ST. THOMAS EPISCOPAL PARISH HOSTS YOUTH GROUP MISSION TRIP TO HONDURAS

HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN OF FLORIDA IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 29, 1999

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, the Reverend Douglas Zimmerman of St. Thomas Episcopal Parish in Miami, Florida has always been known for his selfless giving, his Christ-like character and his invaluable service to his parish and community. Among his many gifts are the precedents he sets and the ways in which he leads children by example into following the teachings of Jesus Christ.

This Monday, August 2nd, Reverend Zimmerman will, once again, instruct students to give as Christ gave of himself, as he organizes a group of 12 dedicated students who have volunteered part of their summer vacation to lend a helping hand to underprivileged families in Central America.

During this mission trip, Reverend Zimmerman and his team of 12 students will travel to Honduras, a country which was ravaged by Hurricane Mitch, to establish places of refuge for families who were left destitute. They will bring light to a world of darkness by providing children and families with the basic necessities which we, the fortunate, often take for granted.

During their 9-day trip, the mission team will have the unique opportunity of building a House of the Lord, a church where individuals, families and entire communities can come to know Jesus. The sanctuary to be built, where families will gather for worship, where the needy will receive, and where the hungry and tired will find comfort and rest, will restore faith, hope and joy to the people of Honduras.

In light of the many contributions Reverend Zimmerman and the St. Thomas Episcopal Parish Youth Mission Team will make this summer, I ask that my colleagues join me in prayer to ensure safety for this team and in commending them for their faithfulness in bringing the “good news” of Jesus Christ.

IN HONOR OF MS. BRIGID O’KEEFFE

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH OF OHIO IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 30, 1999

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of Ms. Brigid O’Keefe, a student from Ohio’s 10th district. Ms. O’Keefe has recently been announced as one of the National Security Education Program’s Undergraduate Scholarship and Graduate Fellows for the 1999-2000 academic year. The National Security Education Program, which was established in 1992, was created to increase U.S. citizens’ understanding of different world cultures, to increase international cooperation and to strengthen U.S. economic competitiveness. The National Security Education Program fellows study those languages and areas of the world most critical to future U.S. national security.

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

Ms. O’Keefe was selected from a rigorous national-merit based competition made up of a pool of hundreds of well-qualified applicants. Aside from traveling to Russia, where she will be studying, Ms. O’Keefe will participate in the National Security Education Program’s Federal service requirement. All National Security Education Program award recipients have agreed to seek work in the Federal government in an organization with national security responsibilities. In the past, the program has placed award recipients in various positions throughout the Federal sector, including: Departments of Commerce, Defense, State, and Treasury; NASA, USAID, USIA, and the Intelligence Community.

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A TRIBUTE MR. WING FAT

HON. ROBERT T. MATSUI OF CALIFORNIA IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to rise in tribute to Mr. Wing Fat of Sacramento, California. The Sacramento Chinese Community Service Center will honor him for all of his great contributions to the Asian and Pacific Islander communities in our area. I ask all of my colleagues to join me in saluting Wing Fat’s outstanding philanthropic endeavors.

As the son of Wing Kai Fat who was born in 1926 in Canton, China, to Frank and Mary Fat. At the age of nine, Wing and his mother joined his father in the United States. While his parents worked hard to achieve the American dream, Wing, being the older sibling to his brothers and sisters, became a father figure in the family.

While helping to raise his younger brothers and sisters, Wing worked along side his father for very long hours at Frank Fat’s restaurant when it opened in 1939. Wing graduated from Sacramento High School in 1945 as a very accomplished athlete.

From 1945 to 1947 Wing served in the U.S. Army Air Force during the end of World War II. He rose to the rank of sergeant while stationed in the Philippines. He returned home to graduate from Sacramento State College in 1951.

Wing became the manager at Frank Fat’s restaurant where he quickly acquired a reputation as a gregarious and gracious host. While working at Frank Fat’s, a famous Sacramento eatery, he hosted presidents, governors, members of Congress, legislative leaders, and many celebrities.

Governor Pat Brown appointed Wing to the California Veterans Board in 1966 and Governor Ronald Reagan re-appointed him to that post in 1971. In 1981, Governor Jerry Brown appointed Wing to the California State Fair Board. Wing remains close with former California Governors George Deukmejian and Pete Wilson.

Besides Frank Fat’s, Wing is co-owner of Fat City, California Fat’s, and a soon-to-be opened restaurant in Roseville, California. He has established a remarkable reputation for his business acumen, as well as his community service activities. He has served on the boards of directors of Cathay Bank and River City Bank in Sacramento.

Additionally, he has served on the boards of the California State University Sacramento Foundation, the Sacramento Host Committee, and the Golden State University Board. Wing is currently active on the University of California at Davis Hospital Leadership Council.