

TRIBUTE TO FORMER MICHIGAN
STATE REPRESENTATIVE PAT
GAGLIARDI

HON. BART STUPAK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 24, 1999

Mr. STUPAK. Mr. Speaker, I would like to pay tribute today to Pat Gagliardi, a former representative to the Michigan House of Representatives from the 107th Representative District, which is comprised of four counties in my congressional district.

First elected to the House in 1982, Pat Gagliardi has just concluded his service in that body because of the Michigan term limits law. This law was enacted at the will of the voters of Michigan, but I have to confess that in this case I believe the law has turned an excellent public servant out of office.

The only downside of Pat's political career was his misfortune in being stuck with the nickname "Gags." He was respected by his fellow legislators, Democrats and Republicans alike. He kept in touch with his constituents and he served them well. He was of great assistance to me when I was elected to the Michigan House in 1988, and he has been of great assistance to me in our respective offices in Lansing and Washington.

In his role as Majority Floor Leader, Pat helped set the legislative agenda for Michigan in the House, and as a northern Michigan representative he fought tirelessly to make sure that his district received its fair share of funding.

Throughout our careers, I have never failed to remind Pat that his hair was getting thinner, just as he has never failed to remind me that mine was getting grayer. I will always remember this banter as a symbol of our friendly cooperation, as we worked together on issues of national importance.

Much of our legislative cooperation focused on issues relating to the Great Lakes. Just as my district touches three of the five Great Lakes—Lake Michigan, Lake Huron and Lake Superior—so too did Pat's district touch the same three bodies of water.

This meant that issues vital to United States commerce, such as the Soo Locks, and issues of national heritage, such as Great Lakes shipwrecks, were likely to bring Pat and I, representing northern Michigan in the Michigan House and the U.S. House, into lockstep.

This cooperation bore fruit. For example, in 1995, when a Michigan diver and entrepreneur announced he would market videos of the most famous shipwreck, the *Edmund Fitzgerald*, and when we learned that those tapes would contain footage of the bodies of seamen who died in that tragedy, Pat joined me in expressing outrage on behalf of the families still trying to reconcile themselves to the loss of their loved ones.

When my legislation banning this kind of videotaping stalled in Washington, it was Pat

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Gagliardi who won approval for such legislation in the Michigan legislature.

He is and has been a friend, a mentor, a fellow legislator and a Democratic Party leader. He has my deep respect and friendship.

The people of Michigan were well-served by "Gags." They will miss him. I will miss him.

**HONORING DEBORAH JEAN
TRUDEAU**

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a woman who has dedicated herself to her craft and to educating others. On November 19, 1998, Mrs. Deborah Jean Trudeau was honored as family, friends, and colleagues gather to celebrate her receiving the American Culinary Federation National Chef Professionalism Award.

Deborah Jean Trudeau received baccalaureate and post baccalaureate degrees from Ferris State University, as well as a degree in Applied Science from Macomb Community College. Over the years, she honed her skills as a baker, lab technician, and restaurant manager, among others. In 1989, Deborah was appointed Lead Instructor and Coordinator of the culinary arts program at the northwest campus of the Oakland Technical Center, located in Clarkston, Michigan.

A self-described "jack of all culinary trades," Deborah has also excelled as an educator. She has worked with a variety of students, ranging from high school seniors to senior citizens, assisting them in food preparation, bakery, and front-of-house training. She has made great strides in enhancing her students' education through the use of guest speakers, demonstrations, and student competitions, of which her students are regularly found among the list of winners.

A member of the American Culinary Federation's Flint/Saginaw Chapter and its Central Region, Deborah has previously been recognized as her chapter's Chef of the Year. Her recent award is very special because she is the first from the region to receive the Chef Professionalism Award, and the first woman ever to receive the award.

As a national award recipient, Deborah has received an honorarium, which she used to create scholarships at Oakland and Macomb Community Colleges, institutions she credits with providing invaluable support.

Mr. Speaker, Deborah Jean Trudeau's colleagues and students have placed her in very high regard, describing her as an exemplary educator, instructor, and counselor. Due to her teachings, many establishments throughout my district have staffs of exceptional quality. As a former teacher, I am very appreciative of her commitment to her students and to the community. I ask my colleagues in the 106th

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Congress to join me in acknowledging the accomplishments of Deborah Jean Trudeau.

TRIBUTE TO DR. GERRY HOUSE,
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF
SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS, NA-
TIONAL SUPERINTENDENT OF
THE YEAR

HON. HAROLD E. FORD, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

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Mr. FORD. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the Superintendent of Memphis City Schools, Dr. N. Gerry House.

On February 19, 1999, Dr. House was named the National Superintendent of the Year by the American Association of School Administrators. Dr. House's commitment to education placed her at the top of a distinguished list of national superintendent finalists, a list which also included nominees from Brazil and Germany. I might add that Dr. House is the first African-American woman to receive this prestigious award.

Dr. House's success may be attributed to many factors: hard work, perseverance and leadership skills. But perhaps most instrumental to her success is Dr. House's dedication to education reform. As Daniel Domenech, the President of the American Association of School Administrators (AASA) stated: "America needs leaders who will guide our schools into the next millennium—strong visionaries who will help shape the future of generations to come." Dr. House has that vision.

Under the leadership of Dr. House, Memphis has received a substantial grant from the National Science Foundation; a \$3.6 million grant for after-school learning centers in eight schools; and was selected as one of 11 districts to implement the new American Schools redesign models. A recent study of the first 25 schools to undergo school wide reform found that the reform schools boasted a 7.5% greater achievement gain on state standardized tests than students nationwide, and 14.5% more than comparable Memphis City Schools. These outstanding results serve as a testimony to Dr. House's vision and commitment to education.

Dr. House serves on various national and state educational improvement boards, including the executive board of the Council of the Great City Schools, the Board of Directors of NEA's National Foundation for the Improvement of Education, and the National Science Foundation's Directorate for Education and Human Resources.

America needs more leaders like Dr. House, men and women committed to academic excellence. Please join me in honoring Dr. House and all of the other educational leaders in the country for their commitment to improving education for all Americans.