

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO PASTOR KENNETH L. BARNEY, SR.

HON. C.A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 2008

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Madam Speaker, I rise before you today to honor Pastor Kenneth L. Barney, Sr., upon the celebration on his 30th pastoral anniversary.

In July 1978, Pastor Barney and his wife, Sister Ellen Barney, accepted a pastorate at the Oakcrest Community Baptist Church in Laurel, Maryland. At the time, their congregation consisted of approximately seven members. As time went on, the membership began to grow, with worshippers coming from areas across the region. As an increasing number of members hailed from Baltimore, Pastor Barney and the congregation relocated to Randallstown in Baltimore County.

In March 1988, 10 years after becoming pastor at the Oakcrest Community Baptist Church, Pastor Barney and his congregation officially changed its name to the New Antioch Baptist Church. New Antioch Baptist Church is currently ministering to over 4,000 members through Pastor and Sister Barney and other church leaders.

In addition to his pastoral duties, Pastor Barney has delivered addresses at national councils and participated as a "Discussion Leader" in the 2008 Oxford Round Table held in Oxford, England. In addition, Pastor Barney traveled to Morocco as part of a 2004 U.S. delegation invited by King Mohammed VI. Along with his fellow delegates, Pastor Barney participated in a Muslim-Evangelical Christian dialogue with Moroccan heads of government and university students to help develop a friendship between the Muslim community in Morocco and the Christian community in the United States.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you join with me today to honor Pastor Kenneth Barney on the occasion of his 30th pastoral anniversary. The small congregation with whom he began his pastorate thirty years ago has multiplied into a membership of over 4,000 under his guidance. It is with great pride that I congratulate Pastor Barney on his significant contributions to the faith community in Maryland and around the world.

HONORING WILLIAM CERIONI

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

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Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the life and accomplishments of William "Bill" Cerioni and to recognize him upon being named the "Memorial Honoree" by the Madera Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Cerioni was honored at a reception on Thursday, Au-

gust 21, 2008, at the Fourth Annual Lifetime Achievement Awards and Board of Directors Installation Dinner.

Mr. Bill Cerioni was born and raised in Madera, California. His father owned and operated Cerioni's Clothing Store. As a child he would work in the store sweeping floors and washing windows earning 25 cents per week. Mr. Cerioni graduated from Madera High School and attended Fresno State University, now California State University, Fresno. He was in school for 2 years before he joined the military during World War II. He had dreams of becoming a Navy pilot; however, with poor vision, the Navy and the Army Air Forces turned him away. He did enlist with the Army Air Force as a gunner and served in the 8th Air Force Division just outside of London, England.

In 1946, Mr. Cerioni became a partner at Cerioni's Clothing Store with his father. He had new ideas and wanted to broaden the clientele by providing a wider selection of merchandise and building a new store. In 1947 construction began and in 1949 the new store opened, which included a ladies' department. The family business experienced tremendous success. Mr. Cerioni's father passed away in 1962 and the business was left to him to operate. Remembering the family history of the store, Mr. Cerioni put his own sons to work in the store to continue the tradition of a father-son partnership.

Mr. Cerioni was an avid golfer. He and his golf partners, Attorney Denny Green and Dr. Ray Miles, decided to develop a private golf and country club. They purchased land with backing from a number of community members. With some hard work and perseverance, the doors of the Madera Golf Country Club were opened in 1954. He always took pride in what he did, and felt that his success was the result of providing quality services and products. Since he understood that success came from the community, it was important for him to show the same support to the community.

Beyond his business, golf and his family, he gave to his community. Mr. Cerioni was a member of the Madera Rotary Club for over 30 years, with perfect attendance for 28 of those years. He was a charter member of the 20/30 Club, involved in his church, member of the Madera Elks and was very active in the Madera Merchants Association and the Madera Chamber of Commerce. He assisted in launching the Downtown Parking Commission. Over the years, Mr. Cerioni was financially supportive to numerous local charities, including school activities.

As a young man, Mr. Cerioni met and married Francis Miller from Sanger, California. They have two children, Jeff and Craig; and four grandchildren Ryan, Tisha, Rori, and Bart.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to posthumously honor William "Bill" Cerioni for his dedication to his family, his business and his community. I invite my colleagues to join me in honoring his life and wishing the best for his family.

A TRIBUTE TO MARRITJE GREENE, RECIPIENT OF THE ST. MADELEINE SOPHIE AWARD

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

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Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Marritje Greene, a recipient of the prestigious St. Madeleine Sophie Award from Sacred Heart Schools. Established in the year 2000, the St. Madeleine Sophie Award honors individuals in the Sacred Heart community who have made a sustained and significant contribution to the schools and embody the goals and criteria of a Sacred Heart education. The individuals honored are selected by a committee comprised of the senior administrative team in conjunction with the chair of the board of trustees and are honored at a reception and at the Mass of the Holy Spirit, the first all-school liturgy of the school year. The recipients will be VIP guests at various SHS events throughout the year and featured in their alumni magazine, *The Heart of the Matter*, for their commitment to the mission of Sacred Heart education.

Marritje Greene was chosen along with three other distinguished recipients to be recognized with the award for her dedication to the goals and criteria of Sacred Heart Schools. Mother of three young adult children, Lindsay, Jamie (SHP 2004), and Charlie (SHP 2006), Ms. Greene has been a strong leader, supporter and resource within the Sacred Heart community, especially in her service on the SHS Board of Trustees. While her sons were students at SHS, she was active with the SHP Parents Association, where she actively participated in the annual auction, parent education seminars, and community building. Ms. Greene also initiated a gathering of the northern peninsula families to form a support community for those students and families that would be commuting to school. Wherever she saw a need, she filled it. She is entering her fifth year on the board of trustees and has served as the head of the major gifts committee and is a member of the development committee and the committee for trustees. She is a very "quiet" donor and never seeks praise or recognition. One friend says, "her zest for life and charm makes others feel like participating and giving—all while enjoying themselves."

Madam Speaker, I ask the entire House of Representatives to join me in honoring Ms. Marritje Greene as she is recognized by the St. Madeleine Sophie Award. Through her many contributions to her family and friends, and especially the Sacred Heart community, she has more than earned the St. Madeleine Sophie Award. Through her special leadership and commitment to excellence, she has established a lasting legacy at Sacred Heart Schools and in the life of every student who comes through its distinguished halls. Our community and our country have been

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