

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE AND  
ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE GUAM  
TERRITORIAL BAND

**HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO**

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, February 25, 2008*

Ms. BORDALLO. Madam Speaker, for more than 30 years now, the Guam Territorial Band has served the community of Guam by providing music for official events and activities, and more importantly, by helping young musicians in my district to hone and refine their musical talent.

With fond memories of the Navy Band's Sunday concerts in our Plaza de Espana prior to World War II, Governor Ricardo J. Bordallo, my late husband, established the Governor's Youth Band in 1976 to encourage young musicians to perform for the public outside the school setting. Interest and participation was immediate, and under the direction of Mr. Peter Leon Guerrero, the first Governor's Youth Band performed for the inauguration of Saipan's Governor Carlos S. Camacho. With funds raised entirely by community donations, the Governor's Youth Band traveled to Washington, DC and represented Guam in the parade for the inauguration of President Jimmy Carter in January 1977. With that auspicious start, the band evolved to fulfill Governor Bordallo's expectations, with one exception: the musicians remained unpaid volunteers.

Governor Bordallo's successor, Governor Paul Calvo, changed the band's name to the Guam Youth Band. The name was later changed again to the Guam Territorial Band and membership was opened to all ages. Today, supported entirely by private donations, the Guam Territorial Band continues its service to the people of Guam by performing at village fiestas, graduations, military change of command ceremonies, our annual Veteran's Day and Memorial Day commemorations, and other various public and private ceremonies.

Although severe cold weather in 1985 forced the cancellation of President Ronald Reagan's inaugural parade and precluded the band's performance at another presidential inaugural, the Guam Territorial Band continues to share its talent beyond Guam's shores. The band performed at the Republic of Palau's 5th Constitutional Anniversary in 1997; in Australia and New Zealand in 1993 and 2005; in South Korea in 1995; in the United Kingdom in 1998; in Japan in 1999 and 2003; in Hawaii's 19th Pacific Basin Music Festival in 2004; for President Bill Clinton's historic visit to Guam in 1998 and for Philippines President Fidel Ramos in 2002; and most recently, at the New York's Carnegie Hall as part of the New York Band and Orchestra Festival on April 21, 2007. The Guam Territorial Band is also expected to perform at the opening ceremonies of the 2008 Olympics in Beijing.

The Guam Territorial Band is a recipient of the Australian International Music Festival's Gold Award (2005) and Bronze Award (1993). It is also the second place winner of the International Lions Parade (Marching Unit) Competition (1998).

These accolades over the years are the result of the devotion of the volunteer musicians and from inspired and enthusiastic leadership. The band's first official director, Mr. George Toal, also was a founding member of the

Guam Territorial Band Society, non-profit organization that supports the band. Mr. Toal's successors are Mr. Dave Poblete, Ms. Cheryl Bay, Mr. Charles Hardy, Mr. Brad McNeal, Dr. Milton Crotts, and Mr. Delfin Damian. The band's current director, Mr. Maximo Ronquillo, Jr., founded the Tumon Bay Music Festival in 2005. Organized with the help of Dr. Robert Halseth, professor of music at California State University, Sacramento, the festival has become the band's signature event and will be in its fourth year in March 2008.

We are proud of our territorial band and encourage its continued growth and success. We also commend Mr. Ronquillo, his predecessors, and all the members of the band, both past and present. Thank you all for the wonderful music you bring into our lives.

IN HONOR OF PHILLIP MOSES

**HON. STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, February 25, 2008*

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor Phillip Moses, a good friend and a great constituent of the Eleventh Congressional District of Ohio.

Phillip Moses is characterized by many as an "affable and altruistic man." Phillip Moses joined the staff of the Case Western Reserve University law school on October 4, 1971, as building superintendent when the law school was located on Adelbert Road in Cleveland, Ohio. Since then he has worked tirelessly providing support for over one hundred faculty and staff, over six hundred students, and to keep the facilities of the building running smoothly.

Phillip's calm demeanor and great sense of humor have become an invaluable presence at the law school as well as his ability to prepare the building for classes and special events. Phillip has also been described by some as, "The ultimate handyman". When Phillip is not working in the law school, he can be found working on carpentry and construction projects at his home.

In 2004, Phillip Moses was chosen as one of three recipients of the President's Award for Distinguished Service at Case Western Reserve University. This is the highest award that the University confers on its staff personnel. The award recognizes an individual's dedication to provide outstanding service to the Case Western Reserve University community.

Phillip Moses retired from his work on February 1, 2008. Phillip and his wife will enjoy retirement in their newly purchased home in the suburbs of Nashville, Tennessee.

On behalf of the Eleventh Congressional District of Ohio it gives me great pleasure to congratulate my friend, Phillip Moses, for his service to Case Western Reserve University, and the Eleventh Congressional District of Ohio.

MARKING THE 47TH ANNIVERSARY  
OF THE PEACE CORPS

**HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, February 25, 2008*

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the Peace Corps, one of the most important and worthy institutions our country has ever established. More than 190,000 Americans have served as Peace Corps Volunteers since its inception in 1961 by President John F. Kennedy, who inspired Americans to serve their country in the cause of peace by living and working in developing countries. I am proud that 34 of my constituents are currently serving as Volunteers in a number of countries around the world, and I wish them well in their worthwhile endeavors.

The Peace Corps brings out the best of the American character. It demonstrates to the rest of the world, where misconceptions of the United States are too often prevalent, that we are a caring people, interested in the well-being of mankind. The Volunteers live in the communities in which they serve by working as teachers and development experts, and they assist in post-conflict relief and reconstruction efforts and health care crises, such as the HIV/AIDS pandemic.

With the break-up of the former Soviet Union and the emergence of many new states around the world, Peace Corps Volunteers are serving in more countries than ever before. Volunteers learn more than 250 languages and dialects, and they receive extensive cross-cultural training that enables them to work effectively. In many remote places, they are often the only contact that villagers have with Americans. Our country owes the Peace Corps Volunteers, who often work under very difficult circumstances, a debt of gratitude for their service that has improved the image of our country overseas and improved the lives of millions of people around the globe.

HONORING SERGEANT JOSEPH  
CHRISTOPHER GENTILE

**HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON**

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, February 25, 2008*

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Joseph Christopher Gentile on his retirement from the Metropolitan Police Department. With devotion, professionalism, and expertise, from October 9, 1967, until October 21, 2007, Sergeant Gentile, or the "godfather" as his friends and colleagues call him, fulfilled the mission of the Metropolitan Police Department to safeguard the District of Columbia and protect its residents and visitors by providing the highest quality of police service with integrity, compassion, and a commitment to innovation that integrates people, technology, and progressive business systems.

Upon completion of recruit training, Sergeant Gentile was assigned to the First District as a patrol officer. In September of 1969, he was assigned to the Community Relations Division, Public Information Branch. In 1977, then-Public Information Officer Gentile, emerged as a national television presence