

ASCAP (American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers) for his songwriting and publishing work; two Billboard Magazine Awards as a writer and artist; two Humanitarian Awards and several BMI (Broadcast Music Inc.) Awards as a writer and publisher. Butler was inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame in 1991 as “. . . one of the architects of Rhythm & Blues;” and was the recipient of a Rhythm & Blues Foundation “Pioneer Award” in 1994.

Madam Speaker, Mr. Butler, married for 50 years to Annette and the father of adult twin sons, is now using his considerable talent to serve the public as a member of the Cook County Board of Commissioners. First elected in 1986, Mr. Butler is currently the longest serving member of the Board. In his official capacity, he has led efforts to improve the quality of health services in the second most populous county in the United States, serving as Chair of the Board’s Health and Hospitals Committee. Butler also serves as Commissioner and past President of the Northeastern (Illinois) Planning Commission, responsible for the planning and consultation for the six counties of Northeastern Illinois.

Madam Speaker, it is my great privilege and honor to my friend and colleague, The Honorable Jerry “Iceman” Butler on the occasion of his 70th birthday and I am privileged to enter these words into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD of the House of Representatives.

TRIBUTE TO MR. SALVATORE F.
(SAL) PERRY

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 8, 2009

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I take this opportunity to congratulate Mr. Salvatore F. Perry on the occasion of his 70th birthday which was November 16, 2009 and to salute him for his many years of outstanding service as a businessman and civic mainstay in the Taylor Street area of Chicago, commonly known as Little Italy.

Madam, Speaker, Salvatore F. Perry was born on November 16, 1939 at Mother Cabrini Hospital in Chicago to Francis and Grace Perry, both of whom were born in Sicily Italy. Sal was educated at St. Phillip High School and graduated in 1957. When he was 9 years old, his father bought Perry’s Bakery at 1052 West Taylor Street. Sal worked there all through high school. After graduation he worked at the South Water Market and later joined the Army and served 2 years at Fort Leonardwood, Missouri as a quartermaster. On November 12, 1962, Sal married Roseanne Raimondi Perry and they had two children, Cynthia and Salvatore.

In 1962, Sal opened Westside Foods at 1152 West Taylor Street and operated the store until 1990. In 1990, Sal opened Rosals Cucina and it continues to operate to this day. During this time Sal has won the Humanitarian Award from Holy Family Church and contributed to many charities in the form of food donations and volunteer work to improve the community in which he has lived and worked.

On several thanksgivings, working with Congressman DANNY K. DAVIS, he has donated dinners to seniors and the children at The

Boys and Girls Club on Taylor and Racine. He helped to promote the rehabilitation of Holy Family Church by soliciting donations and other forms of marketing.

Madam Speaker, Sal retired in 2008, yet he continues to donate food and time to local charities. In his spare time, he enjoys fishing and spending time with his grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, Salvatore F. Perry is a true humanitarian who has contributed significantly to humanity and I take this opportunity to commend him for his great work.

IN APPRECIATION OF MILLBRAE
CITY TREASURER MARY VELLA
TRESSELER

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 8, 2009

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, this evening the city of Millbrae, California will say thank you and farewell to a true public resource as City Treasurer Mary Vella Treseler retires from the post she has held for eight years.

Mary Vella Treseler was elected by the voters of Millbrae in 2001 and re-elected four years later. She brought thirty years of experience in the banking industry to her job and helped guide the city through the many challenges that local governments have had to deal with in recent years.

This City Treasurer, however, serves her community in many ways. She has donated her time and talents to the Constitution Bicentennial Planning Committee, Millbrae Beautification Commission and Public Access Television Committee. Ms. Treseler also took an active part as a member of the Mayor’s Civic Coordinating Council and Millbrae’s Smoking Ordinance and 50th Anniversary Committees. In addition, she represented Millbrae on the San Mateo County Sesquicentennial Committee and was President of Soroptimist International of Millbrae-San Bruno. As if that is not enough, Mary has somehow found the time to serve as President of the Millbrae Historical Society for the past eight years.

As should be expected, Mary is no stranger to civic honors. She was named “Millbrae Woman of the Year” in 1999 and is the recipient of the Millbrae Historical Society’s “Living History Award.”

Mary moved to Millbrae in 1977, where she and her husband, Joseph Amoroso, raised their children, Adonna and Joseph Raymond, in Millbrae schools. Sadly, Mary was widowed in 1985. Her response was to get more involved in her community, which began her quarter-century of service to Millbrae. In 1990, Mary married then-Mayor Robert Treseler and her involvement in local government increased. So, too, did her family as Mary embraced the addition of step-children Robert Jr, William, James and Catherine. Sadly, we lost Mayor Treseler two years ago.

Madam Speaker, this is a remarkable woman with boundless energy and a passionate interest in her community. On behalf of my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives, I want to thank City Treasurer Mary Vella Treseler for her longtime service to the people of Millbrae and to our nation.

COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE HONORABLE ROBERT WEXLER

HON. MICHAEL E. McMAHON

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 8, 2009

Mr. McMAHON. Madam Speaker, I rise with a mix of sorrow and optimism as we wish farewell to Congressman ROBERT WEXLER, a true friend, fellow New Yorker—by birth—and leader on the House Foreign Affairs Committee as he moves ahead in the next stage of his successful career. Congressman WEXLER leaves behind a great legacy as one of the first legislators to truly harness the great potential of a U.S.-Turkey partnership. This legacy is illustrated time and again through the warm reception Congressman WEXLER receives from even the most skeptical audiences in Turkey, Israel and the Middle East. His example reminds us all of the power of diplomacy and American values.

As an outspoken advocate for increased dialogue between the United States and Turkey, he has created an environment of increased stability, security and friendship for all people in not only the United States and Turkey, but throughout the Middle East. Turkey is a strong partner with the U.S. in combating terrorism, particularly in Iraq and Afghanistan. Turkey also is on the verge of a successful rapprochement with Armenia. Additionally, Turkey is actively engaged in facilitating multilateral negotiations that often complement U.S. foreign policy on delicate post-conflict matters, greater economic and trade cooperation and of course, global energy needs.

As a founding co-chair of the Turkish Caucus and the Chairman of the Europe subcommittee, Congressman WEXLER has played a key role in all of these achievements. Most recently, his work to facilitate greater communication between legislators in the U.S. and Turkey culminated in last month’s announcement that the Congressional Turkish Caucus hit a record number of 104 Caucus members since its inception in 2001.

Though the departure of Congressman WEXLER is saddening and no doubt a huge loss to the Turkish-American community and the U.S. House of Representatives, I am encouraged that in his new position as president of the Center for Middle East Peace and Economic Cooperation he will continue to bestow his vision of greater peace and understanding upon legislators and world leaders alike.

I would like to thank Congressman WEXLER for his great service to this country and look forward to continuing to work with him to develop a long-lasting diplomatic relationship with our allies in Europe and the Middle East.

IN APPRECIATION OF REDWOOD
CITY COUNCILWOMAN DIANE
HOWARD

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 8, 2009

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, in an era of increased animosity in public life, Redwood City Councilwoman Diane Howard has been a

breath of fresh air. Fans of good government and humble leadership are sorry to see her retire after fifteen years serving the people of Redwood City.

Diane was born in Rockville Center, New York, the first of eight children. In 1981, after graduating from nursing school, she and husband Steve moved west. Upon arriving in Redwood City, Diane jumped into her community, serving on the Housing and Human Concerns Committee, Parks and Recreation Commission and Child Care Advisory Committee. She has also been active on the Economic Development Committee of the Redwood City Chamber of Commerce, the San Mateo County Medical Auxiliary Board, and the Redwood City Housing Advisory Board. Her work with the Redwood Shores Neighborhood Association led to the financing and development of schools, fire stations and a community center.

Diane was elected to the City Council in 1994 and was re-elected three times. Passionate about the issues of concern to her, Councilwoman Howard is nonetheless known for her kindness, warmth and positive attitude. Even those of opposing views will attest that Diane brought a new tone of civility to the City Council and its meetings. She is known for her patient willingness to listen to all points of view and has advocated for increased cooperation between City Hall, local businesses and community groups.

Madam Speaker, I have worked closely with Councilwoman Howard over the years and enjoyed every minute of our interactions. I wish there were more people in public life like her. On behalf of my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives, I thank Diane for her service. I also wish to thank her husband, Steve, and son, Geoffrey, for sharing this remarkable woman with the greater community.

TRIBUTE TO MS. FLORENCE
LOGAN ON THE OCCASION OF
HER 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 8, 2009

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise to express congratulations to Ms. Florence Logan of Hillside, Illinois on the occasion of her 100th birthday which took place on October 27, 2009.

Ms. Logan is one of rare individuals who have not only lived a long life, but have lived a long and productive life. She has been a bright shining star whose life has been a beacon of hope. She has been active in politics for many years. She worked as an Election Judge, volunteer, ran a family store in the Garfield Park Community before moving to Hillside. She and her husband were married for 72 years and represented the true essence of family. She and her husband have five children, twelve grandchildren, and fifteen great-grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, it is a great honor for me to offer this tribute to Ms. Logan, congratulate her on her accomplishments and wish her well as she continues a very productive life.

IN APPRECIATION OF REDWOOD
CITY COUNCILMAN JIM HARTNETT

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 8, 2009

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, Redwood City, California said good-bye to one of its most effective leaders when Councilman Jim Hartnett retired from public service this month.

Jim Hartnett is a story of "local boy makes good." Raised in Redwood City, he attended

Mount Carmel School, Sequoia High School and Cañada College. The son of a long-time captain in the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office, Jim grew up well-versed in local issues and with a passion for public service. He, too, is passing on this tradition to his sons, Josh and Jake, and daughters, Julia and Lydia, all of whom have grown up in the city that Jim loves so much.

Anyone who has attended a Council meeting in Redwood City over the past fifteen years has witnessed Councilman Hartnett's intellect and ability to explain dry, complex issues in accessible language that everyone can understand. Equally important to thinking clearly is a public official's willingness to take the lead on contentious issues. Councilman Hartnett was never timid about speaking his mind and his constituents always knew where he stood. I have had the privilege of working with Jim on numerous thorny topics over the years and found him to be, not only quick to grasp the issues, but equally effective at developing solutions. His leadership will be sorely missed.

Prior to being elected to the City Council, Jim served on the city's Planning Commission and Charter Review Committee. He has also served as chair of the Housing and Human Concerns Committee and the San Mateo County Business Development Commission and was President of the Redwood City Chamber of Commerce.

Madam Speaker, Mr. Hartnett has given much to the community where he was raised. He has dedicated decades of his life to improving Redwood City and San Mateo County and for that, deserves our thanks. While he is retiring from office, I know that Jim Hartnett will not wander far. He will certainly continue his involvement with Redwood City Little League and other youth activities and will very likely be pressed into service in other ways by his wife, current Redwood City Mayor Rosanne Foust.