

The result? Property tax assessments in San Mateo County are fair and governments receive a reliable stream of revenue for essential services.

Warren Slocum celebrated the right of all adults to marry, and was a leader in ensuring that the courthouse door was open for those who wished to formalize their relationships. In San Mateo County, we proudly welcome into our hearts all those who Warren's office welcomed into its lobby.

During his tenure, Warren's office has been called the "Office of the People," and rightly so. His career of excellence in public service has been a living tribute to the mission of delivering smart, efficient, and accessible government to the people of California.

Madam Speaker, Warren Slocum is a remarkable Californian: he's a husband, a father, a veteran, an innovator, and a devoted public servant. It is indeed fitting that he receives special recognition for his retirement as the Chief Elections Officer & Assessor-County Clerk-Recorder on November 18, 2010.

GENE ROSSI REMEMBERED

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2010

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition Gene Rossi. A long-time personal friend, a model citizen and a beloved father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, Mr. Rossi will be truly missed by the many people whose lives he has touched. Born on May 12 1926, Mr. Rossi was part of our greatest generation and his life story embodies that to the fullest. Gene's accomplishments began early, notably at Warren G. Harding High School where he was the senior class president and captain of the basketball team, an All-Ohio selection that year.

It was not long after Gene was leading his high school basketball team that he was fighting for our freedom as an Army soldier in the Battle of the Bulge. Returning after the conclusion of World War II, Gene received an honorable discharge from the U.S. Army and returned to Warren, Ohio where, throughout the 1940s, he worked as a timekeeper for Mullins Manufacturing, played semi-pro basketball with the Warren Coaches and later graduated from Youngstown College with a B.S. degree in business administration.

It was 62 years ago this September that Gene and his wife, Ginny, were married in 1948.

A veteran of war, a college graduate, and a newlywed, Gene in 1950 founded Warren's Rossi Insurance Agency, from which he never retired. His accomplishments in the insurance business included those of trustee of the Independent Insurance Agents of Ohio and president of the Trumbull County Independent Insurance Agents. His membership in the Trumbull County Association of Life Underwriters included more than 50 years of service as a respected agent of the Equitable Life Assurance Society.

Gene loved sports—baseball, basketball, football, tennis and golf. It is in sports where he distinguished himself as a 1992 inductee into and trustee of the Warren Sports Hall of Fame. In 1999, he received the Man of the

Year Award from the Mahoning Valley Chapter of the National Italian-American Sports Hall of Fame.

Gene's membership in local clubs and organizations included BOE Lodge 295, American Legion Post 278, VFW Post 1090, Knights of Columbus 620, where he was past Grand Knight, Buckeye Club, Trumbull Country Club and Notre Dame Subway Alumni.

A member of Blessed Sacrament Parish, Gene's faith was paramount. For his devoted participation, he received the honor Cross Pro-Ecclesia Et Pontifice (Cross for the Church and Pontiff) in 2000, served on the Youngstown Diocese Financial Advisory Board and was a member of the Board of Trustees of the Oblate Sisters of the Sacred Heart.

A man who could have hung his hat up time and time again after service to his country, family, and community, Gene never stopped giving back. Gene loved and served his community and was noted numerous times for his efforts. In 1986, he served as president of the Warren Area Chamber of Commerce and was recipient of its Distinguished Citizen award. In 2001, he was named president of the Mahoning Valley Economic Development Corp. and was recipient of its Person of the Year award. In 2006, he was an inductee into the Warren Harding Distinguished Hall of Fame. Gene also served as a trustee for the St. Joseph Development Foundation, YSU Foundation and CSC, Copperweld, Scholarship Foundation.

On August 17, 2010, at the age of 84, Gene Rossi passed away from complications of prostate cancer. He is survived and sorely missed by the family he devoted so much of his life to, his wife of over sixty years, Ginny; their four sons and daughters-in-law, Michael and Rosanne, E. Jeffrey and Carol, Dennis and Luann, and Gregory and Leslie, all of Warren; 13 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; sisters, Mary Louise Rose and Elaine Wallace; and brother, Anthony G. (Marilyn) Rossi.

It is hard to sum up the life of a man like Gene Rossi—a man who truly lived the American dream. He bore the hardships of the Great Depression, fought in one of the deadliest battles in American history, and returned home to spend a lifetime of devotion building a wonderful family and a successful business all while being a man of faith and a pillar in his community. Madam Speaker I want to thank Gene Rossi, for his service to his country abroad, his service to his community at home, and for his dear friendship.

CALLING ON JAPAN TO ADDRESS
CHILD ABDUCTION CASES

SPEECH OF

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2010

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I would like to submit the names of the children abducted to Japan whose left-behind American parent has contacted me directly.

M.B., abducted to Japan July 21, 1995
E.B., abducted to Japan July 21, 1995
Ezra Lui, abducted to Japan November 13, 1999

Kaira Kelly Litwiller, abducted to Japan June 10, 2003

Takoda Tei Weed, abducted to Japan January 16, 2004

Tiana Kiku Weed, abducted to Japan January 16, 2004

Kento Didier Touboule, abducted to Japan October 15, 2005

Mary Victoria Lake, abducted to Japan August 2005

Kai Hachiya, abducted to Japan December 28, 2006

Masahiro Brown, abducted in Japan since April of 2007

David N. Gessleman, abducted to Japan May 13, 2007

Joshua K. Gessleman, abducted to Japan May 13, 2007

Kaya Summer Xiao-Lian Wong, abducted to Japan August 2007

Wayne Kosaku Sawyer, abducted to Japan December 15, 2008

Yuuki Patrick McCoy (Kojima), abducted in Japan August 17, 2008

Keisuke Christian Collins, abducted to Japan June 16, 2008

Sean Hillman, abducted to Japan July 5, 2008

Kana Sugiyama-Gomez, abducted to Japan April 10, 2008

Joe Yamada, abducted to Japan September 1, 2008

Grace Danielle Starr, abducted to Japan January or February 2009

Brian Senna Starr, abducted to Japan January or February 2009

"Mochi" Atomu Imoto Morehouse, abducted to Japan June 23, 2010

Mr. Speaker, the United States is currently seeking the return of at least 136 abducted American children.

RECOGNIZING COUNCILMEMBER
BOB CAMPBELL ON THE OCCA-
SION OF HIS RETIREMENT FROM
THE VISTA CITY COUNCIL

HON. DARRELL E. ISSA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2010

Mr. ISSA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the public service of Councilman Bob Campbell on the occasion of his retirement from the City of Vista. I commend Councilman Campbell's distinguished career and offer my thanks for his more than 20 years of dedicated public service to the City of Vista.

As a native Californian, Mr. Campbell received an undergraduate degree from Stanford University and a graduate degree from the Graduate School of Business Administration at the University of Washington. He also served eight distinguished years in the U.S. Coast Guard and Coast Guard Reserve.

Prior to joining the City of Vista, Mr. Campbell worked with newspaper publishers for sixteen years before starting his own computer systems consulting firm, Buena Vista Services, Inc., in 1980. It was in 1985 that Mr. Campbell began serving as Chairman of a city panel. Under Councilman Campbell's leadership, the panel's redevelopment plan was successfully approved by voters in 1987.

As Vista's Economic Development Director for nearly 10 years, Councilman Campbell's leadership resulted in the attraction of more than 500 firms and commercial and retail