

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNITION OF MR. DANIEL J. EDELMAN

HON. J. DENNIS HASTERT

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 8, 2000

Mr. HASTERT. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to pay tribute to one of the true pioneers in the field of public relations, Chicagoan Daniel J. Edelman.

For nearly a half-century, Dan Edelman has made major contributions to advance the visibility of and respect for the public relations profession. Mr. Edelman has been a pioneer in the public relations community, across this country and around the globe. The firm he created, Edelman Worldwide, today employs more than 1800 people globally and is the only remaining global independent public relations concern still owned by its original founders.

Known as the Father of the "media tour," Mr. Edelman has driven constant innovation and creativity within his company and the public relations world; his firm became the first in the business to establish an Internet presence, and conducted the first cyber-newscast.

In recognition of this leadership, Dan Edelman was recently awarded the Public Relations Society of America's highest individual honor, the Gold Anvil. And in honor of his significant professional, community and philanthropic contributions the Chicago City Council formally proclaimed February 16, 2000 as Daniel J. Edelman Day in the City of Chicago. In an unveiling ceremony on Friday, March 3, a section of St. Clair Street was named Honorable Daniel J. Edelman Way.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 8, 2000

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, as is reflected in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, I was granted a leave of absence for Wednesday, March 8, 2000.

I insert for the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD the way in which I would have voted had I been present. The votes are as follows:

Roll Call Vote 29—H.R. 1827—On rollcall vote 29, Pascrell would have voted "aye."

Roll Call Vote 30—H.R. 2952—On rollcall vote 30, Pascrell would have voted "aye."

Roll Call Vote 31—H.R. 3018—On rollcall vote 31, Pascrell would have voted "aye."

Roll Call Vote 32—S. Con. Res. 91—On rollcall vote 32, Pascrell would have voted "aye."

Roll Call Vote 33—H.J. Res. 86—On rollcall vote 33, Pascrell would have voted "aye."

CELEBRATING THE BICENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF THE BEAVER COUNTY CHARTER

HON. RON KLINK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 8, 2000

Mr. KLINK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Beaver County, Pennsylvania, which is celebrating the Bicentennial of its Charter Day on Sunday, March 12th, 2000.

From an early Native American settlement at Logstown to the opening of the world's first commercial nuclear power plant at Shippingport, Beaver County people and places have had important roles in the growth and development of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the United States. Independence and westward expansion were helped by Legion Ville and Fort McIntosh; its rivers and rich agricultural lands made the area an attractive place for early settlers; modern commerce and industrialization were nurtured at Old Economy Village; and the glass, steel, and chemical industries brought thousands of immigrants from across the country and around the world to work in the mills and build vital, prosperous communities.

These new Beaver Countians brought with them amazingly diverse ethnic, religious, and cultural traditions that they maintained and shared with their new friends and neighbors. They built houses of worship and fraternal clubs, started festivals and musical groups, married, grew neighborhoods, and reared families that began to live the American dream. Its list of famous statesmen, jurists, educators, musicians, athletes, servicemen, and scientists is true testament to hard work, commitment, and perseverance that is the heart and soul of Beaver County.

I congratulate Beaver County and its residents on this wonderful day. They are justly proud of their history and achievements. I salute the Bicentennial Committee for organizing and hosting these festivities and hope that every citizen enjoys this day and reflects upon the many who came before them and accomplished so much.

NUMMI REDESIGNS TOYOTA TRUCK

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 8, 2000

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call attention to the unique creativity of the employees at the New United Motor Manufacturing Incorporated (NUMMI) plant in Fremont, California, and congratulate them for the assembly-line inspired innovation that brought

the Toyota Tacoma Stepside pickup truck into production.

In the world's auto industry, new design ideas traditionally come from the corporate headquarters and its design team, to the engineering team and sales team, and then to the actual manufacturing plant and the people who really build the cars. But the Toyota Tacoma Stepside pickup truck is different. In this rare instance the innovation for the new product came from the manufacturing plant, the company then worked in collaboration to enforce its accomplishment. United Motors broke away from a long-standing tradition and demonstrated that input and innovation from various levels of the plant, working as a team, can be influential and successful in generating new ideas.

NUMMI has long been a model of innovation and creativity. It has a marriage of the GM and Toyota companies that has brought the highest quality, innovative autos to the American market. New United Motors Manufacturing Incorporated was started at a closed GM plant in 1984, and the joint bi-national effort was a major step in helping resolve the U.S.-Japan trade tensions of the 1980's. The plant has been in operation for 15 years, adding billions to the California and national economy.

In addition to its economic success, United Motors has been an asset to the Fremont community since its establishment in 1984, providing jobs for well over 4700 employees and giving continual support to social programs around the community. United Motors has been particularly recognized for their community service efforts in offering grant support to non-profit organizations. United Motors also supported the school district partnership program that has helped the Fremont School District with its program of educational renewal. Other achievements also include awards for environmental achievement (1990), Company of the year (1994 and 1995) by the California Water Pollution Control Association and the J.D. Power and Associates Silver Plant Quality Award (1999).

Congratulations to the team members and UAW local 2244 at NUMMI for their latest innovation, for keeping jobs in Fremont, and for once again showing real hands-on innovation and teamwork.

TRIBUTE TO VALENTINE BURROUGHS, JR., SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, DIRECTOR OF MINORITY AFFAIRS

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 8, 2000

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mr. Valentine Burroughs of

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Camden, South Carolina, an outstanding public servant and friend who passed away suddenly last weekend. Valentine Burroughs was that rarest of individuals who always placed the interests of others before his own. He felt strong duty to help maintain his community, focusing his talent and energy on helping people.

Val served tirelessly in the Executive Office of South Carolina's Department of Transportation and other divisions of improve overall opportunities to ethnic minorities, women and individuals with disabilities.

Val exhibited strong leadership and he ably represented the interests of fellow coworkers and local residents. He worked with the Human Resources Office to develop a recruitment strategy to identify and attract minorities and women in underutilized professions, with an emphasis on the engineering career field. He proved his dedication and excellence to the community by providing outstanding support to research efforts of the Legislative Black Caucus, Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU), and rural communities. Val has undertaken special projects including research special transportation initiatives for Native Americans.

He administered the implementation of the HBCU Partnership Program with South Carolina State University and Benedict College, the Summer Transportation Initiative Program, the Cooperative Education/Intern Program, the Eisenhower Transportation Fellowship Program and the Garrett A. Morgan Technology and Transportation Futures Program.

He was named the agency's Americans With Disabilities (ADA) Coordinator, and the Urban Youth Corps Program Statewide Coordinator for which he leaves an indelible legacy. The Youth Corps Program which began in 1994 now employs over 690 youth throughout the state of South Carolina.

When Val was named as the transportation department's Director of Minority Affairs in 1990, he stated, "I view this is one of the most challenging positions in the agency because of the uniqueness of the highway construction industry and because of the economic importance of minority firms participating". But he had faced tough challenges before. Fresh out of school and armed with a degree in Sociology from St. Augustine College in Raleigh, N.C. he moved to Washington, D.C.'s troubled inner-city. He began working as a counselor for the Neighborhood Youth Corps, helping the disadvantaged find jobs and offering them alternatives to crime. His community service included Directors of the Triangle Ministry Community Program, the Mission/Congress Heights Youth Service Center and the Mission of Community Concern, Inc.

In 1976, Val moved back to South Carolina to work in the office of Governor James B. Edwards under I. DeQuincey Newman, who was director of the Division of Rural Development, and later became the first Black South Carolina senators since post-reconstruction. There he assisted rural communities through workshops, training programs and resource development. Val remained in Rural Development through the first term of Governor Richard Riley before assuming the position of project information coordinator for the South Carolina State Family Development Authority, an agen-

cy that sets up tax-deferred bond programs to assist farmers in building agricultural facilities.

In 1987, Val came to the Office of Planning and Program Development in the Division of Motor Vehicles, previously the South Carolina Department of Highways and Public Transportation where he served continuously until his untimely death last Saturday.

To Valentine Burroughs, community and public service wasn't an option. It was a responsibility and an honor. Whenever neighbors or coworkers called upon him, Burroughs was always there. There aren't enough Valentine Burroughs in our communities and his absence will be greatly missed.

I extend my deepest condolences to Val's wife, Audrey and their two children. To them Val was a loving husband and father, to me he was a friend.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in a tribute to Valentine Burroughs for his selfless dedication to his community and country.

TRIBUTE TO COMMISSIONER
PETER C. SCARPELLI

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 8, 2000

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call to your attention the deeds of a remarkable man, Peter C. Scarpelli of Nutley, New Jersey. Peter is being honored because of his years of community service. It is only fitting that we gathered here in his honor, for he epitomizes caring and generosity of spirit.

Commissioner Scarpelli is a member of the Nutley High School Class of 1955. He also attended Davis and Elkins College in Elkins, West Virginia where he studied Business Management. In addition Peter studied Management Skills Training at Rutgers University's Newark campus. Scarpelli also majored in Construction Design at Fairleigh Dickinson University in Rutherford, New Jersey.

Peter has always been an active and involved leader. He has been the President of Meadowlands Landscaping Inc. since 1969, a company which specializes in property maintenance. A hard working and dedicated individual, Scarpelli is President of two other firms. He heads both P. Scarpelli and Son, Inc., a building construction and property management company and Jo-Lee Garden Center of Belleville, New Jersey, a full service garden center of which he is also Treasurer. Peter is also the Vice President of Interior Plant Design, where he is responsible for the installation and maintenance of interior decorative plants.

The early years of his life instilled in Peter the attributes necessary for him to become a stellar force in the community. It was the small steps in the beginning of his career that taught him the fundamentals that would make him the role model that he is today.

Known for a questioning mind and an ability to get things done, Peter Scarpelli joined the Nutley Board of Commissioners in 1983. Since that time he has served as the Director of the Department of Public Works, and has been elected to five consecutive terms. From 1983

to 1988 he undertook the supervision of the Code Enforcement Department. His responsibilities included the supervision of the inspectors of buildings, electric and plumbing. Peter also provided appointments to the Construction Board of Appeals.

On the Nutley Board of Commissioners, Peter Scarpelli is a member of the Nutley Alcoholic Beverage Control Board. He has also served as the Superintendent of the Nutley Weights and Measures Department.

Peter continually touches the lives of the people around him. He is a member of numerous civic and community service organizations. These include the Nutley Elks 1290, American Legion, Knights of Columbus 6190, Amfrens, Nutley Italian American Club, Nutley UNICO, Nutley Republican Club, Third Half Club Republican County Committee and the Kiwanis Club of Nutley. He is also the President of the Columbian Club and is the Nutley Family Service Bureau Charity Ball Chair.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me, our colleagues, Peter's family, friends, the township of Nutley and the State of New Jersey in recognizing the outstanding and invaluable service to the community of Peter C. Scarpelli.

GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE
REPORT ON THE NORTHERN
MARIANA ISLANDS: GARMENT
AND TOURIST INDUSTRIES PLAY
A DOMINANT ROLE IN THE COMMONWEALTH'S ECONOMY

HON. DON YOUNG

OF ALASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 8, 2000

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Mr. Speaker, I want my colleagues to be aware of a revealing report issued last month by the General Accounting Office on the economy of the Northern Mariana Islands. The report's findings confirm the development of a healthy and diversified economy in our newest American territory in the Western Pacific that is not a drain on the U.S. taxpayer. However, these findings are contrary to past information by the Administration on which Congress has relied in considering changes in federal law [GAO's February 2000 report to Congressional Committees: "Northern Mariana Islands: Garment and Tourist Industries Play a Dominant Role in the Commonwealth's Economy" (GAO/RCED/GGD-00-79)].

This GAO report sheds new light on the economy of the Northern Marianas and the flaws of prior reports by the Administration. The findings reinforce the need for the federal government to affirmatively support, and not hinder or undermine, efforts of the public and private sectors of the Northern Marianas to improve and maintain economic self-sufficiency, and at the same time, enforce federal labor, safety, and equal employment opportunity laws.

Since I became Chairman of the Committee on Resources in January 1995, we have conducted extensive oversight investigations and hearings on worker conditions, the violation and enforcement of federal laws, and the Administration's agenda for the islands. I will