

TRIBUTE TO SISTER SHEILA
MARIE WALSH, RSM

HON. JACK QUINN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 18, 2000

Mr. QUINN. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to rise today to pay tribute to Sister Sheila Marie Walsh, RSM, whose tremendous commitment to our Western New York community, leadership, and service to God have had a strong impact on my Congressional District.

Sister Sheila Marie's "missionary spirit" has been most evident in her work in the health care arena. She earned her degree in hospital administration, and boasts several years of real experience in hospital management.

For sixteen years, Sister Sheila Marie served as Administrator and Chief Executive Officer of Mercy Hospital in South Buffalo. Her advocacy, leadership, professionalism, and integrity as CEO both strengthened the hospital and its role in our community.

In addition to that outstanding commitment to Mercy Hospital, Sister Sheila Marie currently serves as president of the Leadership Conference of Women Religious in the Diocese of Buffalo. She is also a member on the Board of Directors for Mercy Flight, the Lotus Link Foundation, and Christ the King Seminary in East Aurora. For the past eight years, she has been on the leadership team of the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas, Regional Community of Buffalo.

Next month, Sister Sheila will bring that Faith and Commitment to God to a small, hospital in Georgetown, Guyana, South America. Located in a country with few resources, this is a small facility sponsored by the Dallas, Pennsylvania Sisters of Mercy.

I know that Sister Sheila will meet this new challenge with the same dedication, care, and integrity that she has always demonstrated, and that her tenure in Guyana will be a great success. I also know that we in Buffalo will miss her while she is away.

Mr. Speaker, today I would like to join the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas and indeed, all of Western New York in tribute to Sister Sheila Marie Walsh. Best wishes to her as she embarks on this important new mission in Guyana. She will remain in our prayers.

TRIBUTE TO ONONDAGA COUNTY
EMPLOYEE DEBORAH LIDDIARD

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Mr. WALSH. Mr. Speaker, according to a recent audit by the Office of the Inspector General, jail and prison inmates across the United States illegally collected nearly \$20 million in Social Security and Supplemental Income payments in 1997. Not only are such payments to inmates unnecessary, they are illegal; and the Social Security Administration has been asking jail administrators across the nation to help alert its personnel of new prisoners in an efficient and effective manner in order to halt such payments.

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

In the County of Onondaga, New York, one employee of the County's Information Technology Department, Ms. Deborah Liddiard, developed and wrote a computer program that allows the Social Security Administration access to the names of prisoners in the County's facilities in a form that is immediately comparable to the Administration's existing records. Ms. Liddiard's program is so efficient and precise that the Social Security Administration has honored her and is using her work as a model for jail administrators across the nation.

I use this opportunity to commend Ms. Liddiard for her work on behalf of all United States taxpayers who have benefitted from her expertise and dedication. May all municipalities with jail and prison facilities expedite their compliance with this request, using Ms. Liddiard's work as a model in order to significantly reduce these inappropriate payments.

Twenty million dollars in savings is quite significant. Congratulations and thank you, Ms. Liddiard.

HONORING JOHN HENRY (IKE)
INGRAHAM

HON. NITA M. LOWEY

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Mrs. LOWEY. Mr. Speaker, I commend an individual from the great state of New York, who was born and raised in the town of Canandaigua, in the state's beautiful Finger Lakes region. This individual is John Henry (Ike) Ingraham. Ike left the bucolic vistas of upstate New York to attend the New York State Maritime College, now part of the State University of New York. The Maritime College, founded in 1874, is an institution of higher learning which prepares young men and women for careers in the maritime industry, which helped make our State the center for trade and commerce in the new world.

Ike spent the majority of his working career in the marine insurance industry while simultaneously maintaining membership and participating in the Active United States Navy Reserve, achieving the high rank of captain. During the Navy portion of his career he commanded various Military Sealift Command Reserve Units and received a commendation from the Commander, Military Sealift Command for initiating weekend watchstanding at the various MSC command unit locations. It was also interesting to me to learn of one of Ike's last assignments in the Navy here at the Navy Annex in Arlington, Virginia, where he had an office next to another outstanding New Yorker, the late John Cardinal O'Connor, who was the Chief of Navy Chaplains at the time.

Ike is a member of the Class of 1952 of the Maritime College, and will be honored by his classmates at their year 2000 Class Reunion, here in Washington, D.C. this September for being the "glue" that has held the class together for the past 48 years. He accomplished this by spearheading the organization and execution of many of the class reunions, faithfully maintaining an ever changing mailing address and e-mail address list, and publishing a class newsletter two or three times a year.

I would like at this time, along with all the members of his Class, to commend Ike for his diligence and unselfish commitment to his fellow classmates during the ensuing years and wish Ike "fair winds and following seas" and continued success in the future. By his exceptional professional ability, personal initiative, and total dedication to duty, Ike reflected great credit upon himself, and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Navy Reserve and the Maritime Service.

HONORING THE LATE RICHARD
CRILEY

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

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Mr. FARR of California. Mr. Speaker, today I honor a national hero who has helped shape civil and human rights for the past five decades. Richard Criley, a native of Carmel Highlands, was an active member of the American Civil Liberties Union and a fighter for all members of the human race. He influenced countless people to work, as he had, for the betterment of humanity and society, and his effect on our nation will be felt for many years to come. Mr. Criley passed away on Sunday, June 18, 2000 at the age of 88.

Born on October 20th, 1911 in Paris, Richard Criley moved to California with his parents in 1914. After graduating from Monterey High School in 1929, he attended Stanford University and later UC Berkeley. He received his bachelor's degree in history and began working on his doctorate when he started to get caught up in the bitter labor struggle that was taking place on the San Francisco waterfront. He eventually stopped school altogether to join the International Longshoremen and Warehouseman's Union. With this change came the beginning of an inspiring lifetime of activism.

After being drafted into the Army and serving in Europe during the Second World War, Mr. Criley returned to Chicago, where he joined his wife in organizing labor unions. For the next 30 years, Mr. Criley was involved in, among other things, the abolition of the Chicago Police Department's "red squad" and the House Un-American Activities Committee. He was called before that committee on five separate occasions, each time refusing to testify.

In 1976, he returned to Carmel Highlands where he was raised, and remained active in both local and national human and civil rights causes up until his death. Among the awards he has received are the Stephen E. Ross Award, presented by the Monterey Peninsula chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in 1998; the Francis Heisler Award, presented by the Monterey County chapter of the ACLU in 1984; the Earl Warren Award of the Northern California ACLU in 1985 and the Baha'i Human Rights Award in 1993.

Mr. Criley was a thoughtful, intelligent and dedicated man who will be sorely missed by his wife, Jan Penney, along with his three step-daughters, Ann Edgerton of Carmel Highlands, Beth Penney of Pacific Grove and