

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

FOURTH OF JULY TRIBUTE TO COMMUNITY SOLDIERS AND THEIR FAMILIES

HON. MELISSA A. HART

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 11, 2006

Ms. HART. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize some of the brave men and women of our community and their families on the Fourth of July 2006.

On this day, our forefathers stood up to oppose tyranny, and these men were willing to fight for freedom and liberty. These men made difficult sacrifices for these principles. Today the battle for freedom is not over, and those tough sacrifices are still being made. It is only fitting that today we show our support and honor these patriots.

From the United States Air Force: SrA Crystal Lynn Chatham and CPT John Matthews; from the United States Air Force Reserves: MSgt James E. Schlieper; from the United States Army: SPC Bruce Liptak, SP1 John Moan, SPC Scott Meehan, E-4 David Michael Hallwirth, and SGT Eric Klemm; from the United States Marines: PFC Michael J. Powell II, COL Michael Naylor, and Colonel Naylor's son PFC Paul Naylor; from the United States National Guard: CAP Edward Bartsch; from the United States Navy: Seaman Christopher Jazbinsek and 1LT Anthony DiBucci.

I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in honoring these courageous soldiers on this day of celebrating our Independence. It is an honor to represent the Fourth Congressional District of Pennsylvania and a pleasure to salute these great Americans.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO ROXANNE BOYCE

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Roxanne Boyce for her long and distinguished career as an educator and librarian.

Roxanne received her undergraduate degree in music from Indiana University of Pennsylvania and then went onto to earn a masters in music from Carnegie Mellon University. Utilizing the lessons learned at those fine academic institutions, Roxanne began her teaching career as an elementary school music specialist. She taught elementary school for 11 years in Pennsylvania and 1 year in Arizona before moving to Las Vegas in 1980. Over the course of her 26-year career with the Clark County School District, Roxanne has served as a reading specialist and librarian at the elementary, middle and high school level. After having outstanding success opening the libraries at several new schools in our growing

district, Roxanne accepted a position at Boulder City High School to revamp the ailing library in 1999. While at Boulder City High School, she successfully brought the library into the 21st century.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor the career of Roxanne Boyce for devoting her career to advancing the quality of education. Her innovative approach and her passion for education have inspired countless students, teachers and community members. She has truly been an asset to Boulder City High School and to the entire community. I wish her the best in her retirement.

CONGRATULATING GERALD D. BANTOM, ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE UAW

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 11, 2006

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate United Auto Workers International Union Vice President Gerald Bantom on the occasion of his retirement. Having joined the UAW in 1964, Mr. Bantom's career is a testament to hard work and dedication. While excellent leaders are waiting in the wings to continue the work Gerald started, his leadership in negotiating for quality benefits in these trying times with Ford Motor Company will certainly be missed.

A Detroit native, Bantom joined UAW Local 600 in 1964 when he started at the Specialty Foundry at Ford Motor Company's River Rouge complex. Quickly gaining the respect of his peers in Local 600, in 1971 he was elected to the bargaining committee of the Specialty Foundry Unit of the local. Having excelled in this he was reelected to a second term in 1975 and as chairperson in 1978.

When the Specialty Foundry was closed in 1980, Mr. Bantom transferred to the Dearborn Engine Plant where his leadership abilities were immediately recognized. He was appointed as a district committeeman in 1980, and the next year he won election to the plant bargaining committee.

In 1982 Gerald was appointed as an international representative and was assigned to the UAW-Ford National Development and Training Center where he stayed in varying capacities until 1986.

Beginning in 1988 Mr. Bantom served as an administrative assistant to two successive UAW vice presidents and directors of the union's National Ford Department, Stephen P. Yokich and Ernest Lofton. During this time, when Ford Motor Co. was earning record profits and had hired more than half its current workforce, Gerald played an integral role in negotiating landmark collective bargaining agreements.

Following this hard work he was elected and served as director of UAW Region IA—a position he would represent with distinction until

the UAW's 33rd Constitutional Convention on June 5, 2002 in Las Vegas, NV, where he was elected vice president.

After becoming vice president, Gerald Bantom immediately faced the difficult task of negotiating supplemental agreements for workers at Visteon and Automotive Components Holdings, changes in the UAW-Ford health care plan, and early retirement packages for UAW's Ford workers.

While his retirement leaves a void in the UAW leadership that will be difficult to fill, his work in mentoring a new generation of UAW leaders means that a significant part of his legacy has yet to be written. Regardless of how Gerald Bantom's final story will be, the leadership and passion he has brought to the UAW has provided a sterling role model for future labor leaders. On behalf of working Americans and a grateful Congress, Mr. Bantom, I thank you.

IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF JUDGE JOHN MANOS

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 11, 2006

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and remembrance of Judge John Manos, devoted father, grandfather, veteran, community leader and outstanding jurist.

Judge Manos grew up in Cleveland, OH, the son of Greek immigrants. He attended Lincoln High School followed by the Case School of Applied Sciences. There, he was captain of the football team and earned a degree in metallurgical engineering. Judge Manos served in the Navy for 2 years before returning to Cleveland to become an engineer. Over the next 4 years, he earned a law degree from Cleveland Marshall Law School. Judge Manos practiced law for 13 years before then Governor James Rhodes selected him to fill a vacancy in the Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas. He remained at the court until 1969 when he was appointed to the Eighth Ohio District Court of Appeals, and finally to United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio by President Ford in 1976.

Judge Manos developed a solid reputation for preparedness and fairness during his tenure in the courtroom. Even through extreme illness and hospitalization, Judge Manos continued hearing legal matters and continued to render thoughtful and poignant decisions. His commitment to quality lawyers and judges went beyond the bench when he set up an intern program where students witnessed proceedings and then performed research in order to grasp the multifaceted prism that is the American legal system. Aside from his professional achievements, Judge Manos was an active member and leader in numerous civic and legal organizations, including the Cleveland Chapter of the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association, Federation of Community Planning, the visiting committee for physical education and athletics of

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Case Western Reserve University, and a member of the Board of Overseers at Cleveland-Marshall Law School.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and remembrance of Judge John M. Manos. Please also join me as I offer my deep condolences to his companion Gloria Donahue; to his sons, Michael and Keith; to his daughters, Donna and Christine; to his son-in-law, Patrick; to his 12 grandchildren; and to his extended family members and many friends. Although he will be greatly missed, his steadfast devotion to family and friends and unwavering focus on legal equality and justice highlighted his life, and his memory and impact will live on within the hearts of his family and friends, today and for all time, and he will never be forgotten.

HONORING MRS. MARILYN
PINSKY'S RETIREMENT AS COM-
MISSIONER OF THE ONONDAGA
COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF AGING
AND YOUTH

HON. JAMES T. WALSH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 11, 2006

Mr. WALSH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mrs. Marilyn Pinsky. On June 30, 2006 Mrs. Pinsky retired as commissioner of the Department of Aging and Youth for Onondaga County, NY. Mrs. Pinsky's career with Onondaga County spanned over 35 years, starting in the Data Processing Department in 1971. She has worked her way up to commissioner of the Department of Aging and Youth, where she has ably served since 1993.

Mrs. Pinsky is a graduate of Syracuse University and earned a masters of public administration from the Maxwell School. She is a member of many community boards, including the Central New York Community Foundation, Success by Six Policy Council, and the Board of Visitors of the Syracuse University College of Human Services and Health Professions. She is a past president of the Interreligious Council of Central New York, and was a member of the boards of the Syracuse Symphony, Syracuse Stage, and the Freedom Trail Commission. She has been a dedicated employee, leader, and mother.

She is a recipient of the Temple Adath Citzien of the Year Award, a Post-Standard Woman of Achievement, the Hannah G. Solomon Award and the New York State Intergenerational Network Award, among others.

Mrs. Pinsky's service has made a lasting positive impact upon my hometown community. Most recently, she spearheaded an effort in Onondaga County to educate and assist in enrolling area seniors in the new Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Program. For its efforts, her department recently received commendation from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Mrs. Pinsky's dedication, knowledge and leadership are unparalleled and much appreciated. I wish her well in retirement and thank her for a job well done.

TRIBUTE TO CRANBERRY
TOWNSHIP

HON. MELISSA A. HART

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 11, 2006

Ms. HART. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize Cranberry Township and the celebration of Community Day on the 4th of July 2006.

Cranberry Township's Community Day began over 100 years ago and as a celebration of the United States' Bicentennial in 1976. The events of this celebration included a parade, musket shoot, battle of the barrels contest, bonfire, sing-along, and fireworks.

Cranberry Township's Annual Community Day has evolved into an opportunity to highlight a number of local non-profit organizations. It has continued to grow and change to include, not only non-profits, but also businesses and vendors throughout the region. The annual festivity has expanded to include over 100 booths, activities, and events throughout the entire Cranberry Community Park with over 20,000 people attending.

I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in honoring these courageous soldiers on this day of Independence. It is an honor to represent the Fourth Congressional District of Pennsylvania and a pleasure to salute these great Americans.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO DR. CHARLES
"CHARLIE" RUGGEROLI

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 11, 2006

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Dr. Charles "Charlie" Ruggeroli, who passed away on Saturday, June 24, 2006.

Charlie was a lifetime resident of Southern Nevada, a 12-letter man at Bishop Gorman, in football, basketball, and baseball. He would later watch his four sons play football and basketball at Bishop Gorman during the late 1970s and early 1980s. Charlie went on to the University of San Francisco on a basketball scholarship and subsequently earned his medical degree from Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska. Charlie served in the Air Force and did residencies in Northern California before returning to Las Vegas to open his practice in 1974 and joining the staff at Valley Hospital.

No matter how busy Charlie was, he always took the time to explain everything to his patients and make sure all their questions were answered. In over 30 years of medical practice, his patients included Elvis Presley and Sugar Ray Leonard. Charlie also served on the Nevada State Athletic Commission.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor the life of Dr. Charles "Charlie" Ruggeroli. He will be greatly missed by the community.

CONGRATULATING JAMES SET-
TLES, JR. ON HIS ELECTION TO
THE UAW VICE PRESIDENCY

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 11, 2006

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, on June 14, 2006, James Settles Jr. was elected first vice president of the United Automobile Workers International Union at its 34th Constitutional Convention in Las Vegas, Nevada. My colleagues, today I rise to honor this fellow Detroit on his elevation to the post and wish him the best of luck in his new position. While James is joining the union's national leadership at a critical juncture in its history I believe he has the necessary motivation and determination to guide the UAW into a prosperous future.

In some ways one could argue that James Settles, Jr. was a born labor leader. A third generation Ford Motor Company employee and son of James Settles, Sr., a well-known Detroit civil rights activist and labor leader, Settles' involvement with the UAW began in 1968, when he joined Local 600 after being hired at Ford's Dearborn Iron Foundry and Michigan Casting Center.

Just two years later, in 1970, he was elected to the General Council of Local 600 and in 1973 he was elected District Committeeman and Unit Recording Secretary. Over the next decade, he served in a variety of union posts and as a delegate to three UAW conventions. In 1982, he took a staff position at Local 600 and later was elected its first vice president in 1987.

As James Settles earned the respect and loyalty of his UAW brothers and sisters he has quickly and continuously risen through the UAW ranks. In 1992 he was first appointed to UAW International Staff and in 2002 he was elected director of Region 1A.

Having been a member of the UAW-Ford National Negotiating Committee since 1990, Mr. Settles brings a good deal of contract negotiating experience to the post of Vice President. This experience is especially important today given the current attack many workers are seeing on their collectively bargained contracts.

I firmly believe that this expertise will help him in his job of overseeing several of the national organizations that operate in conjunction with the UAW and the over 115,000 technical and professional workers he will represent. These workers come from all across the country from a range of industries and professions, including the healthcare industry, individual universities and university systems, an array of professional service and non-profit agencies. 20,000 of these workers are employed by the State of Michigan.

While Mr. Settles is a prominent leader in the UAW, his involvement in the community extends far beyond the factory walls. James is active in a wide range of community and civic organizations. He is a member of the Detroit-Wayne County Board of Authority, the Trade Union Leadership Council, the Coalition of Black Trade Unionists and a Life member of the NAACP. He serves on the boards of the Henry Ford Community College Employment and Training Development Center, the Detroit Public School Compact Association at