

IN HONOR OF RICHARD CLARK

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 28, 2011

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of Richard Clark to acknowledge his receipt of the Walks of Life award from the Irish American Archives Society. Richard has been of immense value to the community and his achievements are certainly praiseworthy.

Mr. Clark's time spent as the principal of St. Ignatius High School marked an era of vast improvements to the school. Attendance rose annually by 300 students under his leadership. During his twelve years as principal, St. Ignatius reaped the benefits of a new intramural gym, a new 400 seat place of worship and a complete remodeling of its classrooms.

After leaving St. Ignatius High School, Richard founded an entirely new high school in Cleveland, Saint Martin de Porres. The mission of this school is "to transform urban Cleveland one student at a time." Richard can be proud of his many accomplishments. Of the 190 students who graduated from St. Martin de Porres, all were accepted into college.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, Cleveland is proud to have such a motivated and good-willed individual giving back to the community. Richard's accomplishments have improved the lives of hundreds of young individuals seeking education and opportunity.

GOLDEN HOTEL**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the Golden Hotel Bridgewater Grill and owners Burt and Andria Lewis for receiving the Business of the Year award from the Golden Chamber of Commerce.

This award is given to an outstanding chamber member that has contributed substantially to the Chamber of Commerce community.

The Golden Hotel Bridgewater Grill has become a business known to travelers throughout Golden, Denver, Colorado and the Western Region. This property is the first solar powered hotel in Golden. Owners Burt and Andria Lewis state "This was an easy decision for us; we are consistently trying to enhance our green practices and what better way to do so than by going solar".

The award winning Golden business has a huge presence in participation and involvement in the Golden community. The property is also very well known for its many charitable donations.

I extend my deepest congratulations and appreciation for the Golden Hotel and Bridgewater Grill and owners Burt and Andria Lewis for this well deserved recognition by the Golden Chamber of Commerce. I have no doubt their appreciation to community has made our community a better place for all of us to live.

IN HONOR OF BARNEY F. HAJIRO'S
PASSING**HON. PETE SESSIONS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Private Barney F. Hajiro, Medal of Honor recipient. On January 21, 2011, Private Hajiro passed away in Honolulu, Hawaii at the age of 94.

Barney Hajiro was born in Hawaii in 1941 to Japanese immigrant parents. Shortly after the attack on Pearl Harbor, Barney was drafted into the U.S. Army. In 1943, he volunteered to join the 442d Regimental Combat Team composed of second-generation Japanese-Americans and was then sent to Europe to fight the Germans in Italy and France. While fighting in France, the 442d Regiment was called upon to rescue the Texas 36th Division that had been cut off and surrounded by Germans for over a week, earning its nickname the "Lost Battalion." Private Hajiro and his comrades encountered a dangerous and challenging undertaking as the German troops relentlessly fired at the American soldiers from uphill.

When ordered to attack, Barney fearlessly charged ahead up the hill, later referred to as "Suicide Hill" towards the heavily fortified enemy position, exposing himself to intense enemy fire, while constantly taking aim at multiple enemy strongholds. He fearlessly met fire with fire and single-handedly destroyed two machine gun nests and killed two enemy snipers. As a result of Private Hajiro's heroic actions, the attack was successful. Private Hajiro's extraordinary heroism and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of military service and reflect great credit upon him and the United States Army.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in expressing our deepest and most sincere gratitude for the service of Private Barney Hajiro, and honoring the memory and lasting legacy of this brave and selfless United States soldier. May we all strive to be as bold and as dedicated servants of our country as Private Barney Hajiro.

**INTRODUCING THE VETERANS
HOME LOAN REFINANCE OPPOR-
TUNITY ACT OF 2011****HON. SUSAN A. DAVIS**

OF CALIFORNIA

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Mrs. DAVIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Veterans Home Loan Refinance Opportunity Act of 2011. This bipartisan legislation improves the federal Qualified Veterans Mortgage Bonds (QVMB) program to allow eligible states to use tax-free bond proceeds to refinance the home mortgages of our military veterans.

This legislation is necessary during our troubled economic times. QVMB home loan financing was not available to newly discharged veterans returning home from Iraq and Afghanistan until passage of the Heroes Earning Assistance Relief Tax Act of 2008 (H.R. 6081) in the 110th Congress.

Prior to 2008, some veterans may have taken out adjustable-rate mortgages (ARM) to

purchase a home during the real estate boom earlier in the decade. It is only fair to them that they have the same opportunity as newly discharged veterans to take advantage of the low-interest, fixed rate mortgages available through QVMB financing.

For some veterans with a costly ARM or interest-only mortgage, this legislation could prevent a foreclosure.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, this legislation includes an inflation index to ensure the QVMB veterans home loan program remains viable in the future.

I urge passage of the Veterans Home Loan Refinance Opportunity Act.

DENNIS EGGEMEYER**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

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Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Bob List and Dennis Eggemeyer for receiving the Charlie O'Brien award from the Golden Chamber of Commerce.

This award goes to members who are well respected within the organization and are motivated by an unselfish desire to contribute to the community for the betterment of greater Golden.

Bob and Dennis were members of Mayor Jacob Smith's committee "Summit on Sustaining Golden's Retail Economy". An idea acted upon was Golden's First Friday Street Fair. The main purpose of this idea was to bring people to historic downtown Golden to see and experience a good time with hopes they will return on a regular basis.

Bob and Dennis faced several obstacles in their research but never gave up their pursuit of putting this event together. With cooperation from many groups, the obstacles were worked out and the success story can now be told.

In the summer of 2010 there were five street fairs bringing crowds estimated to be at least two thousand per event, residents having fun meeting and networking. The only negative to report is "there should be more of these street fairs throughout the year" which has been taken under advisement.

I extend my deepest congratulation and gratitude to Bob List and Dennis Eggemeyer for this well deserved recognition by the Golden Chamber of Commerce. Thank you for making our community a better place for all of us to live.

**RECOGNIZING THE 23RD ANNIVERSARY OF MASSACRES AGAINST
ARMENIANS IN SUMGAIT****HON. JIM COSTA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the thousands of Armenian Americans in my congressional district, I rise to remember the evening of February 27, 1988, when a three-day rampage began against Christian Armenian civilians living in Sumgait, Soviet Azerbaijan. Armenian civilians were at the mercy of

Azerbaijani rioters, who murdered, raped, and maimed Armenians, throwing women and children from windows and burning victims alive. Soviet authorities, who had prohibited journalists from entering the area and had instituted a press blackout, estimated over 30 individuals had been killed and over 200 injured, but others estimated hundreds were murdered.

In the days before the massacre, Armenians in Nagorno Karabakh had been peacefully demonstrating against decades of Soviet Azerbaijani repression and discrimination. Many believed the resulting massacres were officially sanctioned to send a message to Armenians to stop challenging Soviet Azerbaijani authorities.

Within months of the Sumgait massacres, the U.S. Senate unanimously passed Amendment 2690 to the FY 1989 Foreign Operations Appropriations bill (H.R. 4782) in July 1988, concerning the Karabakh conflict and calling on the Soviet government to "respect the legitimate aspirations of the Armenian people." The amendment also noted that "dozens of Armenians have been killed and hundreds injured during the recent unrests."

The anniversary of this horrifying instance of violence serves as a reminder that the United States must stand with those around the globe engaged in peaceful demonstrations against repression and human rights abuses.

“THE QUALITY OF A PERSON’S LIFE IS IN DIRECT PROPORTION TO THEIR COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE, REGARDLESS OF THEIR CHOSEN FIELD OF ENDEAVOR”—VINCE LOMBARDI

HON. RON KIND

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KIND. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the World Champions, winners of Super Bowl XLV, The Green Bay Packers of Title Town. I ask that this poem penned in honor and remembrance of them by Albert Caswell be placed in the RECORD.

THE PACK IS BACK, AND HOW!

In this game of old,
upon these hardened fields of frozen tundras
so . . .
But came the birth,
of one of the NFL’s greatest teams to be be-
hold . . .
of most hallowed Green and Gold!
Were born,
The Green Bay Packers of such fame known
so,
because of their Championships,
the name Title Town they now so own!
As the only Professional team across this na-
tion,
in any sport, who is so owned by . . .
“WE The People” this fine equation!
As The Legend Vince Lombardi,
“so ruled The Lombardi Nation” . . .
and his most hallowed teams, virtually de-
fined . . .
the very definition of what the word football
means!
And from this Title Town so came,
the very first two Super Bowls win to claim,
as a Starr was born who in The Hall now re-
mains!
As it was not too long before,
when a man named Brett went Favre . . .
and gave to this Title Town again,

another Super Bowl win once more!
As then later in later years,
a new kid in town as so appeared . . .
like The Young Man to Montana Man,
now Brett to Rogers, both had to stand!
Back to Back! Man to Man!
Replacing an Icon . . . as Rogers knew,
he’d have to go “The Longest Yard” to live
that dream!

And now the stage was set,
in Super Bowl XVI so yet . . . clash of the
Titans,
Pittsburgh and Green Bay, who would sur-
vive?

Would Steel bend, or Cheese give way?
As it was these two early teams,
that so helped give the NFL its great name!
As the two rode into Texas for the game,
for this up and coming war,
as a shootout at the OK Corral for sure!
But, only one team . . .

can so wear that most hallowed crown,
that of World Champions of so renown . . .
and hold that Lombardi Trophy up high,
up so very proud!

As it was to be,
the young gun versus the proven one . . . Big
Ben,
and the new Kid Rocket Rogers with can-
nons,
blazing both ones!

Who would win, and Be The Best?
But, Aaron could not spell the word DOUBT,
even if you spotted him the first five letters
no less!

And still another great question lie here so!
Which is greater, Cheese or Steel . . . yo?
As so soon, 111,000 viewers would know!

As The Pack had something to prove,
with so many players on the DL . . .
they had their own Special Mash Unit too!
While, it did not take long,
before Rogers threw strong . . .
and hit Jody with a 29 TD . . .

As he put a Full Nelson on the Pittsburgh D!
Then, in the Nick of time . . .

Big money Collins,
cashed in his own private Benjamins,
intercepting, a 37 yd return crossing the goal
line!

As on that very same play,
Kemoeatu, gave Big Ben “The Kemo Treat-
ment”,
running over him, showing him The Packer
Way!

Already you could so see, in disbelief . . .
as all over those powerful Pittsburgh Steel-
ers,
some Rust was starting form, starting to
creep!

As, Matthews 52 cried out . . .
you better get the trainer quick . . .
and get some Rustoleum on that,
or your all going to be eating cheese!
And then after a Steelers field goal,
Big Ben was Bushwhacked by Jarrett so,
with an interception . . . as man that was
cold!

Then, using Laser Technology,
for a TD to Jennings so sweet . . .
as Rogers drilled a rope for 7yds,
that exploded oh so very brilliantly!

As it looked like Polamalu number 43,
and all of the entire Steelers football team,
were having a bad hair day indeed,
yea it was not looking very pretty!
When, suddenly before the half time,
Hines Ward, had something else in mind . . .
a great TD, reinforcing The Steel you see!
As it was at the end of a 77yd drive,
once again Big Ben came alive,
because the great one earlier,
Woodson, got hurt breaking up a play as he
dived!

But Pittsburgh apparently,
liked what they served at the halftime show,
helping them grow those Black Eyed Peas so!

Scoring a touchdown on five consecutive
runs,

from the 50yd line where it all begun . . .
as Mendenhall scored with an 8yd TD, this
one!

The Steelers were bent,
but not yet broken . . . until Matthews,
molded Mendenhall into human Clay,
with his fumble so, Captain Crunch had spo-
ken!

And with the game on the line,
Rocket Rogers say “Roger That”,
yea one more time!

Living Large, with a 55yd drive into a TD!
As once again, on Jennings looked so splen-
didly,

with an 8yd throw . . . the man’s got speed,
telling all of those Terrible Towels . . . to
eat cheese!

As somehow again, The Tower of Big Ben
. . .
struck one more time, in the end zone to
Wallace . . .

who is too, was built for speed!
But, the coolest of cool . . .
as Rogers nerves of steel ruled!
Driving down the field,

for a Masonic Moment as he would not yield!
With Crosby, on the road to victory . . .

As he made the kick,
the Steelers were getting sick,
and needed a drive, as those terrible towels
began to cry!

But time ran out on Big Ben,
as Rogers cried it’s time for the belt my
friends . . .
feel my disease,

as the price of steel began to descend!
As The Black and Yellow, turned to jell-O
. . .

turned to jell-o . . . and The Mighty Pack-
er’s D,
put their stamp of Wiscousin Cheese . . . on
them!

While, somewhere up in Heaven,
an Angel named Lombardi cries,
“The Pack is Back,
we’re on Top!” now with tear in his eye!
It was a heck of a game, as records were bro-
ken . . .

as over 111,000 people watched what was spo-
ken!

The word TEAM, what McCarthy was invok-
ing!

As he, had a lot legends to live up to . . .
and some tough shoes to fill, along the way!
But, now he’s shown the nation what he can
do!

It was one heck of year, as against all odds
. . .

a new World’s Champion been named,
just like the old Lombardi team’s so true!
Against all odds, in the way they were led,
from The Coach on down . . . what it said,
as a new Star who was found, “Rogers That”!
Yea, once again THE PACK IS BACK,
AT THE VERY TOP OF THE PACK . . .
ALL IN THAT GREAT TITLE TOWN!
And in the end, the Nation found!
That Cheese is far stronger than Steel!
So don’t look back, were gaining on you
now!

Were only two away from six,
in this hallowed Title Town!
Football God’s, The Pack Is Back, And How!

CRAIG BAKER

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

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Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Craig Baker for