

RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT
OF POLICE OFFICER ROBERT
LOWN FROM THE FAIRFIELD PO-
LICE DEPARTMENT

HON. ELLEN O. TAUSCHER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 9, 2008

Mrs. TAUSCHER. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Police Officer Robert Lown, who faithfully served the city of Fairfield for over 35 years.

Officer Lown began his distinguished career with the Fairfield Police Department on August 1, 1969. During that time, he worked a variety of assignments including patrol and investigation. His work as a committed robbery and burglary investigator from 1988 to 2005 led to the solving of many cases, to the benefit of the entire community. The skills Officer Lown possessed in this field were second to none in the department.

Officer Lown's experience and dedication as an investigator earned him a Distinguished Service Award in June 1999.

His commitment to law enforcement and investigation will always be remembered and admired by the Fairfield community for his work ethic, dedication, and impact on our citizens.

RECOGNIZING THE ACHIEVEMENTS
OF CAPTAIN CHARLES L.
STUPPARD FOR HIS OUT-
STANDING TOUR OF DUTY IN
THE WAR IN THE MIDDLE EAST

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Captain Charles L. Stuppard, United States Navy for his outstanding tour of duty in the war in the Middle East. As of today, he is completing one full year of military service as the Commander of Task Group 56.6 based in Kuwait. Over the past 12 months, Captain Stuppard supported over 10,000 individual sailors during their deployment in Kuwait, Iraq, or Afghanistan. He supervised in-processing for over 17,000 Navy, Air Force, and Department of Defense civilian personnel as they are deployed to the Middle East. Captain Stuppard visited many forward deployed forces throughout Iraq, Afghanistan and Africa.

Captain Stuppard Task Group coordinated the training of over 3,000 sailors in High Mobility Multi-Purpose Wheeled Vehicles Egress, Tactical Movement, Counter and Close Quarters Marksmanship in order to meet current requirements. Such training ensured that deploying sailors have the most up-to-date information on the current situation, particularly in a desert environment. Captain Stuppard fought tirelessly to acquire up-to-date armored vehicles for use by sailors traveling outside of the protected areas. Such action had a direct and positive impact on the level of protection given to the sailors from improved explosive devices, rocket propelled grenade, mines, and small arms fire. Consequently, he enhanced the sailors' war fighting capabilities and survivability as forward deployed units.

Captain Stuppard graduated from Cornell University in 1982 with a bachelor of science degree in mechanical and aerospace engineering. In 1998, Captain Stuppard obtained his master's degree in national security and strategic studies at the Naval War College in Newport, RI. He is currently a doctoral student at Salve Regina University in Newport, RI.

Captain Stuppard's accomplishments and achievements are truly outstanding and serve as an example to all citizens throughout our country, the United States of America. Captain Stuppard is a true gentleman and an outstanding American. I congratulate Captain Charles L. Stuppard for a job well done while serving in the Middle East.

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF
CLYDE SMYTH

HON. HOWARD P. "BUCK" McKEON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 9, 2008

Mr. McKEON. Madam Speaker, it is a great privilege for me to rise today to recognize the contributions of Clyde Smyth, a member of my staff since 1994. Clyde has generously served the United States and the Santa Clarita community over the years by identifying worthy students in the 25th Congressional District of California for appointment to the military academies. After years of offering his leadership and expertise and effecting change throughout the district, it is a great pleasure to recognize Mr. Smyth on the occasion of his retirement.

Clyde's story is one of absolute service at every turn. He is a man of honor and integrity who has given of himself for the betterment of those around him. Clyde first came to the Santa Clarita Valley in 1969 to serve as principal of Placerita Junior High and later served the William S. Hart High School district as superintendent from 1974 until 1992. He is a true American hero who also served in the United States Army during the Korean war. After our community of Santa Clarita incorporated, Clyde was elected to the city council in 1994 where he served with honor for 4 years and as mayor for a year.

Clyde Smyth has instilled strong core values and the desire to give back in his family as well as in his community. He is an example for his sons and also for all those who meet him. To know Clyde is to be inspired to be a better person. While Clyde is retiring from his current position on my staff, I am certain that he is not done working. I know Clyde as a man who, through his words and deeds, has demonstrated his desire to lend a helping hand, and I can't imagine that retirement would change that.

On behalf of myself and the many young men and women who have been helped directly by his work, I offer sincere gratitude to Mr. Clyde Smyth and wish him and his wife Sue all the best in his retirement years.

TRIBUTE TO SHEILA MARY
SULLIVAN PETERSON

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 9, 2008

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Sheila Mary Sullivan Peterson who passed away on May 22, 2008 in her home in Menlo Park, California. She leaves behind her beloved husband Ronald C. Peterson and her children, Molly, Kathleen, and Michael.

The eldest daughter of justice Raymond L. Sullivan and Winifred Carreras Sullivan of San Francisco, Sheila dedicated her life to education and the improvement of the lives of others. A former trustee of Sacred Heart Schools in Atherton and a recipient of the St. Madeleine Sophie Award for service to the schools, she was a blue-ribbon graduate of the Convent of the Sacred Heart in Atherton and a graduate of Lone Mountain, the San Francisco College for Women. She taught at Winfield Scott and Alamo schools in San Francisco and was a member of the Catholic Community at Stanford.

In addition to all those who loved her in the community and in the classrooms, she was the beloved sister of R. Lawrence Sullivan, Jr., Philip Sullivan, Mary Ward, and Mother Agnes of the Cross O.C.D. (Patricia Sullivan), a wonderful sister-in-law and aunt to numerous Peters, Sullivans, and Wards; a close cousin to members of the Wade, Carreras, and Sullivan families.

Madam Speaker, I ask the entire House of Representatives to join me in honoring the life of Sheila Mary Sullivan Peterson and extend our sympathy to her family. Through her many contributions to her family, friends, students, and community she has left a lasting legacy of love, faith, and mentorship which will never be forgotten and which will live forever in all of us blessed to have known her. She graced our lives and our community, made our country better and now enhances the heavens with her presence.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION
OF H.R. 3021, 21ST CENTURY
GREEN HIGH-PERFORMANCE
PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITIES ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. VIRGINIA FOXX

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 4, 2008

Ms. FOXX. Madam Chairman, as a member of the Education and Labor Committee I would like to address an issue of concern with H.R. 3021, the 21st Century Green High-Performing Public School Facilities Act. Specifically, I bring to my colleagues' attention the fact that one of our Nation's most sustainable, renewable, and environmentally positive industries may be unfairly disadvantaged in the legislation that came before the House, June 4, 2008. The U.S. hardwood industry, which is prevalent in my own North Carolina district, but also extends 13,959 total facilities throughout the country, may not be adequately recognized by any of the requirements we are putting into law for our Nation's schools. It would

be a travesty to have our prized native hardwoods effectively removed from new building projects only to be substituted with materials from foreign sources or less suitable alternative materials, often at higher costs.

The United States Government is required under Federal law to undertake a nationwide inventory of forest resources. The most recent inventory published in 2007 by the U.S. Forest Service and referred to as the "RPA Assessment," shows that hardwood growth has consistently exceeded harvest for the last 50 years. Between 1953 and 2007, the volume of U.S. hardwood growing stock has more than doubled. This solid growth in America's hardwood resource, coupled with the forest laws in the United States, provide strong evidence of good governance and efficient forest regulations.

Specifically, I would ask that any green building standard required by H.R. 3021 give adequate consideration to a number of criteria:

First, forest certification requirements included in green building standards still have very low participation amongst U.S. hardwood family forest owners. The vast majority of American hardwoods are grown in the eastern United States, where around 73 percent of hardwood forest land is privately owned by families whose ownership stretches back several generations. There are approximately 4 million private forest owners in the U.S. with an average parcel of land 50 acres in size which may be harvested only a few times in any generation of owners. When considering green building legislation, I would ask that the record reflect that we recognize the environmental credentials of American hardwoods in addition to any specific green building standards.

Second, a typical American hardwood mill buys timber from approximately 1,800 forest owners in a single year. Those set of forest owners can differ completely from year to year. The certification requirements that are referenced in H.R. 3021 do not adequately address the challenges hardwood manufacturers face when working with thousands of owners to in effect "prove" the origin of the wood. It is understandable that finding certified hardwood is difficult at best. Any green building legislation should not discriminate against this proven renewable and viable resource in the United States on the basis of certification challenges.

Lastly, any geographical limitations should be broad enough to allow U.S. products manufactured in one vicinity to be used in another part of the country. I am proud of the many Fifth District constituents who make products such as flooring and wood trim for projects throughout the world. Eastern or Midwestern manufacturers should not be prohibited from supplying their West Coast markets, nor vice versa, due to arbitrary geographical limitations put in place by green building requirements. Hardwoods are a natural product and cannot suddenly be produced in the proximity of the target market.

It is my understanding that efforts are underway to assure that hardwoods are given full consideration in green building standards. As we consider mandating these requirements I urge that full consideration be given to these needed adjustments and that no new school construction project be forced to ignore one of our vital, beautiful, environmentally beneficial, and native material such as hardwoods.

DR. JIM SCANLON

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 9, 2008

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Dr. Jim Scanlon, of St. Joseph, Missouri. Dr. Scanlon, who has served as President of Missouri Western State University since 2001, will be retiring at the end of June following a distinguished 30-year career devoted to students in higher education. Dr. Scanlon has been a great visionary for Missouri Western State University and a fine leader in building the University's vision for the future.

Dr. Scanlon leaves behind a number of accomplishments. Under his leadership, Missouri Western attained University status and added new master's programs in applied sciences and applied arts. During his tenure three new buildings were added to the campus, one building currently under construction, one building renovation and addition in the planning stages, a new university plaza and several remodeled campus spaces for students. Dr. Scanlon has also championed a regional university plan, focusing Western's resources for both the good of the student as well as the community and region.

Dr. Scanlon came to St. Joseph and Missouri Western around the time I was first elected to Congress. I have had the wonderful opportunity to work with Dr. Scanlon on a number of occasions, and I can attest to his honesty, integrity, and vision. I know Dr. Scanlon's leadership will truly be missed, but I am very thankful for the time we were able to share together, and wish him the best in his future endeavors.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in recognizing Dr. Jim Scanlon, a true visionary and tremendous leader who dedicated his career to higher education. I commend Dr. Scanlon on an exceptional career, and I am honored to serve him in the United States Congress.

RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT
OF POLICE CAPTAIN THOMAS G.
GIUGNI FROM THE FAIRFIELD
POLICE DEPARTMENT

HON. ELLEN O. TAUSCHER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 9, 2008

Mrs. TAUSCHER. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Police Captain Thomas G. Giugni, who faithfully served the residents of the cities of Walnut Creek and Fairfield since 1978.

Prior to becoming a police officer, Captain Giugni served as a civilian communications dispatcher and clerk for the City of Fairfield. Captain Giugni went on to work for the Walnut Creek Police Department in 1978.

Captain Giugni served with the Walnut Creek Police Department for 9 years before returning to work with the Fairfield Police Department. His work and dedication in patrol and investigations allowed Captain Giugni to become a field training officer in 1993. His contributions, as well as his promise, led to his promotion to police sergeant on January 20, 1995.

Captain Giugni continued to serve as a positive role model for his fellow officers in patrol and investigations leading to his promotion to police lieutenant on June 30, 2000. His leadership success in this position led to Giugni's promotion to police captain on May 3, 2002.

Captain Guigni's 31 years of law enforcement service exemplify the many qualities of great police officers. He is a loyal representative of the law enforcement community and leader for both sworn and civilian employees and he will always be remembered and admired for his hard work, dedication and impact on our cities.

RECOGNIZING THE ACHIEVEMENTS
AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF
STEPHEN BARR DURING HIS
TENURE AS AN EDITOR AND RE-
PORTER

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 9, 2008

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the significant contributions of Stephen Barr, noted columnist and journalist that paved the way for today's journalistic generation.

Throughout his career at the Washington Post Stephen Barr has served as an anchor to both the columnist writing community and the avid readers of the newspaper. During his 20 years at the Washington Post he has worked as an editor and reporter serving in the Metro News, Style, National News, and the Column departments of the newspaper.

In May 2000, he was selected as the Federal Diary Columnist after serving 7 years as a national staff writer covering Federal management and personnel issues, "reinventing government," the U.S. Postal Service, veterans' affairs, the congressional appropriations process, and government technology challenges, including the widely known Year 2000 computer glitch.

Steve Barr was born and raised in Nocona, Texas, a 1967 graduate of Nocona High School and a 1971 graduate of the University of Texas at Austin where he received his bachelor's degree in journalism. He also served 2 years in the U.S. Army, including one year with the 1st Infantry Division in Vietnam.

With deep appreciation and admiration for his continued service, I thank Mr. Stephen Barr and wish him the very best in his future endeavors.

A TRIBUTE TO HONOR "GOLDEN
CIRCLE DAY"

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 9, 2008

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Bethany Baptist Church of Brooklyn, its Pastor Dr. David A. Hampton, first lady Hope Hampton and its congregants in honor of "Golden Circle Day."

Dr. David A. Hampton is the tenth Pastor-elect of Bethany Baptist Church. Hailing from