

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### HONORING THE KIMBERTON FIRE COMPANY ON THEIR 75TH ANNIVERSARY

#### HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 23, 2004*

Mr. GERLACH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Kimberton Fire Company of Kimberton, Pennsylvania on the occasion of their 75th Anniversary.

The Kimberton Fire Company began back in 1929 when a group of community leaders came together to discuss the need for a local fire company to protect the community and its vicinity from the inherent danger of fire. On February 5, 1929, the first officers were elected by the newly formed membership. At that time, they also voted to purchase one 1917 Brockway Combination Chemical and Hose Car for \$300. These steps led to the Kimberton Fire Company's official incorporation three months later in May of 1929.

In May 1936, right after the Company purchased their first new fire apparatus, the Hale Pumper, fire broke out in the Kimberton firehouse. While the firehouse was completely destroyed, firefighters were able to save the pumper and were able to utilize their new equipment to extinguish the fire.

Today, the Kimberton Fire Company has a fleet of twelve emergency vehicles. This fleet has the capability to meet the needs of the Kimberton community that is comprised of six municipalities and covers over 32 square miles. The area protected by the Kimberton Fire Company ranges from the farmland to small towns and suburban developments.

Not only does the Kimberton Fire Company provide outstanding rescue and fire services, they also provide exemplary community service. The members of the Kimberton Fire Company serve as members of the Tanker Task Force and the State Forest Fire Crew. The Kimberton Fire Company is also the area's Emergency Operations Center and an evacuation center. Meeting space is provided at the firehouse for the Boy Scouts and for other groups such as Exploring and Venture group. The firehouse also opens its doors and hosts fundraisers and other community events. The Kimberton Fire Company believes strongly in investing in the youth of the community because they believe that today's youth will provide for a more improved community in the future. The Kimberton Fire Company is well-known for its fire and rescue teams, and also for being actively responsive to the unique needs of the Kimberton community. Lifelong friendships and solid community partnerships have been made and the Kimberton Fire Company is prominent in establishing and maintaining these local bonds.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me today is congratulating the Kimberton Fire Company for its dedication and service to the Kimberton area community. It is an honor to recognize the Kimberton Fire Company for its 75 years of tremendous service to the people.

### CONGRATULATING RECIPIENTS OF THE 2004 HENRY B. GONZALEZ AWARDS

#### HON. NICK LAMPSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 23, 2004*

Mr. LAMPSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Hispanic citizens from the 9th District of Texas being honored September 25, 2004 for their work in the community. While the dedication of Hispanic leaders is well-known throughout the United States, local citizens, right here in the Southeast Gulf Coast region, are just as important to ensuring equal rights and economic progress for all Texans.

Each year, I ask members of the communities in the 9th District to nominate individuals for the Henry B. Gonzalez Latino Leadership Award. This award, named in honor of the late Congressman Henry B. Gonzalez, gives special recognition to those who have worked selflessly, often without recognition, and made contributions both in the Hispanic community and the broader community as well. Recipients were chosen because their spirit of giving and sharing spirit makes a substantial contribution to our community and inspires others to do the same.

While their efforts may not make the headlines every day, the recipients' service and dedication to our country is nevertheless vital to our entire region. Southeast Texas is not successful in spite of our diversity, but rather successful because of it.

Please join me in recognizing and congratulating these leaders for their work an commitment to their communities and to southeast Texas. It is leaders like these men and women that continue to be a source of pride for Texas. The winners of this years Henry B. Gonzalez Latino Leadership Award are: Mrs. Sabrina Vrooman, Mr. Joe Hernandez, Mr. Albert Seguin, Mr. Manuel Escontrias, Mr. Hipolito Acosta, Mr. Carlos Lopez, and Mrs. Maria Barrios de Estrello.

Mr. Speaker, the recipients of the Henry B. Gonzalez Award are dedicated and hard-working individuals who have done so much for their neighbors and for this Nation as a whole. Today, I stand to recognize their spirit and to say that I am honored to be their Representative.

### HONORING JOHN W. ROWE

#### HON. RAHM EMANUEL

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 23, 2004*

Mr. EMANUEL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to extend my warmest congratulations to John W. Rowe of Chicago on being honored by the American Jewish Committee for his continued civic leadership in our city.

For almost 100 years the American Jewish Committee has maintained its mission of pro-

moting a world in which all are accorded the same civic treatment, promoting minority protection in democratic societies, and fighting against anti-Semitism.

Chairman and CEO of the Exelon Corporation, John W. Rowe is a person of great leadership who shares this same mission. By establishing the Exelon Corporation as one of Chicago's premier philanthropic and civically mindful corporations, he has consistently displayed excellent leadership and humanitarianism.

Mr. Rowe is chairman and CEO of the Exelon Corporation which was formed October 2000 by way of a corporate merging of the Unicorn Corporation and PECO Energy. Exelon, with some 5 million customers and annual revenues more than \$15 billion, is one of the Nation's largest electric utilities.

Mr. Rowe also has a history of exemplifying great leadership through his previous work as chairman president, and CEO of the Unicom Corporation and Commonwealth Edison, as well as president and CEO of NEES, and president and CEO of Central Maine Power Company.

The past recognition Mr. Rowe has received is a testimony to his continued commitment to human rights. In 2002, Mr. Rowe was honored as the Citizen of the Year by the City Club of Chicago for his active responses to important environmental issues. In 2003, Mr. Rowe was awarded El Valor Corporation's Corporate Visionary Award, which honors corporate leaders for their vision and resolution for providing opportunities to all people. In May 2002, he was honored with the Corporate Leadership Award from the Spanish Coalition for Jobs for his outstanding civic commitment and contributions to the Latino community. In 2000, he was also the recipient of the Anti-Defamation League's "A World of Difference" award for his commitment to the promotion of civil rights through fighting discrimination, prejudice, and bigotry.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to commend John W. Rowe for his great leadership in our community and congratulate him on his well deserved Civic Leadership Award.

### HONORING BARBARA VOLPE

#### HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 23, 2004*

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the distinguished service of Ms. Barbara Volpe, President of the Public Education & Business Coalition (PEBC) in Denver, Colorado.

Ms. Volpe has been working with the PEBC for 15 years. Under her leadership the organization has tripled its size and developed an outstanding national reputation. With Ms. Volpe's steady guidance the PEBC has successfully completed a merger between two

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