

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

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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**

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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

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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**

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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