

HONORING WILLIAM J. SYRING

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 26, 2009

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to William J. Syring of Toledo, Ohio who practiced law in Toledo for a half-century, eventually running for City Council and the Ohio Court of Appeals. Mr. Syring had a general law practice, handling small business, probate, real estate, and personal injury cases. His son, Paul, first practiced law with his father, and state it left "an indelible mark on my career. It was a wonderful experience. He was calm, a constant student of the law", as he reported to the Toledo Blade. William retired about 10 years ago from his practice, which he began in 1948 after serving two years as counsel for the Federal Power Commission in Washington. "He was always a great one for wanting to help others, especially those who couldn't afford it or didn't know the right channels to go through," his wife Pat observed.

Mr. Syring believed that to build a case, a lawyer must get out and talk to people and investigate, much as a detective would do. "He taught me you don't practice law sitting behind your desk and answering the phone," said his son, a senior attorney with the City of Toledo Law Department, where he has been since 1999. "I learned more from him probably than I did in law school. "He was a representative of the golden age of the practice of law in Toledo. He showed me it's priceless to prepare, and he was always prepared."

Mr. Syring ran in 1982 for the Ohio Sixth District Court of Appeals, and he campaigned at diners and fairs through the eight counties of the district. "He was a great communicator, a great trial lawyer, [and] thrived in the courtroom," his son said. Mr. Syring was defeated by Judge Peter Handwork, who remains on the bench.

Early in his career, he ran unsuccessfully for City Council twice, in 1953 and 1956. He was long active in civic causes. Mr. Syring was a member of the Board of Community Relations in the 1950s and he was a trustee of the Model Cities Agency in the 1960s. He was a member of the Interfaith Conference on Religion and Race and of the NAACP.

He was a past president of the Toledo Trial Lawyers Association and was a member of the Toledo Legal Aid Society. He formerly was on the executive committee of the Lucas County Democratic Party. Mr. Syring was on the Ohio Board of Bar Examiners for two terms. He was also a member of Gesu Church.

Mr. Syring was a graduate of St. John's High School when it was in North Toledo. He received bachelor's and law degrees from the University of Notre Dame. He later received a master of laws degree from Catholic University of America in Washington and attended University of Toledo and Ohio State University law schools. An Army veteran of World War II, he was an agent in the Counter Intelligence Corps in Europe.

Surviving are his wife, Patricia Syring, whom he married Oct. 6, 1956; daughters, Julia Syring and Mary Drumm; sons, Patrick, Joseph, John, and Paul Syring, and seven grandchildren.

It is with the deepest appreciation that I pay tribute, on behalf of our entire community, to the long life of a good, patient, kind and dedicated barrister, William J. Syring who passed from this life on July 4, 2008. He lived his years in service to his family, friends, Toledo community and the cause of justice. I valued him for decades as a friend and advisor. May God welcome William home and bring peace to his dear wife and family.

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO THE ORGANIZATION OF CHINESE-AMERICANS**HON. JASON ALTMIRE**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ALTMIRE. Madam Speaker, I would like to wish the Pittsburgh Chapter of the Organization of Chinese-Americans a happy and healthy New Year for the year 4707, the year of the ox.

I hope this New Year brings the Chinese-American community of Pittsburgh much joy and thanksgiving. I am thankful for the positive impact this organization has had on the lives of Chinese-Americans and Pittsburgh as a whole. Chinese-Americans have greatly contributed to the progress of Pittsburgh as well as the entire nation. I am very honored for this opportunity to wish them a very happy 4707.

I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in wishing the members of the Organization of Chinese-Americans a very happy and prosperous New Year.

IN HONOR OF APOSTLE JOYCE COFIELD**HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE**

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CASTLE. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to recognize Apostle Joyce Cofield. On January 31, 2009, Apostle Cofield will be honored at a banquet celebrating her 14th pastoral anniversary at Anointed Word Evangelistic Fellowship.

Apostle Cofield is the founder of Anointed Word Evangelistic Fellowship in Wilmington, Delaware. Apostle Cofield entered full-time ministry in 2000 and has over 30 years of experience in ministerial leadership. During her time as senior pastor of Anointed Word, Apostle Cofield has emerged as an accomplished leader: in 2008 she was profiled in the National Registry of Who's Who, and she recently published a prophetic book of poetry entitled, *From the Father's Heart to My Heart to Your Heart*.

Apostle Cofield is a graduate of a local bible college and has continued her education at various secular institutions in the Wilmington area. As part of her vision to bring restoration to families and individuals, she regularly reaches out to the homeless in Delaware—not only to meet practical needs for food, clothing and shelter, but by motivating, instructing and enriching their lives. Apostle Cofield lives by several creeds including, "the most important

thing is to know God and for God to know you", as well as "attitudes are contagious, is yours worth catching?" The members of Anointed Word admire and respect Apostle Cofield for her selfless acts, strong leadership and passion for community outreach.

I thank Apostle Joyce Cofield for her many years of service to the members of her congregation at Anointed Word Evangelistic Fellowship, the greater community, and the State of Delaware. I am confident that as she celebrates this significant milestone in her ministry, she will remain committed to many more years of demonstrating her faith in both word and deed.

RECOGNIZING THE HERKIMER COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE (HCCC) WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD TEAM**HON. MICHAEL A. ARCURI**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ARCURI. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the Herkimer County Community College (HCCC) Women's Track and Field Team in my congressional district in Upstate New York. In 2008, the team won its fourth regional championship and its first ever national championship. Altogether, HCCC's athletic programs have won 72 regional championships and 31 national championships.

The National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Division III Region III Women's Track and Field Championships were held at the State University of New York (SUNY) College of Technology at Alfred from May 2-3. The Lady Generals came in first with an impressive 163.5 points. Chantal Salamone, from Little Falls, placed first in the triple jump and 100 meter hurdles, and was named the Women's Field Athlete of the Meet. Amanda Davey, of Amsterdam, won in the 400 meter hurdles. Betheny Jennings, of Sylvan Beach, was first in the shot put, while Sarah Lazarus of South New Berlin was first in the 3000 meter steeplechase.

The NJCAA Division III National Women's Track and Field Championships were hosted by SUNY Delhi from May 8-10. HCCC won the meet with 135 points. Chantal and Amanda again won the 100 and 400 meter hurdles, respectively. As a result of their wins, Chantal and Amanda were named First Team All-Americans. They were also named Second Team All-Americans for their second place finishes in the triple jump (Chantal), heptathlon (Amanda), and 3200 meter relay (both).

Joining Chantal and Amanda as Second Team All-Americans were Sarah and Theresa Lazarus from South New Berlin and Krysta Estey from Little Falls. Sarah was second in the high jump and was also a part of the 3200 meter relay team, while Theresa was second in the 400 meter hurdles. Krysta was a member of the relay team.

Amanda Link from North Patchogue, and Grace Hall from Herkimer also helped HCCC to achieve victory in the regional and national championships.

The Lady Generals were led by Head Coach Sharon Howell and Assistant Coach Julie DelMedico. Howell was named Coach of the Meet for both the regional and national championships.