

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN HONOR OF THE CITY OF
NORTHVILLE, MI

HON. THADDEUS G. McCOTTER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 6, 2005

Mr. McCOTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in tribute to the City of Northville, MI, which is celebrating its 50th anniversary.

Located on the western fringe of the Detroit metropolitan area, the city of Northville was incorporated as a village in 1867 and as a city in 1955. The area was a small industry-trade center in the early 1800s when farming and lumbering were the main occupations.

Today, Northville is home for approximately 6,500 residents and supports one of the finest school districts in the State of Michigan. Known for its rolling hills and attractive countryside, Northville has retained its small-town appeal with stately Victorian-era architecture in its Historic District and a "walk to" downtown area, which boasts of old-fashioned street lamps, galleries, and specialty shops and includes the historic Marquis Theater, which has served the families of the community for more than 80 years. The theater's marquee has been in operation since 1925, and at one time it was one of only 26 working marquees in the United States. Today's performers sing, dance, and act on the same stage as legendary stars Woody Herman, The Harmonicats, The Four Freshmen, and Count Basie.

The city has grown and prospered since the first city council meeting on December 19, 1955. Citizens of Northville are fortunate to have had strong leadership from its first Mayor; Claude Ely, to the current Mayor, Christopher Johnson. Citizen involvement insures Northville continues to be a vibrant community in which to live, work, and raise a family.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the people of Northville as they celebrate their historic past. It is my hope this fine community will enjoy a long and prosperous future.

CONGRATULATING CRISPIN
VALVES OF BERWICK, PA, ON
THE OCCASION OF THE COM-
PANY'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask you and my esteemed colleagues in the House of Representatives to pay tribute to Crispin Valves, of Berick, PA, which is celebrating its 100th anniversary.

Begun in 1905 on the foundation of the patents granted to Clarence Crispin for his design of the Air Valve, Crispin is a fourth generation family business employing 70 people.

The Crispin Air Valve, for the first time ever, allowed the release of air build-up in water pipes without leaks or interruption of water flow in the line.

Since its inception, Crispin has served customers the world over. Still located on its original manufacturing site, Crispin today is a modern, professional company deeply rooted in the traditional values of its early beginnings.

No other company in the world has manufactured air valves longer than Crispin and no other company in the air valve market has the experience that Crispin has.

Crispin products are used in both hemispheres and in almost every country in the world. The breadth of their international experience allows them to understand and provide the flexibility that international customers require.

Focusing primarily on the municipal water industries, Crispin products are also used extensively by industrial, mining, chemical, energy and processing companies.

Crispin's customers include some of the world's top corporations including Phillips Petroleum, Walt Disney, Anheuser Busch, Bechtel, International Paper and Black and Veatch.

Their municipal client index includes customers from major metropolitan areas as well as small town water systems. They include Denver, CO; Los Angeles, CA; Tampa, FL; New York City, Dallas, TX, and thousands of others.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Crispin Valves and its president, Mr. Darren Crispin, for representing the finest qualities of the American entrepreneurial spirit. Their family heritage and community-mindedness has resulted in a successful company that has employed many people in north-eastern Pennsylvania for over a century.

IN HONOR OF COLONEL MICHAEL
R. SIMONE

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a tremendous public servant. Col. Michael R. Simone, United States Army, recently retired after 30 years of uniformed service to our Nation. I know him both as a friend and as the Commandant of the Defense Language Institute located in my Central California District. DLI is the premier language training institution in the world, instructing U.S. troops in any language required to meet national security demands. I can think of no other single training officer in the U.S. military other than Colonel Simone who has done more to directly prepare our service men and women to meet the challenges we face in Iraq, Afghanistan, North Korea, and in the broader struggle against international terrorism.

In 1975, Colonel Simone earned a bachelor of science at the U.S. Military Academy at

West Point. After serving in field artillery, he went on to earn a masters in International Affairs from Columbia University in 1985. Colonel Simone served as assistant professor of Soviet Studies at West Point, completed a masters in Political Science at Columbia University, and also earned a Certificate of Advanced Training in Soviet Studies from the Averell Harriman Institute. Finally, he attended the Armed Forces Staff College, the U.S. Army Russian Institute, and completed the Defense Attaché Course.

Then Colonel Simone became a diplomat. From 1993 to 1995, he served as the Assistant Army Attaché in Embassy Moscow. Colonel Simone then moved to Vienna as the Assistant Joint Staff Representative to the U.S. Delegation to the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe. In 1998, he returned to Moscow as the Army Attaché. Then from August 2000 until May 2003, he commanded the European Operations Division of the Defense Threat Reduction Agency's On-Site Inspection Directorate in Darmstadt, Germany. On June 4, 2003, Colonel Simone became the Commandant of the Defense Language Institute. And the rest, as they say, is history.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, I wish to close with a short personal anecdote. One of the greatest pleasures as a Member of Congress is to nominate the brightest high school graduates of our districts to the service academies. Every year, I host a small reception for the nominees and their families just before the students leave for their first academy year. This year, I asked Colonel Simone to host this reception. Not only did he and his wonderful wife Jan open their home, but they made sure, more importantly, that every room was full of serving junior officers, academy graduates all, who could offer the students advice and support as they began their great journey. This happy evening gave me a first-hand look at Colonel Simone's all-consuming dedication to training soldiers.

Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to applaud Col. Michael R. Simone, a person who has served his country with great distinction for so many years. I join with all his friends and family in honoring this talented man and his many achievements.

HONORING THE CITY OF NEWARK,
CA'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 6, 2005

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the city of Newark, CA as it celebrates its 50th year of incorporation. The city will celebrate this milestone anniversary during its annual Newark Days event on September 22-25, 2005. This year's Newark Days celebration will fall on the anniversary of the city's incorporation in 1955.

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