

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN RECOGNITION AND HONOR OF
DOCTOR WILLIAM UHLAND

HON. W. TODD AKIN

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 31, 2012

Mr. AKIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Doctor William Uhlend.

Dr. William Uhlend grew up in the town of Arbutle, California, which at the time had a population of 800. When he was fifteen, his father died, and he went to work to support his mother and younger brother. After graduating high school, he went on to earn a bachelors degree from Chico State University, a masters degree from San Jose State University, and a Ph.D. from Rutgers University.

Dr. Uhlend is a nuclear chemist who is involved in the production and research of radiopharmaceuticals. For the past decade he has been with Covidien-Mallinckrodt, at their plant in Maryland Heights, Missouri. This plant has six cyclotrons, capable of accelerating protons up to 30 MeV kinetic energy. Several times a year he travels to the Covidien-Mallinckrodt plant in Petten, Holland, where they have two cyclotrons and a nuclear reactor.

At these facilities he is busy ensuring that the badly needed supply of radiopharmaceuticals is available to the hospitals and nuclear pharmacies. He is involved with the production of such essential drugs as thallium-201 for cardiac imaging, indium-111 for tumor detection, gallium-67 for tumor and infection detection, iodine-123 for thyroid imaging, iodine-131 for thyroid therapy, and molybdenum-99 to be used for technetium-99m generators (aka "Moly Kows"). In addition to this, he is currently involved in the production of a new radiopharmaceutical, which is proprietary at this time. Dr. Uhlend's contributions also include eight text-books on chemistry and physics (REA Press, Piscataway, New Jersey), and eight patents.

He and his wife, Dr. Elaine T. Jurkowski, are also active in their community. They are active in their parish, Incarnate Word, where they are lectors, Eucharistic ministers, and deliver Holy Communion to the ill and elderly. They are also members of the Wellness Ministry, Bereavement Ministry, and Disability Ministry. Dr. Uhlend provides free tutoring in mathematics and science to students in high school and college. Some of these youngsters are first generation college attendees from single parent families.

Dr. Uhlend is a shining example of the innovation, scholarship and leadership that we have in Missouri. I thank Dr. Uhlend for his service to his community, the St. Louis region and the nation. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognition of his contributions.

HONORING ROBERT A. BARTRON

HON. TOM MARINO

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 31, 2012

Mr. MARINO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of my constituent, Robert Bartron, for his recognition as the Montrose Area Chamber of Commerce's Citizen of the Year.

Robert, a current resident of Montrose, Pennsylvania, has been an active community advocate and business leader for many years. Since 1968, he has provided comfort and assurance to families throughout the area, as well as providing part-time employment to numerous residents, in his role as owner and director of the Bartron Funeral Home.

Additionally, Robert has served his community through his membership in numerous civic organizations including, former president of the Montrose Chamber of Commerce, former president of the Tri-County Funeral Directors Association, and retired Susquehanna County Coroner.

Currently, Robert is serving his 33rd year on the Board of Directors of the Susquehanna County Housing and Redevelopment Authority. He is also a Paul Harris fellow with the Montrose Rotary Club, where he has previously held titles of secretary, treasurer, director, and sergeant at arms.

Robert and his wife Marie are the proud parents of three children, and have dedicated significant involvement to area-youth through their support of local club and high school sports. Robert was instrumental in establishing the Montrose High School Cross Country team, as well as encouraging the continuance of the high school ski and tennis clubs. Robert and his wife are both long-time members of the Montrose Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my constituent, Robert Bartron, and ask my colleagues to join in praising his commitment to country, community, and family.

A TRIBUTE TO DR. JOSEPH BARBA

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 31, 2012

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Dr. Joseph Barba, a man that has served his community through educating, mentoring and encouraging students to innovate and succeed at their greatest potential. It behooves us to pay tribute to this outstanding leader as we recognize his impressive accomplishments on his 60th birthday.

Dr. Barba was the first of four children born to Lily and Guillermo Barba, who instilled lessons of hard work and accomplishment into their children. Born on May 28, 1952 in New York, he followed the discipline of his father and used his mother's sacrifices to shape his

upbringing. As a student attending high school, he performed well ahead of his grade in the sciences and mathematics. He was encouraged by a teacher to continue his studies in advanced mathematics at the University level instead of following a vocational occupation.

With the support of that teacher and his own desire to achieve, Dr. Barba attended City College of New York to pursue a Bachelor's in Electrical Engineering. He would later earn his Masters and PhD in Electrical Engineering from CCNY. When he finished his thesis and dissertation, CCNY had a professional position waiting for him.

The son of immigrants, he understood the importance of having a sound foundation built on education. He joined the CCNY faculty as an Adjunct Lecturer in Electrical Engineering in 1977 and in 1982 became a tenure-track faculty member when he was appointed Assistant Professor. He was promoted to Associate Professor in 1987 and to full Professor in 1993.

As a Professor, Dr. Barba authored over 100 scientific papers and has served as Principal Investigator for both research and institutional grants. From 1997 to 2000, he was Associate Dean of Undergraduate Studies for the School of Engineering. In 2000, he joined the Office of the Provost as Acting Associate Provost. Two years later, he was appointed Deputy Provost. He became Acting Dean in July 2004, having served previously as Deputy Provost from June 2002 to June 2004.

Currently, Dr. Barba serves as the Dean of The Grove School of Engineering, recognized for its rich history of opportunity and resources. Along with being an educator, Dr. Barba has been a pillar of the CCNY community. For over 20 years he has led the nation's largest Latin American Engineering Student Association-Society of Professional Engineers (LAESA-SHPE) as well as being the director of the New York S.T.E.M. Institute. A visionary for and product of CCNY, Dr. Barba has continued to push the envelope for what the school, student body, and community can achieve.

Dr. Barba is the proud father of his only son, Jesse Barba. Dr. Barba is an accomplished individual with a distinguished track record in improved education standards. Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Dr. Joseph Barba on his 60th birthday. He continues to live a life full of joy and is a model citizen to us all.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 31, 2012

Mr. GERLACH. Mr. Speaker, on May 16, 2012, I was on official business at the White House and unfortunately missed two recorded votes on the House floor. Had I been present,

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