

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO JUDGE J. CLAYTON  
WARNOCK

### HON. SAXBY CHAMBLISS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 3, 2000*

Mr. CHAMBLISS. Mr. Speaker, I want to pay tribute to Judge J. Clayton Warnock who has admirably served his community in Treutlen County, GA, for more than half a century.

Judge Warnock was named Treutlen County attorney in 1947 and has also served as Solicitor of City Court and Judge of City Court of Soperton, which became the State Court of Treutlen County in 1968. During his years on the bench, Warnock reviewed over 40,000 cases, only two of which were appealed and those decisions were upheld by the Appellate Court. Judge Warnock resigned in 1991 for health reasons but continued to play an active role in the community of Treutlen County Hospital Authority and the Treutlen County Development Authority.

Judge Warnock played an instrumental role in founding the county development authority and creating economic opportunities in Treutlen County, which have helped create and sustain jobs that are critical to livelihoods of many men and women in middle and south Georgia.

His perseverance in following the law, his dedication to justice, his earnest work for the people of Georgia, and his commitment to improving the lives of the families of Treutlen County have characterized his service as a community leader. His life has been one of great public service, dedication, and commitment. It is my great honor to represent Judge Warnock and the people of Treutlen County for whom he has done so much. I applaud Judge Warnock for his leadership and distinguished service, congratulate him on a job well done, and wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE  
ARAM SEVERIAN

### HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 3, 2000*

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a proud American and distinguished Californian, the Honorable Aram Severian, on the occasion of his retirement from the Superior Court of San Mateo County, CA.

Aram Severian began his career in private practice, but soon moved to public judicial work. He became deputy district attorney of San Mateo County in 1971 and commissioner of the San Mateo County Superior Court in

1976. In December 1986, Governor George Deukmejian appointed Aram Severian to the San Mateo County Municipal Court. In 1989, he became the presiding judge and in December of that year, Governor Deukmejian again recognized Judge Aram Severian and appointed him to the Superior Court in San Mateo County. He has served with distinction as the presiding judge of the Superior Court since 1994.

Judge Aram Severian has generously donated his personal time and energy to community service throughout his life. He served as director of the United Cerebral Palsy Foundation of San Mateo, coached Little League baseball in Foster City and he has been the chairman of the Parish Council at his Armenian Apostolic Church. Time and again Judge Aram Severian has given of himself and his talents for the betterment of our community.

Aram Severian has an exceptional partner in life in Hasma Severian, who in her own right is a highly regarded member of our community, and is respected for her years of important advocacy and volunteerism and who today, remains devoted to the Redwood City Library. They are the proud parents of three grown children, Michael, Linda and Lisa.

Judge Aram Severian's life of community leadership and public service is instructive to us all. His dedication to the ideals of democracy and his record of wise and fair adjudication stands tall, and it is therefore fitting that he is being honored on the occasion of his retirement from the Superior Court of San Mateo County.

So today, Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues, to join me in honoring this great and good man whom I'm proud to call my friend for over 30 years. We are indeed a better country and a better people because of him.

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF BLOCK  
COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

### HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 3, 2000*

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 100th anniversary of Block Communications, Inc. The Block family and its extended mass communications family celebrates this significant milestone on November 2, 2000.

Born in Lithuania, moving to Germany for a time until his family immigrated to the United States, Paul Bloch began working in the newspaper business at age eleven when the Elmira Telegram in Elmira, New York hired him. Through age twenty, Paul Bloch—who by now had Americanized the family name to Block—worked in every department of the Elmira Telegram learning the trade and becoming especially adept at sales. Then, in 1895 and with

the encouragement of his employer, Paul Block made the move to New York City where he found employment selling advertising for newspapers across the country as a national representative for the A. Frank Richardson Company.

In 1900, Paul Block decided to venture out on his own, and by 1910 Paul Block and Associates was among the major national newspaper advertising representative firms. Further branching out, Paul Block organized a group of investors in order to purchase the Newark Star Eagle in 1916. Purchases of several other newspapers soon followed, and in ten years Paul Block owned the Detroit Journal, The Toledo Blade, and the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette. Paul Block struggled to keep his business alive through the decade of the Depression, and the company was again thriving upon his death in 1941.

The company continued in the Block family and eventually became known as Blade Communications Inc. Through the latter half of the century the company diversified to include cable and broadcast television, telecommunications, and Internet opportunities. Blade Communications Inc. holds fourteen communication companies today. To mark the company's centennial, the company's name was changed once more to Block Communications Inc.

The Block family remains a strong fixture in Toledo, Ohio and Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where it still owns The Blade and the Post-Gazette. The Block imprimatur is evident in many of these cities' major projects and institutions, and the family remains an integral component of both communities. I join with many others as we salute one hundred years of Block family tradition in communications and community, and look forward to the next one hundred years.

HONORING THE SANDY SPRING  
MUSEUM IN ROCKVILLE, MARY-  
LAND

### HON. CONSTANCE A. MORELLA

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 3, 2000*

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, today I speak of the success of the Sandy Spring Museum in Rockville, Maryland, on the occasion of its 20th anniversary celebration. Twenty years ago the museum started with a few dozen people in the basement of a Sandy Spring Bank branch office. Today it has more than 1,000 members, a nine acre campus, and a million dollar building.

The Sandy Spring Museum is a valuable asset to our community in that it provides educational and informational services to its citizens, especially students. The Museum provides such worthwhile services as a yearly

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