

HONORING THE TWENTIETH ANNI-
VERSARY OF CHATEAU DU
SUREAU

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 29, 2011

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Chateau du Sureau of Oakhurst, California, on the celebration of its 20th anniversary. The Chateau du Sureau has been instrumental in bringing visitors to see the wonders of the high Sierra Nevada and our San Joaquin Valley. It has also served as vibrant example of what can be accomplished with drive and remarkable business talent.

A truly notable highlight of Central California, the Chateau du Sureau is nestled just sixteen miles from the south entrance of Yosemite National Park. Since its founding in 1991, the Chateau du Sureau has embraced the natural beauty of the Sierras and coupled it with the glamour and luxury of old European traditions. The Chateau du Sureau's magical atmosphere has attracted visitors from all around the world including Europe, Asia, and the entire United States.

The Chateau du Sureau has been widely successful because of its dedication to its guests. Not only has the Chateau du Sureau been applauded by its guests for its impeccable service and attention to detail but it has also received notable and distinguished awards. The Chateau du Sureau received the American Automobile Association's (AAA) Five Diamond Award and the Forbes Five-Star.

Mrs. Erna Kubin-Clanin is the proprietor of the Chateau du Sureau. Erna first opened her award-winning restaurant, Erna's Elderberry House in 1984. Business was so successful; she built the Chateau du Sureau to accommodate the many visitors who traveled from all over the world. Her years of tireless commitment and highest regard for her guests have not only made her a successful business woman, but also made her a beloved member of our community.

I applaud the Chateau du Sureau, Mrs. Erna Kubin-Clanin, her husband Dr. René Clanin, and their entire staff for maintaining exquisite accommodations and elegance beyond expectations.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me as we stand and shine a spotlight on the Chateau du Sureau as they celebrate twenty years of pride and progress.

REVEREND PAUL A. McDONNELL

HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

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Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the Reverend Paul A. McDonnell, Oblate of St. Joseph, for his lifelong dedication to serving his church and his community.

Father McDonnell began his spiritual journey immediately after graduating from Wyoming Area High School by entering the Oblates of St. Joseph Seminary in Laffin, Pennsylvania. During his time as a seminarian, he earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in philosophy from King's College in Wilkes-

Barre, Pennsylvania. After spending five years in Rome, Italy, Father McDonnell returned to the United States with a bachelor's degree in sacred theology from the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas (Angelicum) and a master's degree in pastoral theology at the Lateran University. Upon his return, he was ordained a Roman Catholic priest in his home parish of St. Anthony of Padua, Exeter, by former Auxiliary Bishop of Scranton Bishop Francis X. DiLorenzo.

Father McDonnell has served the Pennsylvania Province of the Oblates of St. Joseph Congregation as assistant pastor; pastor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Pittston; and the provincial superior of the Our Lady of Sorrows Province. Presently, he serves as the provincial vicar and secretary, as well as the North American representative at the Congregation's Rome headquarters.

Father McDonnell's service extends past his work in the Oblates of St. Joseph. He serves as Chaplain to UNICO and to the Ancient Order of Hibernians. McDonnell's community involvement is clearly evident as he was named the honorary chairman of the 2011 capitol campaign of the YMCA, and he holds positions on the boards of the Wesley Village Nursing Facility and the Earthly Angels Autism Foundation.

Mr. Speaker, on this day I would like to applaud the Reverend Paul A. McDonnell for his 20 years of serving parishes within the Diocese of Scranton and extending his hand to all of humanity. He is deserving of the honor of being named the Italian-American Association's 2011 Person of the Year.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE SERVICE
OF PETER L. JOHNSON

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 29, 2011

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, as Chairman of the Committee on Ethics, and with and on behalf of my colleague, Representative SÁNCHEZ, the Ranking Member of the Committee, we rise today so that we may recognize the long and dedicated service of Peter Johnson to the House of Representatives. Peter is retiring this week from the Committee on Ethics, where he has performed two important functions for eight years. And well before he joined our Committee, Peter has been serving this community with pride and excellence since 1979.

Unbeknownst to most of the community, Peter has been our connection to so many of you. As both the Systems Administrator of the Committee and the Financial Disclosure Administrator, Peter has kept our office running and your financial disclosures on track. An important part of our tradition of excellent customer service, Peter is the unseen trooper whom anyone with an extension has relied upon. And beyond financial disclosures, Peter has managed the significant amount of material we produce on-line to help you understand our processes, our rules, and our results.

Prior to joining the Committee on Ethics, Peter climbed the ranks of the office of the Clerk of the House, serving the community in the vital function of public disclosure for a number of records trusted to the Clerk's care. Peter has supervised, managed, and adminis-

tered most of the functions so crucial to the sunlight we welcome in this institution. In the Clerk's office, Peter was an institutional liaison to both the Federal Election Commission and the lobbyist community to ensure, in both arenas, that the House of Representatives served the public's interest in access to important information that the people have relied upon for many years.

In short, Peter Johnson has been a model of professional non-partisan dedication to some of the most important functions of accountability and transparency for the House of Representatives for over 30 years now. On behalf of a grateful Committee and community, we thank him for his service and wish him all the best in his retirement from this journey and his transition to the next.

KEITH CARY NAYLOR

HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 26, 2011

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Keith C. Naylor for his 36 years of dedicated service at the VA Medical Center in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. Mr. Naylor began his career in 1975 as a kinesiologist at the VAMC. Shortly thereafter, Naylor worked with his fellow therapists to develop the Wheelchair Olympics at the VAMC. Mr. Naylor would be selected to coach the VAMC Wilkes-Barre Wheelchair Olympics team in San Diego in 1995.

A Certified Diabetes Educator, Mr. Naylor was assigned to the orthopedic clinic of Physical Therapy department, where he developed the diabetic exercise and education program at the VAMC in Wilkes-Barre. He was also assigned to the orthopedic and neurological clinics of the Physical Medicine Department, as well as to the psychiatric and substance abuse clinics.

Mr. Naylor has gone above and beyond during his career, obtaining many acknowledgements and awards. He has been recognized on more than one occasion for his performance at the VAMC because he contributed to the mission of his department by substantially exceeding performance requirements. In 1980 he assisted in the Vietnam Outreach program and improved the lives of many Vietnam veterans by encouraging them to use the VAMC to serve their needs. In 1987, Naylor was named Employee of the Year for his work with the employee exercise program. Mr. Naylor gained praise as he became the M.O.V.E. Coordinator in 1993. He used his knowledge and skills to help overweight and obese veterans manage their weight through nutrition and exercise for eight years.

Mr. Speaker, Keith C. Naylor has used his 36 years at the VA Medical Center in Wilkes-Barre to not only provide for his family, but to improve the overall quality of life of our country's veterans. He used his personality, skills, and compassion to help those who need it, and has been an asset to the VA Medical Center. As he steps down from his post, he will certainly be missed by all who have worked with or been served by him.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BRAD SHERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 29, 2011

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to vote on the Moore amendment to H.R. 2401. I would have voted "aye" on this amendment (rollcall No. 730).

DR. JAMES AND MARY LOU BURNE

HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Dr. James and Mrs. Mary Lou Burne, who will be recognized with the fifth Monsignor McGowan Cornerstone Award for their exemplary community service. The selfless dedication to the service of others makes the Burnes the ideal recipients of an award that highlights the legacy of a truly great individual, Monsignor Andrew J. McGowan.

Dr. James and Mary Lou Burne have dedicated countless hours over the span of several decades to ensuring that those in their community who are less fortunate are able to have a meal. They have accomplished this through the creation of the Family-To-Family Food Basket Program in 1986. To date, this program has helped provide meals to more than 300,000 people.

The Burne Family truly loves its hometown, the City of Scranton, Pennsylvania. This is where they have raised their four children, James Burne III, Dr. Mark Burne, Mary Burne, and Matthew Burne. It was an easy decision for Dr. James and Mary Lou Burne to give back to the community that helped to give them so much. Dr. Burne is a member of the Scranton Chapter of UNICO National, The Friendly Sons of St. Patrick, and the Kiwanis Club. Mrs. Burne is currently vice president of The Friends of the Poor and vice president of Lackawanna Pro Bono, Inc., and was the founder and director of the local Special Olympics.

Mr. Speaker, Dr. James and Mary Lou Burne are truly pillars of their community in Scranton. I commend them for their decades of committed service to their faith, their community, and their country. They will surely carry on the spirit of Monsignor McGowan throughout this year and the future.

HONORING MR. KIM CLYMIRE OF
KELSEYVILLE, CALIFORNIA**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Mr. Kim Clymire, Public Services Director for the County of Lake where he has lived and worked as a public servant for more than 30 years.

In his time working for Lake County, Mr. Clymire has spearheaded a number of groundbreaking projects and has been a

member or leader of several community groups focused on improving the quality of public resources enjoyed by the residents of the region. He was a founding member of the Lake County Land Trust Board of Directors, was a Board member, 1986–1990, and President, 1990, of the California Park and Recreation Society District 1.

In his terminal position as Public Services Director, Mr. Clymire has been in charge of the county's Parks and Recreation program, the county's Integrated Waste Management program, the county's Museums and the Buildings and Grounds Division. For several years he was in charge of the county's Office of Emergency Services, OES, and managed OES operations during several natural disasters. Mr. Clymire was also in charge of the county's Visitor Information Center for three years.

Mr. Clymire has been very successful in writing grant proposals through which funding has been obtained to develop new parks and other county facilities. He was instrumental in the acquisition and development of several new county parks during his career, including the Kelseyville Community Park, Upper Lake Community Park, Clearlake Oaks Nylander Park, Hammond Park in Nice, Lower Lake Park, and the 107-acre nature preserve known as the Middletown Trailside Park. He was also heavily involved in the acquisition of 1,520 acres of land on Mt. Konocti which will be preserved for future generations. The new Mt. Konocti Park will be opening to the public on September 24, 2011, shortly before Mr. Clymire's retirement on October 3.

Known widely and in high esteem by his friends, colleagues and other members of the community—especially for his friendly nature and good sense of humor—Mr. Clymire has made an impressive and indelible contribution to the landscape of Lake County and to the lives of the people who live there. He is deserving of our praise and gratitude, without reservation.

Therefore, Mr. Speaker, it is appropriate at this time for us to congratulate, thank and applaud Mr. Clymire for his remarkable career of public service. We wish him and his wife, Olga, much happiness and fortune in their retirement.

PATRICIA STELLA

HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Patricia Stella, owner and operator of thirteen McDonald's restaurants, for a lifetime of achievement that is the result of passion and a belief in lifelong learning. Patricia Stella, aided by both a bachelor's degree and a master's degree in education, pursued a teaching career in both the Abington Heights School District in Pennsylvania and in Wheaton, Illinois. After her parents had opened their second McDonald's restaurant, Ms. Stella resigned from her teaching position to join the family business. By the age of 30, Patricia Stella was one of the youngest owner/operators in the restaurant franchise's history.

Instilling a winning combination of enthusiasm for education and lifelong learning in

her employees, Ms. Stella has made her mark within the McDonald's franchise. She was awarded McDonald's Women Operator Network Shining Star Award and McDonald's Leadership Eagle Award. In addition, she has received the highest award presented to a McDonald's owner/operator, the Golden Arch Award.

As a successful business owner, Ms. Stella followed in her family's tradition of giving back to the communities that give so much to her. She currently serves as a board member for the Volunteers of America, an executive on the board of directors at the Pittston Chamber of Commerce, and a member of the board of directors for the Ronald McDonald House of Scranton. As a result of her service in the Volunteers of America, she was awarded the Spirit of Youth Award. Previously, Ms. Stella shared her experience with organizations such as the Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Business and Industry and the American Red Cross, as well as serving as the vice president of the Penn's Woods Girl Scout Council.

Mr. Speaker, it has been almost 40 years since Patricia and Frank Colletti had purchased their first McDonald's franchise. Their daughter Patricia has demonstrated her diligence and drive to keep her family's dreams alive. I commend her for all she has brought to our community and its residents.

IN HONOR OF CAROL LYNN
HATTON**HON. SAM FARR**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Carol Lynn Hatton, who passed away on August 22, 2009, at the age of 60. Carol was born in Long Beach, California, attended local schools and graduated from Long Beach State University with a BA in Physical Anthropology and earned her Masters Degree in Developmental Psychology at San Jose State University.

Carol was devoted to her family and raised two daughters while working as the Development Officer at All Saints Episcopal Day School and at Santa Catalina High School. She valued the private education that her children received, but was never comfortable with the fact that all children didn't have the same opportunity. For this reason, she worked hard to support efforts that provided scholarships. Likewise, when Carol joined the Development staff at the Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula, where she was instrumental in raising the necessary funds to bring state-of-the-art digital mammography equipment to CHOMP, she led a campaign that would provide diagnostic services to any woman, regardless of her income.

Following her breast cancer diagnosis in 2002, Carol routinely offered support, counsel, and friendship to other patients while bravely fighting her own battle. She felt fortunate to have had comprehensive health care coverage and though she always expressed her appreciation for having access to the finest physicians in the country, Carol believed it unfair that all women did not benefit from the same outstanding care and health insurance coverage. Carol placed tremendous value on