

being dead hurt me greatly. One morning as my eyes just opened, Hassan came running to my room and told me to wear my clothes and quickly hide in the closet. As I did what he said, I heard a knock on the door. It was an American's voice. As I closed the closet door, flashbacks of my mother screaming went through my head. It seemed like only a few moments had passed by, and before I knew it, the closet door swung open. There were two men. One seemed to be an American, and the other was an Armenian. I couldn't resist not answering the questions the Armenian man asked me, and eventually he nicely asked me to pack my belongings because he was going to take me to a Red Cross orphanage in Jerusalem. That was the last time I saw Hassan.

"In the orphanage, I learned to read and write English and Armenian, cook and knit. I made a couple of friends, but none were ever close to me.

"After living in the orphanage for twelve years, my teacher gave me a reason to smile again. She called me up and said, 'You are nearing the age of 18 and I have very good news for you, Varsenik. Your uncle from Greece has somehow contacted our Orphanage and we have agreed to let you decide if you want to leave.'

"Of course, I was grateful for receiving news that would spark a ray of hope in my melancholic life.

"The remaining weeks at the Red Cross orphanage were very delightful, because I knew that in a week or so I would be in a beautiful country, Greece, with people I can call family. As the time approached for me to leave, I thanked everyone in the orphanage house and the teachers for all they had done for me.

"What I found in Athens was my future husband, Hakop, whom I married a few years later. We had three children and our family survived during the harsh times of the WWII era, when the Nazis occupied Greece. Finally after the war, we decided that it is time to return to our real homeland, Armenia. In 1947, we boarded another ship which took us to Yerevan.

"I knew that this was my very last destination."

HONORING THE LIFE OF FATHER PAUL LOCATELLI

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 15, 2010

Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today in memory of Father Paul Locatelli, my friend and one of Silicon Valley's most distinguished and respected figures.

Paul, a member of the Santa Clara community for over half a century, was the President of Santa Clara University for twenty years and, most recently, the school's sitting Chancellor. Paul also served the International Society of Jesus, headquartered in Rome, as Secretary of Higher Education.

Growing up as the middle son on a ranch in the Santa Cruz Mountains town of Boulder Creek, Paul learned the lesson of a service at an early age. He graduated from SCU in 1960 and earned a doctorate in business administration from the University of Southern California in 1971. In 1974 he joined SCU as an accounting professor and that same year he became an ordained priest and earned his master of divinity from the Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley.

During his Presidency at SCU, he was particularly concerned with concentrating SCU's efforts around themes such as connecting students with the world, increasing student diversity and education for all, and utilizing of Silicon Valley's vast resources. His dedication to the success of SCU clearly led the university to become one of the Nation's preeminent Jesuit Catholic universities.

Fr. Locatelli was a man who brought about positive change with a continued and committed focus on educating students about poverty and injustice. One of his significant accomplishments was creating a program to help students understand poverty by working in urban schools and women's centers in El Salvador.

His unrelenting commitment to ethics and social justice and his desire to help create young leaders with the qualities of competence, conscience and compassion is what I admire him most for. He dedicated his life to creating a more just and understanding world.

Many will remember his tenure at SCU for the buildings he helped build and the thousands of students he loved and helped mentor, but most of all, Paul should be remembered for his commitment to service and making other's lives better. There is no question that his life has touched many and his good works will continue to flourish even in his absence.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in sending our condolences to Fr. Paul Locatelli's family, his Jesuit brothers and the entire SCU community and in remembering a remarkable public servant, educator and friend.

CONGRATULATING THE PARTICIPANTS OF THE HOUSE FELLOWS PROGRAM

HON. JOHN B. LARSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 15, 2010

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the participants of the House Fellows Program. The House Fellows Program, run by the Office of the House Historian, is a unique opportunity for a select group of secondary education American history and government teachers to experience firsthand the inner-workings of Congress. These educators have demonstrated excellence in the classroom, are dedicated to educating our nation's youth and are truly deserving of our recognition.

One of the goals of the House Fellows Program is to develop curriculum on the history and practice of the House for use in schools. During the program, fellows prepare a brief lesson plan on a Congressional topic of their choosing, which is then shared with the other fellows. These plans will become part of a larger teaching resource database on the House. During the school year following their participation in the House Fellows Program, each Fellow is responsible for presenting his or her experience and lesson plans to at least one in-service institute for teachers of history and government.

The House Fellows Program began in 2006, and since then 75 teachers from across the country have participated in this innovative program.

An additional 45 teachers will be taking part in this summer's program. With plans to select a teacher from every Congressional district over the next several years, the House Fellows Program will impact thousands of high school teachers and their students and will energize thousands of students to become informed and active citizens.

As a former U.S. history teacher, I believe strongly in the importance of civic education. We must continue our efforts to get our youth involved in the political process in districts across the country. Educating teachers about the "People's House" is one of the best ways to do that. I congratulate the following educators who are participating in the 2nd session of this summer's 2010 House Fellows Program:

Ms. Amy Allaire (Olver, MA-01), Ms. Elizabeth Kocharian (Roybal-Allard, CA-34), Mr. Christopher Gill (Maloney, NY-14), Ms. Jacqueline Hilgen (DeGette, CO-01), Mr. Jacob Blum (Fortenberry, NE-01), Ms. Nicole Kaplan (Israel, NY-02), Mr. Curtis Roddy (Hodes, NH-02), Ms. Margaret Lane (Eshoo, CA-14), Mr. Leon Stall (Smith, NE-03), Ms. Cindy Martinez (Eshoo, CA-14), Ms. Shirley Riefenhauser (Hinckey, NY-22), Mr. Darrick Hayman (Larsen, WA-02), Mr. Nick Santana (Filner, CA-51), Ms. Stacie Banks (Franks, AZ-02), Ms. Eleesha Tucker (Holmes Norton, DC-At-Large), and Mr. Ben Snedeker (Tiberi, OH-12).

Madam Speaker, I urge all of my colleagues to join me in thanking the Office of the Historian for sponsoring this program. Thanks to Dr. Robert Remini and Dr. Fred Beuttler for their outstanding leadership, and Dr. Thomas Rushford, Mr. Anthony Wallis and Mr. Benjamin Hayes for providing the crucial staff support.

Thank you also to the Office of the Historian interns: Ms. Jacqueline Burns, Mr. Michael Karlik, Ms. Madeleine Rosenberg and Ms. Debbie Kobrin.

HONORING THE 15TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE RINGLING BROS. AND BARNUM AND BAILEY CENTER FOR ELEPHANT CONSERVATION

HON. ADAM H. PUTNAM

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 15, 2010

Mr. PUTNAM. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the 15th Anniversary of the Ringling Bros. and Barnum and Bailey Center for Elephant Conservation (CEC). This state of the art facility is located on 200 acres in Polk County, Florida—within the 12th Congressional District, which I have the honor of representing.

The Ringling Bros. CEC is a facility dedicated to the research, reproduction, and retirement of Asian elephants. Since this facility opened in 1995, it has tirelessly worked to fulfill its mission to "preserve and sustain the endangered Asian elephant."

In addition to the important care and research performed at the Ringling Bros. CEC, it is also home to the most successful Asian elephant breeding program in the Western Hemisphere. In fact, their most recent calf was just born on April 3, 2010, and is appropriately