

presentations, shows, educational programming, and—most importantly—proud displays by 4-H members. I regret that I cannot be with these honored guests today as their 4-H colleagues demonstrate their extraordinary gratitude for the humble, yet outstanding public service of this Sussex County couple.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 1,
IMPLEMENTING RECOMMENDATIONS
OF THE 9/11 COMMISSION
ACT OF 2007

SPEECH OF

HON. MICHAEL R. McNULTY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 27, 2007

Mr. McNULTY. Mr. Speaker, I strongly support H.R. 1, the Implementation of the 9/11 Commissions Act of 2007, which would enact the recommendations of the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States.

This legislation provides funding that is critical to protect our Nation and improve our preparedness capabilities. It will give us the necessary tools to secure our country by increasing rail and transit safety, improving communication for first responders, and implementing programs to prevent terrorist organizations from acquiring weapons of mass destruction.

This bill is especially critical to New York, which is still recovering from the terrorist attacks on 9/11, because it will award homeland security grants based on risk assessment. Enactment of this proposal will further protect our country by requiring scanning of all cargo containers originating from foreign ports, increasing funding for baggage and checkpoint screening, and requiring scanning of all cargo on passenger flights.

H.R. 1 will help to address the many challenges that the United States faces in the wake of 9/11, and I am proud to support it.

IN CELEBRATION OF HOUSE OF
TRICKS TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY

HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 2, 2007

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the twentieth anniversary of House of Tricks, a historic landmark restaurant in my hometown of Tempe, Arizona.

House of Tricks was established in 1987 and has since become an important and lively part of downtown Tempe. It has served innovative cuisine and fine wines for twenty years and continually attracts patrons; this is true for both those just discovering House of Tricks, as well as those who return time after time. The success of the restaurant is due to its owners, Bob and Robin Trick. Their dedication to Tempe and to their patrons has made House of Tricks a highly acclaimed destination.

The success of House of Tricks can be attributed to Robin and Bob's desire to make their restaurant a lasting part of the historical landscape. The Tricks bought a small 1920's

cottage in 1987 and expanded their restaurant in 1994 to an additional cottage. The Tricks then restored this building to its original turn of the century splendor. The gardens that connect the two cottages add to its charm and make it a peaceful and beautiful place away from the hustle and bustle of busy city life.

The success and longevity of this local restaurant is a model for independent businesses. It is for these reasons and more that I join in congratulating the Tricks on this accomplishment and wish them many more years of prosperous business.

LOWER ALSACE FIRE COMPANY

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 2, 2007

Mr. GERLACH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Lower Alsace Fire Company on the occasion of its 80th anniversary.

On September 24, 1927, local citizens met at the Pleasant View Hotel to form the Community Volunteer Fire Company of Lower Alsace Township. In April 1928, the Company broke ground for the original building and, in September 1928, the building was dedicated. Soon after, the Company created the Ladies' Auxiliary, which faithfully served the community until 2001. The Company and the Auxiliary worked together to raise funds for the needed start-up firefighting equipment and continue to work hard to raise funds to maintain and acquire equipment necessary to protect the public.

This fire company serves an area of six square miles with over 2,500 residents. Currently, there are over 30 active firemen and five well-maintained pieces of equipment that protect and serve the local community. This Company is equipped and trained to fight fires, respond to hazardous material incidents, provide advanced life support emergency medical services, participate in vehicle rescues, and partake in search and rescue missions.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me today in honoring the members of the Community Volunteer Fire Company of Lower Alsace Township, Pennsylvania as they celebrate their 80th anniversary. We all extend our best wishes and heartfelt congratulations for the Company's years of exemplary community service and outstanding dedication to protecting the lives and property of area citizens.

CONGRATULATING THE EBUSUA
CLUB OF SAN BRUNO FOR ITS
EXTRAORDINARY GENEROSITY
TOWARD THE PEOPLE OF GHANA
AND ITS DEEP COMMITMENT TO
BUILDING COMMUNITY IN THE
BAY AREA

HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 2, 2007

Mr. LANTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize an exceptional organization based in San Bruno, California. The Ebusua Club is a truly unique and outstanding group,

made up of 18 Ghanaian-American families. Together, they work to improve lives in the Republic of Ghana, which was once their home, while building community in the San Francisco Bay Area where they have put down roots. Ebusua's annual events and charitable activities set a singular example for the people of both countries. By sponsoring projects that range from micro-enterprise in Ghana to soccer teams in the Bay Area, Ebusua has created a truly global community of compassion and generosity.

Among many other important projects, the members of the Ebusua Club have dedicated themselves to anti-malaria initiatives aimed at eradicating a disease that tragically kills 3,000 children each day, the majority in sub-Saharan Africa, despite the availability of prevention and treatment options.

Additionally, the club annually participates in the Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation's Race for Research to honor a member lost to this terrible disease, Chaka Impraim. To honor his memory, the Ebusua team runs every year under the name "Chaka's Champions."

And the members of this group truly are champions, Madam Speaker, as they have also worked with Rotary International to train about 100 Ghanaian farmers in agriculture, food preservation and nutrition; organized materials, equipment and medical assistance to rehabilitate street children; dispensed polio vaccines to over two million infants and children; supported literacy programs by providing much-needed books for rural schools; and developed a low cost solar oven industry to efficiently replace chopped firewood.

This month, the Ebusua Club will hold a very special event—the Jubilee Ball, which not only marks the 10th anniversary of this successful organization, but also the 50th anniversary of the independence of Ghana, the first African country south of the Sahara to gain independence from colonial rule. This event promises to be a celebration of family, community and culture, and to live up to the primary purpose of the Ebusua Club—promoting Ghanaian culture and fostering an appreciation of how small contributions can make a tremendous impact on the well-being of others. In keeping with the group's charitable character, proceeds from the Jubilee Ball will be donated to help fight malaria in Ghana.

The name "Ebusua" itself is informative of the spirit of this marvelous organization. Among the Akan people of Ghana, the extended family, or "Ebusua," is the foundation of society. The members of this San Bruno group constitute a social network, collectively responsible for the material and spiritual welfare, physical protection, and the social security of each other. They exemplify the old adage that "it takes a village," and the village this group has created is nothing short of extraordinary. It is my pleasure to recognize their accomplishments, and wish them all the best as they prepare for their 2007 Jubilee Ball.

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HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 2, 2007

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Madam Speaker, in the Fourth Congressional District of Georgia, there are many organizations that strive to make a difference in the lives of youth.