

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN HONOR OF IBEW'S 100TH
ANNIVERSARY

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 13, 2009

Ms. PELOSI. Madam Speaker, on February 21, 2009 San Franciscans will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 6. Local 6 has a proud history of providing labor and services to the citizens of San Francisco; with electrical lighting and power systems for more than 125 years and communications systems for more than 150 years.

Electrical workers were the pioneers who changed the face of society. Recognizing the need for unity, fair compensation and safe working conditions, they organized and affiliated with other electrical workers and were chartered by IBEW on February 21, 1895 and newly chartered on February 21, 1909. From helping to rebuild our fire-ravaged city after the 1906 Earthquake to developing San Francisco's infrastructure, including schools, hospitals, civic buildings, bridges and transportation, the Bay Area would not be the magnificent area it is today without Local 6.

In our more recent history, Local 6 played an integral role in building the Bay Area Rapid Transit system (BART), seismic retrofitting of City Hall, relocation of the main public library building, the new municipal court and federal buildings, Pacific Bell Park, University of California's development of Mission Bay, and they have made high-tech switching facilities and modern communication systems available for use.

This is a great opportunity to recognize all the brave men and women who struggled and sacrificed so that we can enjoy the quality and life and standard of living that we have come to cherish.

I pledge to continue to fight in Congress for economic opportunity, good jobs and good opportunities for America's working men and women. I will work with President Obama and Secretary of Labor Hilda Solis to ensure fair wages, safe workplaces and job training for working Americans. I join my constituents and all those in the San Francisco Bay Area to salute Local 6's success and unrelenting commitment to working Americans and to look forward to a bright future.

HONORING JOHN D. DINGELL FOR
HOLDING THE RECORD AS THE
LONGEST SERVING MEMBER OF
THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SPEECH OF

HON. CAROLYN C. KILPATRICK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 11, 2009

Ms. KILPATRICK of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I have been proud to have served as a Mem-

ber of the State House of Representatives in Michigan and now as a Member of the United States House of Representatives for more than three decades. I know first-hand of the hard work and leadership of the long-term Chairman Emeritus JOHN DINGELL. People outside of the great State of Michigan, in which I have been proud to serve as a Member of the State House of Representatives in Michigan and now as a Member of the U.S. House of Representatives for more than three decades know the long-time Chairman Emeritus of the powerful Energy and Commerce Committee as JOHN D. DINGELL. In Michigan, we know Chairman DINGELL as a dedicated, devoted and dutiful public servant who continues to serve the people of Michigan's 15th Congressional District and the United States superbly. As the Dean of the U.S. House of Representatives, Chairman DINGELL has been a fighter for the automotive industry; a protector of our environment; a dogged investigator and leader of Federal oversight; and one of the leading supporters of health care for all Americans.

Chairman DINGELL's sense of public service goes beyond his service as a Member of Congress for more than the past five decades. Chairman DINGELL, who began learning his skill as a legislator at the feet of his father, John, the Chairman joined the U.S. Army at the age of 18 to fight in WWII. After graduating from college, working as a forest ranger and becoming a lawyer, Chairman DINGELL became a member of our august body after winning the seat of his departed dad.

Chairman DINGELL's influence upon the lives of all Americans is broad and deep. As the longtime Chairman of the Energy and Commerce Committee, to which more than two-thirds of all legislation in Congress is referred, Chairman DINGELL has been at the forefront of legislation that has improved the health of minorities, women, and men; improved the quality of the water we drink, the food we eat, and the very air that we breathe; and uncovered some of the worst fraud, waste and abuse of scarce American tax dollars.

Every Congress for more than the past five decades, Chairman DINGELL has introduced legislation that would guarantee each and every American access to health care. This is carrying on a family tradition that was begun by his father, and continued by the son. This is but one of the hundreds of bills and laws that Chairman DINGELL has directly influenced. Under Chairman DINGELL, we discovered that the Department of Defense were paying more than \$600 for a toilet seat. The "Do Not Call" law that restricted telemarketers from interrupting our homes. The recently-signed into law State Children's Health Insurance Plan, guaranteeing health insurance for millions of children of working families. Saving our beloved Great Lakes from pollution. Preserving America's forestry and animal heritage with the Endangered Species Act. Ensuring that women and minorities are counted and considered as we find cures for cancer, AIDS, and other debilitating diseases. Fighting for

the American automobile industry. And finally, Chairman DINGELL's work to establish a "Patient's Bill of Rights" that means that doctors, not insurance bureaucrats, make decisions for our health care. In more than half a century of service to all Americans, Chairman DINGELL has a record of achievement that will not be surpassed. It is a record that I respected as a Member of Michigan's State legislature, and it is one that I continue to respect to this very day.

I join my colleagues in congratulating Chairman JOHN DINGELL, along with all of Michigan's sons and daughters, regardless of race, religion, or party affiliation, on his record length of service to our Nation. Chairman DINGELL's service has made a difference for us all. I am proud to honor Chairman DINGELL for a lifetime of dedication to our country.

DTV DELAY ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 4, 2009

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of S 352, the DTV Delay Act.

America is unready and as always, the poor and elderly are the most at risk. In my district alone, 4,569 people have requested vouchers for their analog televisions and have not yet received the coupons. Unless Congress acts, these televisions will flicker black. These constituents will not be able to hear news alerts, be notified of national emergencies and continue to be connected to the outside world through their televisions because the Government didn't follow through with a promise to provide DTV vouchers.

It is the Federal Government that for years, has been assuring these constituents that their televisions will not turn black as long as they follow through with the instructions and submit requests for digital television vouchers. It is imperative that we delay implementation of the digital transmission and fulfill the commitment we have made to our constituents that have followed the rules.

The legislation being considered today has important provisions which allow the FCC with flexibility in implementing these requirements. The bill permits the FCC to approve full DTV conversion in markets where the consumers are prepared for the transition before the hard date in June. Where the transition does occur before the June 12th date, this legislation allows first responders to take over the airwaves immediately once the analog signal space is open.

While this delay is unfortunate, it is a necessary step to assure that the millions of Americans televisions will not go dark because of a bureaucratic snafu.

In the multiple media markets in Ohio, 6.88 percent of the Dayton market is unready for the digital transition, 5.91 percent of the

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Cleveland market, 4.4 percent of the Detroit market and 4.29 percent of the Columbus market. I urge a Yes vote on this legislation because I cannot simply turn my back on this many constituents.

TRIBUTE TO SUSAN RITSCHER

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 13, 2009

Mr. CALVERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to an individual whose dedication and contributions to the community of San Clemente, California, are exceptional. San Clemente has been fortunate to have dynamic and dedicated community leaders who willingly and unselfishly give their time and talent and make their communities a better place to live and work. Susan Ritscher is one of these individuals. On February 19, 2009, the San Clemente Chamber of Commerce will honor Susan as the "2008 Citizen of the Year."

I've known Susan for several years and can attest to all that she does for the community of San Clemente. Susan served on the San Clemente Planning Commission as Commissioner after which she served on the San Clemente City Council for two terms and was mayor of the city. Susan is a former president of the Orange County Division of the League of California Cities and a board member and chair of the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board and was the Orange County planning commissioner.

Susan's accomplishments in 2008 are extraordinary. She was the honorary chair of the Capital Campaign for the new Dorothy Visser Senior Center in San Clemente. I was honored to join Susan for a short leg of her 1,000 miles to raise funds for the Senior Center. She also planned and held a major fundraiser entitled "Cruising to our Destination" as well as oversaw and coordinated outreach to foundations. Susan's passion for helping seniors in our community was the driving force in gathering support for the Dorothy Visser Senior Center from legislators at all levels as well as businesses, service clubs and other entities. Susan developed and implemented a Capital Campaign, which raised over 2.1 million dollars in pledges and payments to meet the Campaign goal.

In short, there is nothing Susan cannot do once she puts her mind to it. Susan Ritscher is a model citizen and in 2008 she worked untiringly to improve the lives of San Clemente seniors. She is held in high esteem by the city of San Clemente, the business community and the many people that she impacts everyday in a positive way.

Susan's tireless passion for community service has contributed immensely to the betterment of the community of San Clemente, California, and especially to the senior community. I am proud to call Susan a fellow community member, American and friend. I know that many community members are grateful for her service and salute her as she receives the much-deserved "2008 Citizen of the Year" Award.

HONORING THE NAACP ON ITS
100TH ANNIVERSARY

SPEECH OF

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 10, 2009

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 100th Anniversary of the NAACP, which was founded on February 12th, 1909. For the past century, the NAACP has served as the driving force behind the American civil rights movement, as its founders, leaders and members risked everything to tear down the walls of ignorance and racism, demanding freedom, empowerment, opportunity and justice for all.

With a membership of a half-million strong, the NAACP membership represents communities across the country. The organization was formed partly in reaction to the unconscionable practice of lynching and also in response to the 1908 race riot in Springfield, Illinois. Horrified at the violence aimed at African Americans, a small group of concerned citizens met to discuss and find ways to address racial injustice and the NAACP was formed. Founding members included Mary White Ovington, Oswald Garrison Villard, Dr. Henry Moscovitz, Jane Addams and Charles Darrow. The stated goals included securing the rights of all people as guaranteed in the 13th, 14th and 15th Amendments of the United States Constitution.

The NAACP was the principle legal advocate for numerous groundbreaking civil rights advancements, including the 1930 anti-lynching bill, the Dyer Bill, which passed the U.S. House of Representatives but not the U.S. Senate. Shortly thereafter, the NAACP published a report entitled, "Thirty Years of Lynching in the United States," which drastically decreased the incidence of lynching after its release. The impact of the NAACP's support of the civil rights movement is evidenced in numerous landmark court decisions, most notably, in *Brown v. Board of Education*, wherein the brilliant attorney, Thurgood Marshall, who later served as the NAACP's Chief Counsel and also as a United States Supreme Court Justice, argued his case against school segregation, and won.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of the members, past and present, of the NAACP, as they celebrate 100 years of service and sacrifice focused on protecting the rights of minority citizens, thereby raising our nation upon a platform where human rights and civil rights are protected for all.

TRIBUTE TO RICHARD SHER

HON. C.A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 13, 2009

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor veteran broadcaster Richard Sher who is retiring from WJZ Television after 33 years.

Richard had a remarkable run in television news and worked as a news anchor and reporter in Baltimore. He anchored the popular

political talk show "Square-Off" and co-hosted the morning talk show "People Are Talking" with then up-and-comer Oprah Winfrey.

In 2006, he graced the silver screen and played himself in the movie *Man of the Year* featuring Robin Williams. In his stories, Richard had the ability to capture the true heart of the people and places that make Baltimore so unique.

Richard is home grown Baltimore. He went to St. Paul's School and received bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Maryland at College Park.

Richard began his broadcasting career as a radio disc jockey for WEAM in Arlington, Virginia. He moved to Baltimore to become a News Director for WCBM and made the move to television news a short time later when he joined WJZ in 1975.

Madam Speaker, it is with great pride that I congratulate Richard Sher on his exemplary career as a journalist in Baltimore. I wish him well in his much deserved retirement.

HONORING THE DISTINGUISHED
SERVICE OF MARY ATSMACAM-
ERON

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 13, 2009

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize, before my esteemed colleagues, an exceptional woman whose contributions to the California dairy industry epitomize the tenacious spirit of industriousness and persistence found often in our Agricultural communities across this country. I would like to recognize Mary Atsma-Cameron, who on February 10th, 2009 was awarded the "2009 Outstanding Dairy Producer of the Year" award by Western Dairy Business magazine at the World Ag Expo in Tulare, California.

This indeed is a great honor. In an industry predominated by male ownership, Mary has distinguished herself as a force to contend with. According to her own words, "I'm a 'dairyman' and I say that because I've always worked like a dairyman, right alongside the men. I don't ask for special favors because I'm a woman." Mary has been in the dairy business now for 53 years and can still be found engaged in the day to day operations of the business; from driving tractor to managing the finances, purchasing feed and/or even assisting in "pulling" calves for cows struggling to deliver. Mary estimates that she has assisted in over 1,000 calf deliveries to date.

Not only has Mary Atsma-Cameron been an excellent hands-on "dairyman", Mary has also been a very active spokesperson and advocate for the dairy industry. Those who know Mary best, confirm that she is passionate and outspoken when it comes to dairy issues. Mary can be found continually urging local, state and federal officials concerning policy decisions affecting all dairy producers. From efforts to expanding the school milk programs to addressing supply management issues, Mary has a lengthy resume of involvement. Mary is a member of Kings County Dairywomen serving as president in 1981-82. She was a member of the National Dairy Board from 1994-2000 and was reappointed in 2003 where she continues to serve. Mary