

mentor, Stanislaw Mikolajczyk, came to represent one of the aspects of Polish character I admire most: the concept of "Victory in Defeat." The very idea may strike most Americans as peculiar, but from 1795 to 1989—when Poles were ruled from abroad except for the brief interwar period—it meant that honor came first, that the Poles would never give up, that they would persevere without fail to win back their independence. When I think of Paul I think of this first; and it gives me great satisfaction to know that he lived to see freedom restored and a vibrant Poland reborn.

When I last talked to Paul he told me, as he often did, that: "I am so thankful that I am able to live in my own home." His courage could be measured in matters great and small. Despite crippling conditions he managed to take care of himself until the last four days of his life. To say that he will be missed feels like a gross understatement to me. He was the product of an unusual place and time; he never shrank from the difficulties that came his way. And he would certainly chide me for praising him even to this extent.

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#### HONORING JAMES DIPACE

### HON. CHRISTOPHER S. MURPHY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 21, 2010*

Mr. MURPHY of Connecticut. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a great man and constituent, James DiPace. Mr. DiPace has devoted 37 years of service to the Avon Volunteer Fire Department, and has served as Fire Chief there for the last 15 years.

The community of Avon is lucky to be home to a man like James DiPace. His selfless dedication to the town and his devotion is remarkable, and he deserves to be recognized by the House of Representatives as he retires as fire chief.

Incorporated in 1943, the Avon Volunteer Fire Department proudly protects more than 16,500 people. During his tenure as Fire Chief, Chief DiPace oversaw several incidents in town, but perhaps none more powerful than the July 29, 2005 crash at the base of Avon Mountain. That morning, a dump truck lost its brakes and careened into a line of stopped vehicles at a traffic light. The accident involved 19 vehicles and a CT Transit bus. Four people died that morning. On that sad day, Chief DiPace acted as incident commander at the scene from 7:30 am until after midnight. Two years later, another truck lost its brakes and caused an accident at the same intersection. Again, Chief DiPace was the incident commander at the scene. During these times of tragedy, it was always comforting to know that James DiPace, a man of keen interagency relations and cool temperament, was commanding the scene.

Throughout his service, James DiPace has been an active member of Connecticut's community of emergency responders. While Fire Chief, he served as Fire Marshall and Emergency Management Director for the town of Avon. Additionally, Chief DiPace has served as president of the Connecticut Fire Chiefs Association and the Capitol Region Fire Marshalls Association.

James DiPace's service to the community does not stop at the firehouse doors. Outside of his commitment to the Avon Volunteer Fire

Department, Mr. DiPace has been part of many civic organizations in town, including the Chamber of Commerce and the Lions Club. With his family, Fire Chief DiPace has also opened his home to several Fidelco Guide puppies and dogs, preparing them for their jobs as Seeing Eye companions.

James DiPace has given so much of himself to the town of Avon without wanting anything in return. His presence will surely be missed in the Avon Volunteer Fire Department. Today, I rise to thank Fire Chief DiPace for his remarkable service and wish him the best in retirement.

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#### COMMEMORATING THE LIFE OF MARVIN ZANDERS

### HON. CORRINE BROWN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 21, 2010*

Ms. CORRINE BROWN of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of my dear friend and constituent Marvin Clyde Zanders of South Apopka, Florida. Mr. Zanders operated one of the premier funeral homes in the United States. But he was much more than a successful and popular mortician to the people of Central Florida. According to his son, "his personality made him a 'life-giver'" and he gave so much of his own life to the community.

Mr. Zanders served the families of Central Florida for over fifty years in ways too many to list. He provided scholarships, sponsored sports teams and gave continuous support to various organizations throughout Central Florida. He was known as "The People's Choice" and even Apopka's mayor often called him "The Mayor of Apopka."

The community formally recognized Mr. Zanders' humanitarian efforts by renaming Lake Avenue in Apopka to Marvin C. Zanders Avenue and dedicating the Marvin C. Zanders Park in Winter Garden. Ten years ago, the South Apopka Ministerial Alliance established the "Marvin C. Zanders" humanitarian banquet to honor the accomplishments of community leaders like him.

Mr. Zanders also served individual families in their time of grief with extraordinary compassion. Whenever one of my constituents could not afford a proper service in honor of a loved one, I knew that Marvin would take care of them. Through his selflessness, Marvin Zanders showed people that when we give back, we all become better and stronger. As he often said, "God gave me a chance; let me give my fellow man a chance."

My thoughts and prayers are with his children and many grandchildren. God has blessed us by allowing us to have Marvin Zanders in our lives.

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#### HONORING DAVID CAVICKE

### HON. EDWARD J. MARKEY

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 21, 2010*

Mr. MARKEY of Massachusetts. Madam Speaker, my friend and fellow member of Red Sox nation, David Cavicke, the Chief of Staff

for the Republicans on the Energy and Commerce Committee, is leaving the Committee in January after nearly 16 years on the Hill at the Committee. Mr. Cavicke is an institutionalist—he has sought to work quietly on a bipartisan basis to advance the good of the country across the array of issues within the jurisdiction of the Committee.

Over the years, Mr. Cavicke has ably served the Republican Members of the Energy and Commerce Committee. But he has also helped facilitate bipartisan compromise on many vital issues. In 1995, he staffed then-Subcommittee Chairman Jack Fields when our Committee enacted the National Securities Markets Improvement Act, which rationalized various aspects of federal securities laws. Two years later, under then-Subcommittee Chairman Oxley, he worked with my office to bring the New York Stock Exchange and NASDAQ Stock Market out of the 18th century and into the 21st by ending government mandated pricing in fractions and moving to decimal pricing. The Common Cents Stock Pricing Act of 1997 provided the impetus to end fractionalized trading which cost investors \$3 billion a year. Each year American investors, rather than professional floor traders and NASDAQ market makers, will put that \$3 billion to more productive uses, such as saving for retirement and children's education.

Following the transfer of the Committee's securities jurisdiction over to the Financial Services Committee, Mr. Cavicke moved into a management role on the Republican staff. In that capacity, he has been relentlessly fair and has always sought to work to provide procedural due process to all members of the Committee regardless of the issue of the moment. I join in expressing the thanks of the Members of the Committee for his service, and our best wishes.

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#### EREKA O'HARA

### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 21, 2010*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and applaud Erika O'Hara for her outstanding service to our community.

Erika O'Hara became a realtor in 1982 and as a working mother she still found time to be involved in the community. Erika served on the board of the Jefferson County Association of Realtors early in her career, and later sat on the board of the Arvada Jefferson Kiwanis, Children's Charity and the Arvada Chamber of Commerce.

When the entire board of the Children's Charity resigned, their annual Charity Ball was in jeopardy. Erika stepped in and hit the challenge head on. She gathered a new board, rallied the troops and ran the Charity Ball for three years. She raised over \$100,000 for the Arvada Center Accessibility Program and the Arvada Child Advocacy Center.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Erika O'Hara for her well deserved recognition by the West Chamber serving Jefferson County. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all her future accomplishments.