

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING RETIRING STAFF OF THE ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 7, 1999

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, on Friday, October 1, 1999, I celebrated a final day of work with twenty-seven members of the Architect of the Capitol staff from the House Office Buildings. Of the twenty-seven employees leaving us, eighteen are my constituents. These valued employees are retiring under a buyout program developed earlier this year by the Architect of the Capitol and approved by the House Administration Committee, of which I am the Ranking Member. The buyout program has provided excellent retirement opportunities, while at the same time creating new avenues of advancement for the staff of the Architect who continue with us.

The staffers retiring today have an average of twenty-nine years of service each, and together, they have provided 798 years of service! The Architect of the Capitol fields a work force that is indispensable to us, and often labors unnoticed in the shadows, or more aptly, in the basements and tunnels of these buildings. Like public employees everywhere, they do some of the toughest jobs under the most adverse conditions in the country. They do it always with smiles and friendly greetings, and a job well done. These employees were never looking to get rich and they do not do it for public acclaim. They do their jobs and they do them well because they know we all rely on them. Lyndon Johnson understood this. He said of public service "so much of what we achieve as people depends upon the caliber and the character of the civil service."

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you on behalf of all my colleagues, both Democrat and Republican. Farewell to those employees leaving us today, we will miss them and we thank them for their contribution to our daily lives. They are: Lewis Bowles, Jr., John Callahan, Jr., Douglas Colbert, Ernest Cook, Margaret Donnelly, Lillie Drayton, Alvin Gayan, Hubert Gray, David Ingram, Solomon Landers, Earl Lemings, Carroll Lumpkins, Jr., Norman Lynch, James Mattingly, Luke Mattingly, William McWilliams, Bernard Merritt, Robert Merryman, Walter Montgomery, Allen Nichols, Talmadge Nowden, Anthony Pilkerton, James Quade, Robert Quade, Raymond Stager, George Stein, and Leonard Vanryswick.

"FIFTY YEARS OF SERVICE" TO THE GREATER DUNDALK COM- MUNITY

HON. ROBERT L. EHRlich, JR.

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. EHRlich. Mr. Speaker, on October 14, 1949, twenty-five members of the Dundalk community formed a new organization known as the Optimist Club of Dundalk, sponsored by the Optimist Club of Baltimore. They established their motto as "Friend of the Boy" and began to sponsor sports programs, oratorical contests, and archery programs in the schools to honor the male students that excelled in academics and athletics.

In 1950, The Dundalk Optimist Foundation, Inc. was formed to ensure the planned and approved programs were financially assured, and to plan for the construction of a building they could call their own. Through the years, the club grew in size and effectiveness. The club became a Century Club in 1969, and earned the District Achievement Award for the first time. Over the years, the programs began serving girls and the motto was changed to "Friends of Youth." In January of 1988, the Optimist Club membership voted to allow women to be eligible for membership, and the Club continued to expand and increase their outreach in the community. The dream of a building was realized in 1995, with the opening of their Clubhouse at 4528 Northpoint Boulevard in Dundalk.

Today, the Optimist Club of Dundalk, Inc. continues to provide wonderful opportunities for the community's youth to learn, grow, and excel both in academics and athletics. I commend this organization for these first fifty years of excellent and dedicated service, and I join in looking forward to the next fifty.

PROFILES OF SUCCESS HONORS

MR. ED DELCI

HON. ED PASTOR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 7, 1999

Mr. PASTOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to pay tribute to an outstanding fellow Arizonan who is an exemplary role model for Arizona and the nation, Mr. Ed Delci.

Ed Delci is a committed and tenacious individual who recently received the Exemplary Leadership Award at Valley del Sol's Annual Profiles of Success Leadership Awards in Phoenix. Valle's award ceremony is the premiere Latino recognition event in Arizona each year that acknowledges Arizona's leaders and their contributions.

As an academic advisor at Arizona State University, Ed has dedicated himself to help-

ing young people succeed in their pursuits of higher education. He inspires young Hispanics to succeed in their studies, graduate from ASU and maintain an active involvement in their community. I believe he has positively impacted the graduate rate of Latinos at ASU.

He also has been the principal advisor of ASU's MEChA (Movimiento Estudiantil Chicanos de Aztlan) chapter for many years. Due to Ed's dedication, the group has become a vibrant and forceful organization that received the Student Organization of 1999 and Social Conscience of 1998 and 1999 awards. At ASU, he also is involved in the Cesar Chavez Leadership Institute for Youth and the ASU Concilio, a student-led council of Hispanic students.

But his work does not end off campus. A former Peace Corps volunteer, Ed is one of the hardest working Latino "activistas," or activist in Arizona who truly exemplifies the "servant leader" concept. Originally from Chandler, Ariz., he galvanized the community to fight against the city of Chandler for the unfair detainment of Mexican-American citizens by city police. In 1998, Ed organized the Chandler Coalition for Civil and Human Rights to help Chandler residents explore issues around immigration and to launch a lawsuit against the city government. He has also championed for issues significant to the Latino community as part of the Arizona Hispanic Community Forum. In addition, he works with the Arizona Friends of the United Farm Workers and Centro de Amistad in Guadalupe, Ariz.

Not only is Ed a tireless worker in education and civil rights issues, he spends many hours volunteering for voter registration and political campaigns. He leads by example, working hard in any type of activity that is needed, such as setting up sound systems, driving and talking to voters, walking door-to-door to obtain petition signatures, setting up tables and chairs and putting them away. He is not afraid of doing the "dirty work" when needed.

As you can see, Ed leads by example. He is truly an outstanding individual who deserves to be recognized. Therefore I ask you to please join me in thanking my friend Ed Delci and wishing him continued success.

TRIBUTE TO RICHARD MIZE, A TRUE COMPETITOR

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 7, 1999

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I take this moment to recognize a man who has proven himself as one of the most successful mountaineers of our time. This man, who is now 63, is still competing and winning. He is a dedicated individual whose hard work deserves to be honored.

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