rees gained the confidence and trust of people from all walks of life. His respect and concern for others was demonstrated consistently throughout his life and he extended himself beyond the bounds of where most people dare to go—reaching out to others in need, literally saving the lives of two individuals while on the beat.

Directly following graduation from St. Francis Commercial High School in Cleveland, Mr. Rees began working as an office boy at the old Cleveland News. Bolstered by natural born talent, true grit and keen observation skills, Mr. Rees worked his way up from office boy, to reporter, to eventually becoming the paper's city editor despite being told by a superior that he would not amount to anything.

Whether covering crime stories, the political scene or labor issues, Mr. Rees forged strong connections of trust and respect with people throughout all facets of our Cleveland community. He offered everyone the same respect and interest, regardless of their social status, and people loved him for it.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor and remembrance of my friend, John Rees. Today we mourn his passing and celebrate his life. I offer my condolences to his daughter; Rosemary; sons, Jack and Richard; his grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and also to his extended family and many friends. I also acknowledge the memory of his beloved wife, Freda. John Rees' journalistic talent, unwavering ethics and genuine kindness consistently framed his exemplary career and defined his life. His legacy will live on within the hearts of those who knew and loved him well, today, and for generations to come.

REGARDING TRI-CITIZANS OF THE
YEAR DR. LEWIS ZIRKLE AND
DR. SARA ZIRKLE

HON. DOC HASTINGS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 16, 2004

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington. I rise today to pay tribute to two constituents who are not only leaders in the State of Washington but are dedicated humanitarians that have positively impacted lives around the world.

The husband and wife team of Dr. Lewis Zirkle and Dr. Sarah Zirkle was recently named Tri-Citizens of the Year for devoting over 30 years to helping those less fortunate—both here at home and abroad. This award is presented once each year to an outstanding citizen of the TriCities area in Washington state.

Dr. Lewis Zirkle is an orthopedic specialist who served as an Army surgeon in the Vietnam War. After the war, he made numerous return trips to Vietnam and other developing nations to help local health care providers establish more effective surgical techniques for treating fractures.

In 1999, Dr. Zirkle founded the Surgical Implant Generation Network (SIGN) to help provide a system of training, hardware and follow-up assistance to orthopedic surgeons in developing countries. In just 5 years, SIGN has developed over 42 projects that are operating around the world, which are supplied with surgical hardware from a state-of-the-art manufacturing facility.

Dr. Sara Zirkle also has a long list of accomplishments. As a developmental and behavioral pediatric specialist, she has been a strong advocate on behalf of children. She helped found the Child Sexual Abuse Clinic at Kadlec Medical Center in Richland, Washington and the Mid-Columbia Reading Foundation. She has received numerous awards and recognition for her work with abused children.

The Zirkles exemplify the best of America. I am proud to have them as constituents in the Fourth District of Washington state and I know they will continue to devote their time to helping others.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 16, 2004

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I had surgery yesterday, June 15, and as a result, missed four votes. Had I been present:

For Rollcall No. 236—on ordering the previous question on the Rule, I would have voted "yea"; For Rollcall No. 237—H. Res. 671—a rule providing for consideration of H.R. 4503 and H.R. 4517, I would have voted "yea"; For Rollcall No. 238—on ordering the previous question on the Rule, I would have voted "yea"; and for Rollcall No. 239—H. Res. 672—a rule providing for consideration of H.R. 4513 and H.R. 4529, I would have voted "yea".

TARAS SHEVCHENKO

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 16, 2004

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, Taras Shevchenko has become one of the most influential figures in Ukrainian culture. His most famous compilation of poetic works, the Kobzar, became and continues to be the voice of liberty and national pride for generations of Ukrainians. Throughout his life, in his poetry and art, Shevchenko celebrated the unique beauty of his land and called for its liberation from the Russian Empire. He fought for the restoration of the democratic Kozak state and denounced the russification of the Ukrainian people. Because of his strong and vocal anti-Russian sentiment, Shevchenko was imprisoned numerous times and denied the right to