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IN MEMORY OF THE LATE BOB GROSS

HON. PETER DEUTSCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 27, 2000

Mr. DEUTSCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Bob Gross, who passed away early last December at the age of 41. I am one of many who are saddened by this tremendous loss: South Florida has lost an outstanding community leader and activist.

Bob Gross is well known in Broward county as an energetic leader who was a strong presence at political club events and civic activities throughout South Florida. Demonstrating his large influence on politics in the State of Florida, Bob was president of the Young Democrats of Broward County. As President of the Broward Young Democrats (BYD), Bob's main responsibilities were membership recruitment, campaign training, candidate development, and event planning. In this vital position, he worked tirelessly to motivate the county party to become involved in many aspects of local, state, and national politics.

Bob was somewhat unique in the sense that he fully realized the importance of activism in society at large. Through his involvement in the BYD, he successfully promoted service to other young people. Because of Bob's hard work and dedication, the BYDs have formed an exemplary organization that fosters volunteerism and activities such as serving on local community boards, registering voters, and hosting social outreach events.

It is important to note that Bob Gross did not simply focus all of his attention on political matters. A resident of Hollywood, Florida, who attended Pinecrest High School, Bob worked as Program Planner for the Broward Employment and Training Administration (BETA). Indeed, his tremendous leadership undoubtedly benefitted BETA, as Bob held numerous important posts in the organization through the years such as Executive Vice President, Vice President for Political Affairs, and Treasurer.

Most importantly, however, Bob Gross was a devoted husband to his wife, Cindy Sherr. An attorney and the statewide president of the Young Democrats, I am confident that Cindy will carry on Bob's ongoing work in promoting service and activism within the South Florida community.

Mr. Speaker, while Bob Gross' passing is a tremendous loss for Broward County, I can say without hesitation that his memory will live on through the work of the many organizations to which he dedicated his life. There can be no doubt that we will all dearly miss Bob, but

I would like to thank and praise him for his hard work and leadership in improving the community around him.

LEONARD HORN FEDERAL RANGE LIVESTOCKMAN OF THE YEAR, THE IRBY FAMILY

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 27, 2000

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to recognize the Leonard Horn Federal Range Livestockman of the Year Award winner, the Irby family of Gunnison, Colorado.

This award is presented by the Colorado Cattlemen's Association and recognizes individuals who graze livestock on Federal land and practice exceptional range, soil, water and wildlife management. James Dawson, District Ranger with the U.S. Forest Service, commended the Irby's for their cooperation in maintaining and improving range areas.

The Irby family includes: Bob and Irene Irby, Stan and Bonnie Irby, and Dale and Wendy Irby.

It is with this, Mr. Speaker, that I would like to extend my congratulations to the Irby family and thank them for their hard work.

IN HONOR OF MARTHA AND ANDRES SANDOVAL ON THEIR 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 27, 2000

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Martha Tafoya Sandoval and Andres Lopez Sandoval on the celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary. This remarkable milestone is truly a reflection of the devotion these extraordinary individuals share for one another.

On December 16, 1949, Martha and Andres married and began their life together. Through the years, the Sandoval's have used the love they have for each other to reach out to those in need. Together, they have been active civic leaders and successful business people, dedicating their time and resources to the League of United Latin American Citizens and the St. Joseph's Church in Bakersfield, California. However, their greatest accomplishment has been their incredible family.

This loving couple has been a wonderful example for their four children: Andrew, Rosalie, Alexander, and Vicki Ann; their children's spouses, Judy, Arnie, and Louisa; their nine grandchildren, Valerie, Kristian, Lisa, Andrea, Ernest, Evette, Alicia, Vanessa, and Joel; and their six great-grandchildren, Autumn, Eric, Marissa, Jessica, John, and Samuel. The dedication, patience, and wisdom they have demonstrated every day has provided a firm foundation on which all family members have developed and flourished.

For their unyielding strength and unparalleled inspiration, I ask my colleagues to join

me in congratulating Mr. and Mrs. Sandoval on five decades of love, commitment, and perseverance. You both are truly wonderful role models for all of us. I wish you continued health and happiness.

BRISTOL-MYERS SQUIBB, YOU SURE WE CAN'T LOWER DRUG PRICES WITHOUT HURTING R&D?

**HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 27, 2000

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, the pharmaceutical industry constantly tells us they need every dollar for R&D, so they can invent wonderful new drugs, and that Congress must not do anything to question how they price drugs.

A doctor sent me the following invitation he got from Bristol-Myers Squibb. As the doctor wrote:

Since the enclosed invitation to a dinner plus \$100 certificate continues to be commonplace, it makes me wonder how many go without needed medications that could be funded with these solicitations. I'm not sure whether it's the pharmaceutical executives or the physicians who are doing the soliciting . . . just like on the street.

Bristol-Myers Squibb: why not put the money you spend in these solicitations into R&D—or lower drug prices?

The U.S. pharmaceutical industry spends far more on marketing and overhead than it spends on R&D—despite what Flo and her front group friends say. This letter is just one small example of how the industry could, indeed, save money for R&D and/or lower prices.

BRISTOL-MYERS SQUIBB

You are cordially invited to Participate in a dinner discussion on "Treatment Modalities Throughout the Lifecycle of the Type 2 Diabetic Patient: A Focus on Monotherapy Approaches," on, Monday, November 29, 1999, Mr. Stox restaurant, 1105 East Katella Avenue, Anaheim, CA 92805, at 6:30 p.m.

The program will last approximately one hour and a half. Each attendee will receive a certificate worth up to \$100 towards the purchase of medically relevant items. Reservations are taken on a first come first serve basis.

To make a reservation, please call 1-800-366-9034.

IN MEMORY OF THE LATE BILL HORVITZ

**HON. PETER DEUTSCH**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 27, 2000

Mr. DEUTSCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the memory of William "Bill" Horvitz, who passed away early last December at the age of 73. It is with a tremendous feeling of sadness that I speak in his honor: the South Florida community has lost an outstanding philanthropist who may never be replaced.

There can be no doubt that Bill's personal history is an extraordinary one. One of three

sons of Cleveland real estate businessman Samuel A. Horvitz, Bill Horvitz and his brothers continued his father's real estate ventures after his passing. Moving to the Fort Lauderdale area in 1953 to take over his father's real estate interests in the Hollywood, Florida, he became the proprietor of countless acres within Broward County. Indeed, Bill's stewardship of this property was instrumental in Broward's transition from a quaint bedroom community to a bustling economic powerhouse.

Developing much of his Broward County real estate, Bill established such properties as Hollywood Hills, Emerald Hills, Hollywood Mall, the Venture Corporate Center, South Florida Industrial Park, and various other communities, both residential and commercial. In 1985, Bill also sold more than 1,200 acres of land to the state and county—this valuable tract of land later became West Lake Park and North Beach Park.

Bill is perhaps best known for his commitment to the South Florida community. Throughout his lifetime, Bill was a tremendous supporter of charitable causes. He was involved with a myriad of organizations throughout his life in South Florida: these organizations included the Florida Philharmonic Orchestra, the Broward Center for the Performing Arts, the East Seals Society, the Fort Lauderdale Museum of Art, the Bascom Palmer Eye Institute in Miami, the Boys and Girls Club of Broward, the Salvation Army, and the Jewish Federation of Broward County.

It is well documented that he contributed regularly to his alma mater, the University of Pennsylvania, where he graduated from the Wharton School in 1947. Additionally, he made an effort to lend his financial support to various organizations struggling to survive economically. For example, in 1992, Bill was instrumental in helping the Greater Hollywood YMCA to survive by renegotiating its \$1.6 million debt. Such efforts led to much recognition for Bill and his wife. Even as late as December 2, 1999, Bill was honored with the President's Community Award from Nova Southeastern University, a school where the administration building bears his name.

Mr. Speaker, while William Horvitz passing is a tremendous loss for the South Florida community, I can say without hesitation that his memory will live on through the work of the many organizations to which he dedicated his life. Though we will all miss Bill's presence, I would like to thank and praise him for his hard work and leadership in improving the world at large.

WORLD WAR II VETERAN AND PEARL HARBOR SURVIVOR, DON BROWN

**HON. SCOTT McINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 27, 2000

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to recognize Don Brown. He is a man that has shown his loyalty and bravery to this great country. Mr. Brown served in the Armed Forces during World War II and was aboard the U.S.S. *West Virginia* when Pearl

Harbor was attacked on that fateful day in December of 1941.

Mr. Brown was in the first division compartment when the first torpedoes and bombs hit the battleship. He tried to move onto the deck, but was prohibited because of the attack. Don was injured and transported to the U.S.S. *Solacc* for recovery.

Don's family, however did not know that he was transported for recovery. Don's parents knew the ship had sunk, and that they had not heard from their son in 19 days. On December 26, however, they received the best late Christmas present they could have ever hoped for, the knowledge that Don was alive.

Years later, Don and his wife, Skie, moved back to Grand Junction after spending time in Las Vegas. Mr. Brown served as Mesa County planning director between 1963 and 1966.

Don is part of a generation that many think saved civilization as it is known today through their efforts in World War II—what some have called the greatest generation.

It is with this, Mr. Speaker, that I say thank you to Don Brown for his display of loyalty to his country and bravery in the face of war to preserve the freedom that we all enjoy today. He is a great American that deserves our highest regard, thanks and praise.

IN HONOR OF MRS. ELEANOR TIEFENWERTH, ONE OF THIS YEAR'S RICHARD A. RUTKOWSKI ASSOCIATION HONOREES FOR DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE CITY OF BAYONNE

**HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 27, 2000

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mrs. Eleanor Tiefenwerth of Bayonne, New Jersey. The Richard A. Rutkowski Association has selected Mrs. Tiefenwerth as one of this year's honorees, acknowledging her accomplishments and her dedication in making Bayonne a better community.

Since its 1965 inception, Mrs. Tiefenwerth has been an instrumental leader of the Bayonne Economic Opportunity Foundation [BEOF]. Accepting the role of executive director in 1981, Mrs. Tiefenwerth has remained the driving force behind and the embodiment of the BEOF's logo, "People Helping People."

During her administration, Mrs. Tiefenwerth spearheaded vital programs, including a cross-town transportation service for seniors and disabled individuals and a variety of food service programs. Mrs. Tiefenwerth also implemented Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners for those individuals spending the holidays alone.

In addition to her work with the BEOF, Mrs. Tiefenwerth served as a commissioner of the Bayonne Housing Authority and is a member of the Community Education Advisory Council. Presently, she is serving on one of the cities redevelopment committees and has joined the Census Committee in an effort to ensure the fair and unencumbered counting of the 2000 Census.

The recipient of many honors, Mrs. Tiefenwerth's unyielding commitment to community service has not gone unrecognized.