

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNITION FOR BORDER
PATROL AGENT NICHOLAS IVIE

HON. RON BARBER

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 5, 2012

Mr. BARBER. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to acknowledge today the exceptional life and public service of Border Patrol Agent Nicholas Ivie, who tragically was killed in the line of duty in the early morning hours of October 2, 2012.

Agent Ivie loved to help other people and he always wanted to be in law enforcement. He was dedicated, loyal and brave. After high school, he trained to become a firefighter and later on, became an emergency medical technician. He tended to the sick and injured in his community, ready at a moment's notice to render aid. Having served a two-year mission with the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Mexico City, Agent Ivie had learned Spanish and developed a love for the Mexican people.

Agent Ivie followed his older brother, Joel Ivie into the Border Patrol. He joined his brother as a Horse Patrol Agent. Agent Nicholas Ivie took a solemn oath to protect and serve not just the people of Southern Arizona, but those of the United States. He made the ultimate sacrifice in carrying out his oath.

Agent Ivie was just 30 years old at the time of his death. He is survived by his wife, two young daughters, parents, three brothers, a sister and countless friends and colleagues. He served his country with distinction and honor and for that we all owe him and his family a tremendous debt of gratitude.

Every day, thousands of men and women of the Border Patrol put their lives on the line in the name of something bigger than themselves. Many across our country have forgotten the dangers that Agent Ivie and other Border Patrol agents face as they selflessly work to secure our borders. They risk everything for an ideal—protecting Americans and our freedoms.

I ask the House of Representatives to join with me in extending our deepest condolences to the family and friends of Border Patrol Agent Nicholas Ivie and in thanking him for his great sacrifice as he courageously carried out his duty to protect and serve. His life is an inspiration to us all and he will never be forgotten. On behalf of a grateful nation, we thank him for his patriotism and dedication and his commitment to the Border Patrol motto—Honor First.

JOSEPH D. CERULLO

HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 5, 2012

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Joseph D. Cerullo who received the

Outstanding Italian American of 2012 award from the Hazleton Chapter of UNICO National. Founded on October 10, 1992, UNICO National is the largest Italian-American service organization in the United States.

As a native of Hazleton, I have known Joe and his family for many years. Joe graduated from Hazleton Senior High School in 1965 and started working at PPL Co. at the Hauto Steam Electric Station. Not long after, Joe decided to dedicate his life to the safety of our great Nation by enlisting in the U.S. Navy. His naval career took him many places including San Francisco, CA; Key West, FL; and even Cuba. In June of 1970, Joe was honorably discharged from the Navy and returned to Pennsylvania.

Joe knows what it takes to run a successful business. In 1978, along with three other individuals, he cofounded Micrographics International, Inc. In 2003, Joe's partners at IMF offered him an opportunity of a lifetime—a buyout. This allowed him to retire young and spend more time with his family and friends, most importantly, his grandchildren, Julian and Gianna.

In addition to his work as a small business owner, Joe has always been committed to community service for the betterment of Hazleton, the Commonwealth, and our country. Joe has served as the elected president and devoted his time to several local clubs such as Mountain City Lions, Kiwanis Club of Hazleton, Valley Country Club, and the Hazleton Chapter of UNICO. Currently, he serves as the District Director (PA-1) of UNICO National and is a member of the Board of Trustees for UNICO National.

Overall, it is an honor to recognize Joe and his involvement in an organization that has given so much back to the community. I have had the esteemed privilege of attending many UNICO events in my congressional district, including pig roasts and charity events. I look forward to seeing how Joe will make a positive mark on Italian-Americans across the Nation and, specifically, those of the 11th District of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Speaker, I commend Joseph D. Cerullo for his years of committed service to the Hazleton Chapter of UNICO National and his readiness to serve the needs of Italian-Americans across our Nation and in Northeastern Pennsylvania.

TO COMMEMORATE THE LIFE AND
WORK OF CAPTAIN ANSIL SAUNDERS

HON. CORRINE BROWN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 5, 2012

Ms. BROWN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the life and work of Captain Ansil Saunders, a fifth generation native of Bimini, Bahamas, in recognition of his outstanding contributions in keeping Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s legacy alive in the Bahamas.

Captain Saunders first met Dr. King in 1964 when he traveled to Bimini in search of a peaceful and serene writing environment. Captain Saunders knew the perfect place and took Dr. King deep into the mangroves to a spot called "Bonefish Hole" where Dr. King wrote portions of his famous Nobel Prize acceptance speech. Dr. King returned to Bimini in 1968 where he wrote portions of his Sanitation Workers speech while on Captain Saunders' boat. Dr. King was assassinated in Memphis, Tennessee on April 4, 1968, just days after his visit to the Bahamas.

Since Dr. King's death, Captain Saunders has shared his conversations with the civil rights leader with visitors to Bimini as well as with local and international media outlets, including National Public Radio. Plaques marking local sites visited by Dr. King are found throughout Alice Town, Bimini, including the location of a barbershop frequented by Dr. King and the cottage where he stayed during his visits. The local museum also has Dr. King's disembarkation card with his original signature proudly on display.

Captain Saunders' acclaim extends beyond his connection to Dr. King. He is also a bone-fishing world record holder, a 2003 Cacique Award (Minister's Award) recipient and an artistic boat builder, creating custom-crafted vessels out of fiberglass, bronze, and wood indigenous to the Bahamas. Each of his made-to-order boats take about six months to complete and are used by top sports fishermen to ply the flats in search of the elusive "gray ghost."

It is clear that although Captain Saunders' hard work has led to success, his time in the mangroves with the civil rights leader left an indelible mark, which is why Captain Saunders has made it his life's work to honor Dr. King's legacy.

CELEBRATING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF
HELITECH, HEAD-
QUARTERED IN CASEYVILLE, IL-
LINOIS

HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 5, 2012

Mr. COSTELLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the 25th anniversary of the founding of Helitech, and in congratulating Mr. William J. (Bill) Courtney, Founder, President and CEO.

Helitech was founded by Bill Courtney and a partner in 1987 as a concrete leveling company. Bill bought out his partner in 1992 and embarked on the course of building the company in his vision. A critical step was the addition of basement and foundation waterproofing and repair. Helitech began using the A.B. Chance Helical Pier Foundation Systems and has exclusive rights to use the system in its market. Helitech has also expanded with a Civil Construction Division.

From the humble beginnings with an office in the basement of Bill Courtney's home,

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