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CONGRATULATING ATTORNEY JOSEPH M. COSGROVE UPON RECEIVING THE W. FRANCIS SWINGLE AWARD FROM THE GREATER PITTSSTON FRIENDLY SONS OF ST. PATRICK

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 5, 2008

Mr. KANJORSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask you and my esteemed colleagues in the House of Representatives to pay tribute to Attorney Joseph M. Cosgrove, a native of Pittston, PA, who has been honored by the Greater Pittston Friendly Sons of St. Patrick with the W. Francis Swingle Award for 2008.

Attorney Cosgrove is a graduate of St. John's High School and the University of Notre Dame and its law school in South Bend, IN. He received a master's degree in theology from Notre Dame's graduate school and a master of arts degree from Marywood University.

Attorney Cosgrove was admitted to practice law in Pennsylvania and the Federal court system including the United States Supreme Court. In 2005, he was appointed to the Lawyers Advisory Committee of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit on the nomination of the Honorable Max Rosenn. He serves as conflict counsel for the Luzerne County Court of Common Pleas and is engaged in the private practice of law with offices in Forty Fort, PA.

Attorney Cosgrove served two terms as president of the Luzerne County Law and Library Association and is immediate past president of the statewide Pennsylvania Association of Criminal Defense Attorneys. As president of the county bar, some accomplishments include recognition of the importance of a local case that made history through a U.S. Supreme Court decision 70 years ago. The case, *Erie v. Tompkins*, involved a railroad accident in Hughestown where local resident Harry Tompkins was injured. Through Attorney Cosgrove's efforts, the Luzerne County Bar and the New York City Bar will conduct a special seminar in New York in September. In addition, Attorney Cosgrove created "Maysie's Bike Program," based on Harry Tompkins' promise to his niece, Maysie Cochran. In honor of that promise, the bar now awards bicycles to locally needy children and is establishing a children's pro bono representation project in Maysie's name.

Attorney Cosgrove has also worked extensively in the local educational field, having served on the Pittston Area School Board for one term and is currently a member of the board of trustees for Marywood University in Scranton. In addition to this, Attorney Cosgrove has been an adjunct faculty member at King's College for more than 20 years and is currently a member of the selection committee for dean of the Wilkes University Law School initiative. He also serves on the ethics committee at Misericordia University.

Attorney Cosgrove is a former chair of the Luzerne County Election Board where he

served three appointed terms. He is also a member of the Screen Actors Guild, AFL/CIO, and has appeared in several motion pictures. He also had a recurring role on NBC-TV's hit show, "The West Wing."

While an undergraduate student at the University of Notre Dame in the late 1970s, he served as "The Leprechaun," the university's sports mascot. During his tenure, the "Fighting Irish" were football national champions, and their basketball team reached the "Final Four."

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating Attorney Cosgrove on this auspicious occasion. The W. Francis Swingle Award is intended to honor those who distinguish themselves by honoring their Irish heritage and who commit themselves to a high level of community service. In that context, Attorney Cosgrove's selection for this award is indeed well deserved.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING HAROLD AND DIANE KEESEE ON RECEIVING THE ANGELS IN ADOPTION AWARD

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, Harold and Diane Keesee are recognized for receiving the Angels in Adoption Award, and

Whereas, Mr. and Mrs. Keesee are an asset to our community and have been fostering children for seventeen years, and

Whereas, Mr. and Mrs. Keesee have made a difference in those lives that enter their home, and

Whereas, Mr. and Mrs. Keesee exemplify the spirit of selflessness and giving through their extraordinary work in child welfare: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That along with their friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I commend Harold and Diane Keesee on their contributions and service to children in Tuscarawas and Guernsey Counties. Congratulations to Harold and Diane Keesee on receiving the Angels in Adoption Award.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. K. MICHAEL CONAWAY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CONAWAY. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 87, The "Iraq and Afghanistan Fallen Military Heroes of Louisville Memorial Post Office" Designation Act, in honor of the service men and women from Louisville, Kentucky, who died in service during Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom, I was unable to vote. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

A PHONE CALL IS PRICELESS . . .

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. POE. Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize Cell Phones for Soldiers, a non-profit, charitable organization founded by two teenagers, Robbie and Brittany Bergquist, from Norwell, Massachusetts. True patriots, Robbie and Brittany Bergquist, recognized the fact that many of our soldiers are spending a tremendous amount of money on cell phone bills to stay connected to their families. They implemented a simple plan to help soldiers call home: Collect used cell phones, recycle them for cash, and use the money to buy prepaid calling cards to send overseas to our military. Through a network of more than 3,000 collection sites across the country, they have raised almost \$1 million in donations and distributed more than 400,000 prepaid calling cards to soldiers.

Across my district, I have witnessed patriotic Americans helping military families cope through difficult times. I would like to commend patriot Dave Kilby with the Greater Humble Area Chamber of Commerce for doing his part in helping our soldiers overseas. Four years ago, Dave Kilby approached the Greater Humble Area Chamber of Commerce with the idea for the chamber to become one of the central drop off sites for Cell Phones for Soldiers. This extraordinary group of chamber members began promoting and challenging members to recycle used cell phones. Soon thereafter, collection boxes were then placed in schools, churches, and private businesses. Over 10,000 used cell phones have been collected throughout the second district of Texas on behalf of Cell Phones for Soldiers program.

Dave Kilby recalls one exceptional event held on behalf of Cell Phone for Soldiers at the Houston Astro's Minute Maid Park. Cell Phones for Soldiers Day at the park brought Robbie and Brittany Bergquist along with their family to Houston. They donated 27,000 phone cards to Col. Lanny B. McNeely, Commander of the 147th Fighter Wing stationed at Ellington Field. Col. McNeely was able to deliver those cards to troops in Iraq.

The Greater Humble Area Chamber of Commerce continues to be the designated drop site for Cell Phone for Soldiers. Dave Kilby's collections net approximately 100 phones a month. I hope that all of us recognize the significant ways in which we can strengthen our Nation's Armed Forces. I applaud the efforts of the great State of Texas. And that's just the way it is.

HONORING MARGARET WEINBERG

HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 5, 2008

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in recognizing Mrs. Margaret "Midge" Weinberg for her public service to the Germantown community.

Since joining the Maternal League in 1986, Mrs. Weinberg has been greatly involved with caring for young mothers and their babies by