

On this occasion of WTOP's 30th anniversary, it is with great honor that I wish the entire organization a hearty congratulations on its many accomplishments. From detailing the weather to helping our children know how to dress for school each morning to providing the latest sports scores, WTOP has provided comprehensive reporting.

Through my personal experience of being interviewed by WTOP's congressional correspondent Dave McConnell, I know that WTOP—and Dave—always provide fair, balanced and accurate reporting. It's always been a pleasure to work with Dave and WTOP.

To all the hard-working staffers of WTOP, I offer my sincere congratulations. I look forward to hearing news from you for the next 30 years!

#### TRIBUTE TO JERRY REGAN

### HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 10, 1999*

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, March 9, 1999, the Jersey Shore area lost one of its leading citizens with the passing of Jeremiah F. Regan of Oceanport, NJ. Jerry Regan was one of those individuals who could find time for a seemingly endless list of professional, community, political and religious activities, and yet still devote himself to his family and friends. His contributions will continue to be felt across the community, particularly by our young people to whom he devoted so much time and heartfelt concern.

Mr. Speaker, Jerry Regan's influence was felt throughout New Jersey, as well as here in our nation's capital. Jerry served as campaign director and comptroller for the late Rep. James J. Howard, a Member of this body for nearly a quarter of a century. He had a long-standing involvement in education issues, including his service as New Jersey delegate to the National School Boards Association and represented school boards in New Jersey's Sixth Congressional District on the Federal Relations Network, a public school advocacy effort. He was a member of the Oceanport Board of Education, and adjunct professor at Monmouth College, and an active leader in the Monmouth County and New Jersey school boards associations. He was President of the Executive Board of the New Jersey School Boards Association from 1988 to 1990, and held other senior posts with the Association.

An Army veteran of World War II, Jerry had a long and highly decorated career at Fort Monmouth. He was promoted to the highest civilian level in the Department of Defense. He also served with me and several of my Congressional colleagues past and present on the Save Our Fort Committee.

Jerry also served on the Diocesan Education Advisory Council of the Diocese of Trenton. He was a communicant of St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church in Long Branch, NJ, and was active in the St. Vincent DePaul Society. He was a Scoutmaster for Boy Scout Troop 58 in Oceanport for 12

years. Jerry was also a member of the Oceanport Senior Citizens and the Oceanport Division of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and he served on the Public Employees Relations Commission.

Born in Skibbereen in County Cork, Ireland, Jerry came to the U.S. in 1932. He became an American citizen while serving in Germany with the Army. Throughout his life, Jerry maintained a strong devotion to both America and Ireland.

My heart goes out to Jerry's wife Marilyn (Pinky) Regan, who has for many years done an absolutely superb job in my campaign office. I also extend my heartfelt condolences to their two sons and three daughters, six grandchildren and other relatives on both sides of the Atlantic.

Mr. Speaker, even if I didn't know Jerry Regan personally, I would be proud to pay tribute to such an outstanding citizen. But, besides working with him on public policy matters, I was proud to call Jerry a friend. His passing leaves a big void in all of our lives, but the memory of his hard work, his generous spirit and his wonderful sense of humor will continue to be an inspiration for me and everyone lucky enough to know Jerry Regan.

#### A TRIBUTE TO ROBERT OZUNA

### HON. DAVID DREIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 10, 1999*

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor Robert Ozuna, a businessman, philanthropist, and friend, who truly lived the American dream. The son of Mexican-American parents, Mr. Ozuna was a self-made success story. He worked his way through school, and started New Bedford Panoramex, a firm that has become an important regional employer and leading supplier of advanced electronics equipment to the FAA and other agencies. Through his career Mr. Ozuna came to be respected by many as a leading entrepreneur, and a supporter of charitable causes through Southern California. Mr. Ozuna's passing on Saturday is a major loss to the community, and he will be missed.

Robert Ozuna was born in Miami, Arizona, the oldest of four children, and he lost his father when he was only about ten years old. After his father's death, Mr. Ozuna's family moved to East Los Angeles, where he began working to help support his mother, brother, and two sisters. Through his years on the job he acquired important business experience, and he both supported himself and paid for his education in electrical engineering.

In 1966 Mr. Ozuna founded New Bedford Panoramex. Under his leadership as CEO for the last 33 years, NBP has grown into a thriving electronics-manufacturing business, a leader in the development and manufacture of electronic communications systems and remote monitoring systems. For his work Mr. Ozuna earned the Air Traffic Control Association Chairman's Citation of Merit Award, and was twice honored with the Department of

Transportation's Minority Business Enterprise Award.

Over the years Mr. Ozuna ensured that his community benefitted from his success. He sponsored many philanthropic activities, and was a founding director in the East Los Angeles Sheriff's Youth Athletic Association.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Ozuna will be missed. I want to take this opportunity to extend my heartfelt condolences to his mother Amelia Ozuna, his sons Steve Ozuna and Jeff Dominelli, his daughters Nancy DeSilva and Lisa Jarrett, his sisters Lillian Gomez and Vera Venegas, his brother Tony Ozuna, and his eight grandchildren.

UPLAND ENTREPRENEUR OZUNA DIES AT 69

(By Joan Kite)

UPLAND.—Robert L. Ozuna, a Mexican-American entrepreneur who turned a garage-based electronics manufacturing business into one of the largest companies in Upland, selling instrument landing systems to the American government, died Saturday. He was 69.

Mr. Ozuna, president and CEO of New Bedford Panoramex Corp., died of cancer at Queen of the Valley Hospital in West Covina, months after his wife died of leukemia, said Mr. Ozuna's daughter-in-law, Gina Ozuna.

"He was a real fighter. He was only given two months to live, but he lasted six months," Gina Ozuna said. "He worked up until the day before he went into the hospital."

That was two weeks ago.

Mr. Ozuna was born to Mexican-American parents in Miami, Ariz.

In 1940, his father died of cancer, and Mr. Ozuna assumed much of the responsibility for his brother and two sisters while his mother worked.

Taking out a second mortgage on his Whittier home, Mr. Ozuna used that money to start his business in 1966. He built that business up and attended community college to learn about electronics engineering.

The business took off. Mr. Ozuna's most important customer was the American government. He flew back and forth from Washington, D.C., hobnobbing with politicians.

At the peak of the company's growth, Mr. Ozuna had about 500 employees working for him at 1037 W. Ninth St.

Mr. Ozuna was married twice. His first wife, Yolanda, died of cancer when Mr. Ozuna's son, Steve, was 8.

Gina Ozuna's husband, Steve, will now take over New Bedford Panoramex Corp.

A humanitarian as well, Mr. Ozuna founded the East Los Angeles Sheriff's Youth Athletic Association, which promotes healthy living and smart choices for about 60,000 young people.

Mr. Ozuna is survived by his mother, Amelia Ozuna; sons Steven Ozuna and Jeff Dominelli; daughters Nancy DeSilva and Lisa Jarrett; sisters Lillian Gomez and Vera Venegas; brother Tony Ozuna; and eight grandchildren.

A memorial service will be noon Friday at St. Gregory's Church, 13935 E. Telegraph Road, Whittier. Interment will follow at Queen of Heaven Cemetery in Rowland heights.

The family requests donations to Make a Wish Foundation, Rancho de Los Niños Orphanage and City of Hope.

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NURSING HOME PROTECTION  
AMENDMENTS OF 1999

SPEECH OF

**HON. BART STUPAK**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 9, 1999

Mr. STUPAK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 540, The Nursing Home Resident Protection Amendments. I am an original co-sponsor of this legislation and want to thank Chairman BILIRAKIS and Chairman BLILEY for their support of this measure. In addition, I want to thank Mr. DAVIS of Florida for his hard work as well as the Democratic Ranking Members Mr. DINGELL and Mr. BROWN.

Mr. Speaker, for senior citizens a nursing home is a home. Our Nation's elderly or disabled should not have to worry that they will be evicted from their nursing homes, merely because they are on Medicaid.

This bill will prevent incidents, like the one in Florida, where a nursing home lied to the residents and their families about undertaking renovations as a pretext for evicting their Medicaid residents.

Some of my colleagues have voiced concerns during the markup in committee that since we repealed the Boren amendment, States could readjust their payments to pay nursing homes less than the cost of service. I would be very concerned if this would occur, because the Governors lobbied Congress to repeal the Boren amendment, based on a promise they would not lower rates below reasonable payments. However, I agree with my colleagues that we need to be vigilant in watching whether States lower their Medicaid payments to unreasonable levels and believe we should take action if that occurs. I urge my colleagues to vote for this bill.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. JOHN N. HOSTETTLER**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 10, 1999

Mr. HOSTETTLER. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall vote No. 34, I was unavoidably detained in my congressional district due to weather constraints. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on this Journal vote.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this infor-

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mation, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, March 11, 1999 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

MARCH 12

9 a.m.  
Judiciary  
To hold hearings on President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of Justice. SD-226

MARCH 16

9:30 a.m.  
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions  
To hold hearings to examine education programs for the disadvantaged. SD-430

Environment and Public Works  
Clean Air, Wetlands, Private Property, and Nuclear Safety Subcommittee  
To hold hearings on the Environmental Protection Agency's Risk Management Plan Program of the Clean Air Act. SD-406

10 a.m.  
Small Business  
To hold hearings on the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2000 for the Small Business Administration. SR-428A

2 p.m.  
Energy and Natural Resources  
Forests and Public Land Management Subcommittee To resume oversight hearings on the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2000 for the Forest Service, Department of Agriculture. SD-366

MARCH 17

9 a.m.  
Environment and Public Works  
Business meeting to consider pending calendar business. SD-406

9:30 a.m.  
Indian Affairs  
To hold hearings on S.400, to provide technical corrections to the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996, to improve the delivery of housing assistance to Indian tribes in a manner that recognizes the right of tribal self-governance. SR-485

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions  
Business meeting to markup S.326, to improve the access and choice of patients to quality, affordable health care, and to consider pending nominations. SD-430

10 a.m.  
Veterans' Affairs  
To hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to review the legislative recommendations of the Disabled American Veterans. 345 Cannon Building

Governmental Affairs  
To resume hearings on the future of the Independent Counsel Act. SH-216

Energy and Natural Resources  
Foreign Relations  
To hold joint hearings on proposals to expand Iraqi oil for food. SD-419

10:30 a.m.  
Environment and Public Works  
To hold hearings on loss of open space and environmental quality. SD-406

MARCH 18

Time to be announced  
Finance To resume hearings to examine spending trends in the Medicare program, the impact on those trends of Medicare savings in the Balanced Budget Act of 1997, and the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2000 for Medicare, including the fifteen-percent surplus funding proposal. SD-215

9:30 a.m.  
Environment and Public Works  
To resume hearings on loss of open space and environmental quality. SD-406

2 p.m.  
Armed Services  
Readiness and Management Support Subcommittee  
To hold hearings on the readiness of the United States Air Force and Army operating forces. SH-216

Intelligence  
To hold closed hearings on pending intelligence matters. SH-219

MARCH 22

1 p.m.  
Aging  
To hold hearings to examine the quality of care in nursing homes. SH-216

MARCH 23

9 a.m.  
Aging  
To hold hearings on a proposal to support family care givers. SD-106

MARCH 24

9:30 a.m.  
Indian Affairs  
To hold hearings on S.399, to amend the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act. SR-485

10 a.m.  
Veterans' Affairs  
To hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to review the legislative recommendations of the American Ex-Prisoners of War, AMVETS, Vietnam Veterans of America, and the Retired Officers Association. 345 Cannon Building

Armed Services  
Personnel Subcommittee  
To hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of Defense, focusing on active and reserve military and civilian personnel programs and the future years defense program. SR-222