

Mr. Przywara began his working career at first in the anthracite coal mines in the Wyoming Valley and then worked for General Motors in New Jersey, McGregor Sportswear in Nanticoke, Woodlawn Farm Dairy in Wilkes-Barre and Dairylea in Scranton. In 1974, he established the West Side Dairy and the couple's two sons, Joseph and Robert, soon joined him in business. In 1982, he acquired the Dream Whip ice cream business in Nanticoke.

Mr. Przywara has served his community in several capacities over the years, not the least of which was his many contributions of time and energy to promote Democratic Party principles and candidates.

He was also highly instrumental in establishing the Plymouth Township Recreation Association on land he helped acquire from the Glen Alden Coal Company. He coached little league baseball for many years and also served as a PIAA baseball and softball official and as an ASA softball umpire.

Mrs. Przywara worked at Pennsylvania Wholesale Drug Company, Heavenly Shoe Company, the United States Social Security Administration and the United States Department of Labor Mine Safety and Health Administration for many years. She currently manages Dream Whip Ice Cream which employs nine people. She is a past member of the Plymouth Township Recreation Association Auxiliary.

Mr. and Mrs. Przywara had three children, Joseph, who is deceased; Robert and Lisa Bonar. They also have four grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Przywara are shining examples of hard working, family and community minded Americans who enrich the quality of life not only for themselves but for all whose lives they have touched. Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Mr. and Mrs. Przywara on this special occasion.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. WALLY HERGER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 26, 2007

Mr. HERGER. Madam Speaker, I was unable to vote on several measures that came before the House on Tuesday, September 25, 2007 because of illness.

Had I been present I would have voted "aye" on H.R. 1400, Iran Counter-Proliferation Act of 2007; "aye" on H. Res. 584, Supporting the goals and ideals of National Life Insurance Awareness Month; "aye" on H. Con. Res. 210, Supporting the goals and ideals of Sickle Cell Disease Awareness Month; "aye" on H. Res. 663, Supporting the goals and ideals of Veterans of Foreign Wars Day; "aye" on H. Res. 548, Expressing the ongoing concern of the House of Representatives for Lebanon's democratic institutions and unwavering support for the administration of justice upon those responsible for the assassination of Lebanese public figures opposing Syrian control of Lebanon; "aye" on H. Res. 642, Expressing sympathy and support for the people and governments of the countries of Central America, the Caribbean, and Mexico which have suffered from Hurricanes Felix, Dean, and Henriette and whose complete economic and fatality toll are still unknown; "aye" on H. Res.

557, Strongly condemning the United Nations Human Rights Council for ignoring severe human rights abuses in various countries, while choosing to unfairly target Israel by including it as the only country permanently placed on the Council's agenda; and no on H. Res. 675, On the question of tabling the motion to appeal the ruling of the chair.

Further, I would have voted no on the previous question and no on adopting H. Res. 675, providing for the consideration of the Senate amendments to H.R. 976; "aye" on H. Res. 95, Supporting the goals and ideals of Campus Fire Safety Month; no on H.R. 976, the Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2007; and "aye" on H. Res. 590, Supporting the goals and ideals of National Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 26, 2007

Mr. JOHNSON of Illinois. Madam Speaker, unfortunately yesterday morning, September 25, 2007, I was unable to cast my votes on H.R. 1400, H. Res. 584, H. Con. Res. 210, and H. Res. 663.

Had I been present for rollcall No. 895 on suspending the rules and passing H.R. 1400, the Iran Counter-Proliferation Act, I would have voted "aye."

Had I been present for rollcall No. 896 on suspending the rules and passing H. Res. 584, Supporting the goals and ideals of National Life Insurance Awareness Month, I would have voted "aye."

Had I been present for rollcall No. 897 on suspending the rules and passing H. Con. Res. 210, Supporting the goals and ideals of Sickle Cell Disease Awareness Month, I would have voted "aye."

Had I been present for rollcall No. 898 on suspending the rules and passing H. Res. 663, Supporting the goals and ideals of Veterans of Foreign Wars Day, I would have voted "aye."

HONORING MARTY DICKENS

HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 26, 2007

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Marty Dickens as he retires from his position as president of AT&T Tennessee after a distinguished 39-year career in the telecommunications industry.

Beginning his career with the company in 1969, Marty worked in the public affairs and regulatory departments and comptroller's office before joining BellSouth International in 1992. He has served on the boards of directors of BellSouth operations in Brazil, Venezuela, Panama, Nicaragua, Israel, China and Denmark.

Since moving to Nashville to become president of the company in 1999, Marty has become a force not just in the Nashville business community, but in its charitable and civic life

as well. Not content with the challenges of running a major regional employer, Marty sought out other ways to contribute such as serving on the Board of Trustees at Belmont University, on the community boards of the YMCA, Boy Scouts, Vanderbilt University's Blair School of Music, as well as the Adventure Science Center, among others.

Marty has also served on the corporate boards of Genesco and First American Financial Holdings and has served as chairman of both the Nashville Convention and Visitors Bureau and the Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce. Most recently, he was honored as the 2007 Outstanding Nashvillian of the Year by the Kiwanis Club of Nashville.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating Marty Dickens on an exemplary record of service in business, in charity and in our community. He has set an example that we would all do well to emulate, and we wish him well in his retirement.

TRIBUTE TO DR. JOHN J. COLLINS

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 26, 2007

Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California. Madam Speaker, books and movies about these days about the "Greatest Generation," those men and women who fought and won World War II to save us from fascism. But it is not just the winning of World War II that leads us to admire and be grateful to members of our parents' generation. To know the individual is to understand the generational achievement of greatness.

My father-in-law, Dr. John J. Collins, is a person whose life can so instruct us. Like so many of his generation, John J. Collins was not born to wealth or privilege. Born in Oklahoma in 1917, his family soon moved to California, where his father worked in the oil fields in Coalinga. He was the oldest boy in a big Irish-American family, with several older sisters. And when his father died at an early age, as a boy he was the "oldest man" in his household during the Great Depression. Like so many of his generation, he learned habits of frugality and hard work in those early years. These habits have served him and his family well. They are with him to this day.

In the best American spirit, he struggled to go farther than his parents. He was educated at Coalinga Junior College and then worked his way through the University of California at Berkeley, where he received a Bachelor of Arts degree. Like so many others, he enlisted to fight in World War II, joining the U.S. Army before Pearl Harbor, in 1941. In the Army, he became an infantry and artillery officer. He served for years in the Pacific, including taking part in the fighting in Saipan and Okinawa. This was rough combat and many died. Like most of those who I've met who served under such conditions, he prefers not to discuss the details of combat but remembers still those of his colleagues who did not return. He merely served bravely, honorably and saved our country, emerging as a Captain. He is humble about his service. We are honored by it.

After the war, he returned to the San Francisco Bay Area and then moved to Bakersfield where he went to work at Bakersfield High