

into the Wailuku Courthouse and the Department continues to occupy the building to this day.

The Wailuku Courthouse has since been home to the following Prosecuting Attorneys: Larry L. Butrick from October 1993 through July 1995; Richard T. Bissen Jr. from August 1995 through January 2003; Davelynn M. Tengan from January 2003 through January 2007; and currently Benjamin M. Acob, who was appointed on January 2, 2007.

I extend a sincere mahalo (thank you) to all of the past and current residents of the Wailuku Courthouse. The building stands as a symbol of your shared commitment to justice and equality for all the residents of Maui. Congratulations on this historic centennial.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 8, 2007

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, on November 5, 2007, due to transportation delays I was unable to cast my floor vote on rollcall votes 1034, 1035, and 1036.

Had I been present for the votes, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall votes 1034, 1035, and 1036.

IN TRIBUTE TO JIM RYAN

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 8, 2007

Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jim Ryan, who passed away on November 6, 2007. Mr. Ryan was a compassionate leader and public servant who worked for many years in the Fourth Congressional District. Mr. Ryan's involvement in the nonprofit and political arena in the metropolitan Milwaukee area was truly impressive.

Mr. Ryan served as a Milwaukee County Board Supervisor. He served the Village of Hales Corners for over 30 years; nearly 20 of those years were spent as Village President. He was to retire from public service and not seek another term as Village President next year.

Mr. Ryan was known as the consummate professional with strong consensus building and problem-solving skills and a strong knowledge of how government worked at all levels. Mr. Ryan served as President and CEO of the Milwaukee Regional Medical Center where he started the Flight for Life program; worked for the State of Wisconsin as a child welfare supervisor; and for Racine County's Human Service Department. While serving as a County Board Supervisor, he was chair of the Ryan Commission which played a significant role in changing how the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District was administered.

Mr. Ryan faced a considerable challenge in his private life and was to retire from his successful public life. He was diagnosed with stomach cancer a year ago. Mr. Ryan's wife, Lisa, four children, Jimmy, John, Kristen, Cathryn; and three grandchildren all live in the Milwaukee area and were an integral part of his support network during this health crisis.

Mr. Ryan remained the Director of Penfield Children's Center where he served for more than a decade. Penfield Children's Center located in Milwaukee's central city serves all of Milwaukee County. Penfield Children's Center works with the child's family to ensure that each child has everything he/she needs to succeed and achieve his/her full potential. One of my granddaughters was born with a weight of less than 2 pounds. She received care at Penfield and benefited from their superb services.

Madam Speaker, for these reasons, I am honored to pay tribute to Mr. Ryan and his contributions to the Fourth Congressional District. Mr. Ryan's work throughout the years will continue to make a "positive impact" on the people of the entire metropolitan Milwaukee area.

TRIBUTE TO RAYMOND ADAMS

HON. BART STUPAK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 8, 2007

Mr. STUPAK. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor a constituent who has served his country admirably in our Armed Forces and, in civilian life, continued to serve his local community.

Mr. Raymond Adams is "Ogemaw County Veteran of the Year" as named by the Ogemaw County Veterans Alliance. The Veterans Alliance through its member organizations, represents all veterans in Ogemaw County. The Ogemaw County Veteran of the Year Award is considered the highest honor that the Alliance bestows upon fellow veterans.

A native of Ogemaw County, Mr. Adams has been a patriot all of his life. He was so determined to serve his Nation that, even when the Air Force initially turned him away, he re-applied. It took three attempts and a few years before he was able to successfully enlist in the Air Force in September of 1962.

After basic training, Mr. Adams was sent to McGuire Air Force Base in New Jersey to train as an air policeman. He was stationed there until June 1965, where he learned the skills and duties of an air policeman.

Following his training at McGuire Air Force Base, Mr. Adams went to Vietnam. He was stationed just outside of Saigon.

A modest man, Mr. Adams downplays his own service in Vietnam. In his own words, he writes, "I didn't see too much action. I was one of the lucky guys." Regardless of his own humility, Mr. Adams' service is to be commended and appreciated.

While stationed in Vietnam, he received additional K-9 training, learning to handle and utilize a police dog.

In June of 1966, Mr. Adams returned home to Michigan and entered civilian life. For a few years he worked in construction and spent some time working in local automobile factories. He was hired into Michigan Bell in January 1969, where he would work for the next 25 years, retiring in 1994.

Mr. Adams would also raise a family in the area. In January of 1970, Mr. Adams married Gayle Wangler. As of today, they have been married nearly 40 years. Together, they raised two daughters.

Even after Mr. Adams left the military and re-entered civilian life, his sense of service remained strong and intact. An active member of Ogemaw Hills Free Methodist Church, he has remained deeply involved in his community and dedicated much of his personal time to helping those in need. His church group has built schools and churches in Mexico and throughout Central America. Mr. Adams belongs to the Red Cross and has volunteered time with Habitat for Humanity. He has also been active with Hospice of Helping Hands and the Ogemaw County Mobile Food Bank. He volunteered to assist clean up and recovery efforts in Louisiana and Mississippi following Hurricane Katrina.

Ray has also remained an active advocate for his fellow veterans. He is a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Last year, I was honored to attend the opening of a new Veterans Museum at the Ogemaw County Fairgrounds. Ray was instrumental in helping to put together this important monument honoring his fellow local veterans. When Ray's local Veterans of Foreign Wars Post needed remodeling, Ray helped take the lead, handling many of the permitting issues that needed to be cleared before work could be completed.

While he has donated his own time, energy and effort to these many valuable community causes, he has never asked for any recognition. As one local resident put it, not only is it appropriate that Mr. Adams be recognized as "Veteran of the Year," but he would certainly be eligible to be "Volunteer of the Year."

Clearly, Madam Speaker, this is a man who understands profoundly the value of service and the responsibility we all have to help others. On November 11th, Veterans Day, members of the Ogemaw community will come together to honor Mr. Raymond Adams. As this noble, hardworking and humble man is recognized by his fellow veterans and by his community, I would ask, Madam Speaker, that you and the entire U.S. House of Representatives join me in saluting Raymond Adams for his lifetime of service and offering him the thanks of a grateful Nation.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 3685, EMPLOYMENT NON-DISCRIMINATION ACT OF 2007

SPEECH OF

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 7, 2007

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Madam Chairman, this bill does not do all I want, but I will support it because of what it will do.

Earlier this year, I cosponsored H.R. 2015 because I think that in our country nobody should be denied a job on the basis of actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity and because I think we need a Federal law to supplement the laws that Colorado and some other States have enacted to reduce or prevent such unfair discrimination.

As a cosponsor, I hoped the House would take up H.R. 2015. So, I regret that instead we are considering a similar but not identical measure. Unlike the bill I have cosponsored, H.R. 3685 does not fully protect the full lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender community. And because of that, some supporters of