

Coming back from the dead, he fought for five months until it was said . . .
 John, your leg is dead . . .
 As in that moment, as in that fight . . . as he reached down into his soul, so bright!
 And asked, for All The Moore . . . faith and courage, to endure!
 As he began to shine, and begin a new battle once more!
 All The Moore!
 As on that morning he awoke, as to him his fine heart spoke . . .
 I've got a life to live, I've got so much to this our world to give . . .
 I will not feel sorry or sad, just to be alive I'm glad . . .
 For I have fine brave Brothers, who now lie in the ground . . .
 And it's for them also the courage, I've found . . .
 Until, the day they lay me down . . .
 For ever in life, Striking Hard! I will be found!
 Arms and legs we all need, but without a heart one can not surely breathe . . .
 And I will walk, and I will run . . . and I will face the morning's sun!
 All with what's inside of me, All The Moore . . .
 While, all of this pain and heartache I will defeat!
 All for my Country Tis of Thee . . .
 As I will be Walking Tall In Tennessee
 All The Moore, this you must believe!

RECOGNIZING MIKE TOWN

HON. DAVID G. REICHERT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 5, 2010

Mr. REICHERT. Madam Speaker, many in this House do our part in promoting sustainable living, sustainable building and environmental responsibility. In my District—the 8th of Washington—an environmental science teacher is doing a masterful job at teaching the same values, and more—and he has received much deserved recognition for his efforts.

Redmond High School teacher Mike Town was awarded the inaugural \$25,000 Green Prize in Environmental Education from the NEA Foundation on April 19. Mr. Town's curriculum, "Cool School Challenge," teaches students how to perform energy audits of their school buildings and reduce their carbon footprint by doing simple things like powering down computers at night, composting, and recycling. Mr. Town's award comes after leading the entire school toward being one of the "greenest" schools in America. He has inspired his students and the rest of the student-body to "think globally and act locally" to beautify our schools, our neighborhoods, and our environment. Mr. Town—or simply 'Town' to his students—is an innovative and dynamic high school teacher who is making a positive impact on every student who walks through the doors of Redmond High.

One of his former students and my former staffer, Marshall Reffett, described Mr. Town as an educator this way: "Through his genuine enthusiasm for the subject, depth of knowledge, and hands on teaching methods, I developed a real sense for how the policies we adopt can have a profound effect on the sustainability of the Earth."

Aside from his teaching work, Mr. Town is a policy advocate for sustainability and the

preservation of public lands. He is a vocal wilderness advocate—and worked closely with my office helping to create my Alpine Lakes Wilderness Proposal—a citizen lobbyist, and eloquent speaker on behalf of environmental protection. The man practices what he preaches and is a great example for his students and his community.

What a delight it is for me to highlight the work of one of America's great professional educators. I'm pleased Mr. Town's efforts are not going unnoticed. His enthusiasm in the classroom and his tireless advocacy combine to make him a one-of-a-kind educator.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN B. LARSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 5, 2010

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Madam Speaker, on rollcall Nos. 243, 244, and 245, had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

IN RECOGNITION OF JULIE SWITKY

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 5, 2010

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Julie Switky upon her retirement as executive director of the Hillsborough Schools Foundation.

When Julie joined the Foundation in 1982, parent participation was about 64 percent with \$242,000 raised that particular year. The 2009–2010 Annual Giving Campaign will surpass \$3.1 million with parent participation close to 80 percent. These statistics speak volumes about the dedication and hard work of Julie Switky over the past 28 years. Amazingly she worked alone for the first decade until she was joined by Judy Kagan in the early 1990s. Today the Foundation has three additional staff members and a camaraderie that is off the charts—another testament to Julie's inspirational leadership.

She was raised in the Bronx, earned a degree in elementary education at City College of New York and later taught first grade in New York City and Baltimore. She and her husband, Dan, have lived in my district (San Mateo) for the past 30 years where they raised three children.

In this electronic age I want to note that Julie started her remarkable career at the Foundation without any technological tools. She went on to develop a computer tracking program and most currently was working to provide the Foundation with the most up-to-date online technology possible.

I'll be candid. Other school communities in California look to Julie Switky as the shining star of raising money to support education. No wonder that she is often asked to speak at other school foundation conferences.

Funds raised by Julie and her team go directly to school budgets and that helps maintain the level of excellence at Hillsborough's four schools. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to honor the dedication and leadership of Julie

Switky and I wish her the best in her newest endeavor, retirement.

BOLEY CENTERS OF ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA CELEBRATES 40 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE TAMPA BAY AREA

HON. C.W. BILL YOUNG

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 5, 2010

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Madam Speaker, Boley Centers of St. Petersburg, Florida, which I have the privilege to represent, is a private, not-for-profit organization that was established 40 years ago to serve individuals with mental disabilities, the homeless and youth in Pinellas County and the five county Tampa Bay area.

Tomorrow night our community comes together to pay tribute to Boley's 40th anniversary of service and to give thanks to the thousands of individuals they have helped gain the highest level of independent living. Boley provides 42 housing and service center locations; a wide variety of treatment, recovery and vocational services; a network of living opportunities in community residences and apartments; and a large staff of hard-working professionals who are dedicated to improving the lives of individuals with disabilities. Boley provides housing options that range from highly structured group homes to permanent supported apartments that are affordable and safe units for more than 1,200 individuals. This makes Boley one of the largest providers of these services in the entire southeastern United States.

Boley has a dedicated board of volunteer directors Chaired by Cynthia McCormick and includes First Vice Chair Loretta Ross, Second Vice Chair Sally Poynter, Immediate Past President Paul Misiewicz, and Virginia Battaglia, Rutland Bussey, Major Sharon Carron, Hal Gregory, Jack Hebert, Sandy Incorvia, Martin Lott, Robert Pitts, and Linda Scott-Leggette. Together they oversee an outstanding organization of professional staff members led by President and Chief Executive Officer Gary MacMath who treat their clients with compassion and dedication.

Boley also has a devoted network of volunteers who support the work of the Board and staff. This network includes the Boley Angels, who were founded in 1984 by board member Mary Koenig. They provide invaluable help to Boley's clients by raising funds to fulfill their unmet medical and dental needs and to provide furniture for the residential programs.

Madam Speaker, Boley Centers brings together the resources of our local community, our state and our nation to provide help to the less fortunate of our community who have nowhere else to turn for housing and treatment options. It has been a real pleasure for me to be able to work with the members of the board and the staff on a number of projects over the years.

Please join me in thanking all involved with Boley Centers for a job well done as they gather together to celebrate 40 years of service to Pinellas County, Florida and the Tampa Bay area.