

RECOGNIZING THE WOMEN OF THE ALTAR AND ROSARY SOCIETY OF THE BASILICA OF ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL FOR THEIR SERVICE TO OUR TROOPS STATIONED ABROAD

**HON. MARK S. CRITZ**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 20, 2011*

Mr. CRITZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the women of the Altar and Rosary Society of the Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel in Loretto, Pennsylvania for bringing comfort and solace to the members of our military stationed abroad during the holiday season over the last 25 years. In the spirit of giving that defines this magical time of year, these selfless women provide assistance to the Support Our Troops military mail campaign in the lead up to Christmas. This campaign sends letters of support and gratitude to our troops overseas in an attempt to bridge the oceans and continents that separate them from their loved ones.

Dolly Haird, Barb Bender, Maggie Biter, Mae Karabinos, Lucy Mock and the rest of the women of the of the Altar and Rosary Society at St. Michael the Archangel gather thousands of Christmas cards from individuals, families, schools and churches starting in October and send them to Fort Bragg in December, where they are sorted and sent to military bases overseas. This year alone, these women gathered over 21,000 holiday greetings. Their ability to motivate so many members of the various communities of southwestern Pennsylvania to express their support for our troops stationed abroad is a testament to the strength and infectiousness of their altruism.

The women of the Altar and Rosary society have received a number of awards for their service. They have also enlisted a number of local veterans' organizations in their efforts, illustrating the great appreciation retired servicemen and women have for their efforts.

The men and women of our armed forces who are stationed overseas spend the holidays away from their families so that we do not have to. No one appreciates this fact more than the women of the Altar and Rosary Society. The work that they do to support our troops clearly illustrates their abiding belief in the importance of sacrifice for the greater good.

Mr. Speaker, as we prepare to begin the New Year, all of us should resolve to emulate the kindness and generosity these women have demonstrated in their efforts to bring smiles to the faces of our men and women in uniform. I want to congratulate them on 25 years of fruitful service.

A TRIBUTE TO HONORING THE LIFE OF PATRICIA CECILE DUNN-JAHNKE

**HON. ANNA G. ESHOO**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 20, 2011*

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and accomplishments of Patricia Cecile Dunn-Jahnke, known as Pattie Dunn. A

former Chairwoman of Hewlett-Packard, she passed away on December 4, 2011, in Orinda, California, surrounded by her family. While her life was too short, her accomplishments were recognized and respected by colleagues across the country.

Pattie Dunn's life was a "rags-to-riches" story. Her parents were Las Vegas casino workers. Her father, a vaudeville actor, died of a heart attack when she was a teen, and her mother, a model, left the runway to raise the family's three children. Her childhood was not easy, but Pattie persevered, eventually working her way through college at the University of Oregon and the University of California at Berkeley.

Pattie was a journalist by training and harbored dreams of being the next great American reporter. But after graduation, she instead took a job as a secretary with Wells Fargo Investment Advisers. What she made of her "accidental career" is truly nothing short of extraordinary. She rose quickly through the ranks of her firm, now Barclays Global Investors, and held a myriad of titles, including Chief Operating Officer, Chief Investment Officer, and even Chief Executive Officer. Pattie broke the glass ceiling for women in investment banking.

Pattie then joined the Board of Hewlett-Packard. While her time there was not without rough patches, she will always be remembered as a courageous woman who typified the characteristics we hope to instill in our daughters. By the time she left, Pattie had risen to be its Chairwoman and helped right the ship at HP.

I will always remember Pattie's valiant personal struggle with cancer, and her fight to raise awareness of the disease. Perhaps a columnist remembering her summed up Pattie best—"She rose from modest circumstances to the pinnacle of global finance, earning a legion of admirers who revere her business acumen, her integrity, her philanthropy and her dedication to family."

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in extending our deepest condolences to Pattie Dunn's husband, Bill Jahnke; her children, Janai Brengman, Michelle Cox, and Michael Jahnke; siblings Paul Dunn and Debbie Lammers; ten grandchildren and many other family members. The world lost a giant in Pattie Dunn. How proud and grateful I am to have known her and to have called her my friend.

RESOLUTION HIGHLIGHTING ACTIONS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA

**HON. MIKE COFFMAN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 20, 2011*

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I come to the floor today to introduce a resolution highlighting the actions taken by the Government of Antigua and Barbuda, in the operation of their financial and judicial systems, that are manifestly contrary to the public policy of the United States.

This resolution asks that all further direct or indirect aid or assistance, including assistance derived from Federal funds, by the United States Government to the Government of Antigua and Barbuda should be suspended until

the Government of Antigua and Barbuda provides complete redress of the violations by their government against the rights of American citizens.

Antigua and Barbuda should give full cooperation in investigating the Stanford Financial Group fraud, and should agree to be bound by U.S. courts that adjudicate claims arising from the Stanford fraud.

The resolution also asks the Government of Antigua and Barbuda to fulfill its obligations relating to the expropriation of the Half Moon Bay Resort, which was owned by a group of U.S. citizens.

I ask for its swift passage.

RECOGNIZING RETIRED FIRST SERGEANT LANDRES CHEEKS FOR HIS DEDICATION AND SERVICE TO COMMUNITY AND COUNTRY

**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 20, 2011*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the many accomplishments of Retired First Sergeant Landres Cheeks of Canton, Mississippi. First Sergeant Cheeks is a true patriot of our country and served as an integral part of his community for more than 60 years. He dedicated his life, after serving our country for three decades, to giving back to the people of Canton. His mission to economically empower, inspire and motivate the people of Canton is one of great resolve.

Sergeant Cheeks served in the United States Army Medical Corps for 30 years participating in World War II (Germany and France) and the Vietnam War. He is a decorated serviceman, having received the National Defense Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Army of Occupational Medal of Germany, Bronze Star Medal, World War II Victory Medal, American Campaign Medal, and 9th Good Service Conduct Medal. In 2001 he was awarded the Blue Cross Blue Shield Ageless Hero Award. This honor is given in celebration of the spirit and vitality of our Nation's seniors aged 65 and over who have proven themselves exemplarily in the areas of Community Involvement, Creativity, Good Neighbor, Love of Learning, New Beginnings and Vitality. Sgt. Cheeks has proven himself to be a role model of his community.

After having been honorably discharged from the military it was later discovered that Sgt. Cheeks had contracted Agent Orange and developed post-traumatic stress syndrome. Nevertheless, Sgt. Cheeks persevered and began actively assisting the people of Canton with searches for employment and with formulating and sponsoring extracurricular activities for the youth of Canton. He also served as a volunteer crossing guard for Holy Child Jesus School in Canton for more than 25 years.

In 1975, Sgt. Cheeks took his 18 years of experience in coaching little league baseball in the military and sponsored a little league baseball team in Madison County (MS). He also took the discipline and resourcefulness learned in the United States military to organize both Boy and Girl Scouts' troops in Canton, Mississippi.