

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. SUE WILKINS MYRICK**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 3, 2000*

Mrs. MYRICK. Mr. Speaker, on March 9, I voted incorrectly on rollcall vote No. 45, the final passage vote for H.R. 3846. My intention was to vote "nay."

TRIBUTE TO MRS. DOROTHY  
MIREE OF HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA

**HON. ROBERT E. BUD CRAMER, JR.**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 3, 2000*

Mr. CRAMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding contributions of Mrs. Dorothy (Dot) Miree to the Huntsville-Madison County Chamber of Commerce. Every year about this time. Mrs. Miree has made an appearance here in Washington with the annual Chamber trip. This year will be her last trip as she is retiring shortly. Over her twelve year career with the Chamber, she has led hundreds of Chamber members to Washington, D.C. and Montgomery for annual trips. She has also planned and organized the Chamber's Washington and Alabama updates, Armed Forces Celebrations, annual outings and more than 100 other events. All of these have been very professionally administered with a careful eye for detail and a very personalized touch.

We have a very open and warm working relationship with Mrs. Miree. Working together to bridge the connection between the Tennessee Valley and the federal government, we have taken giant steps towards generating more economic development in North Alabama. As a resident of Huntsville since 1952 and a long time member of First Presbyterian Church, Mrs. Miree cares about her community and it shows.

I want to offer my best wishes and congratulations to Mrs. Miree and her family: her husband Reggie, her three children, Lucia, Marian and Trey and her three grandchildren, Jessica, Brandon and Alexandra.

For her dedication, hard work and loyalty, I feel that this is an appropriate honor. Over her twelve year career, she has become a role model for her work ethic and competence. On behalf of the U.S. Congress, I pay homage to Mrs. Miree and thank her for a job well done. I wish her a well-deserved rest and I wish the Chamber the best of luck in coping without her.

2000 EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL  
APPROPRIATIONS ACT

SPEECH OF

**HON. STENY H. HOYER**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 29, 2000*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under

consideration the bill (H.R. 3908) making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes:

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Chairman, in 1973, the National Commission on Fire Prevention and Control issued its "America Burning" report. For the fire service this was a turning point in its 350 year history and led to the creation of the United States Fire Administration.

Today is another such turning point because this afternoon we will see a renewed Federal commitment to the fire service. I will get into the details in a moment but first I would like to thank a few of my colleagues for their leadership.

First, is my good friend from Pennsylvania CURT WELDON. As all of you know, Representative WELDON is the founder of the Fire Caucus and has done more to advance the cause of first responders than any other Member in Congress.

Secondly, I would like to thank my friend from New Jersey Representative BILL PASCRELL. Congressman PASCRELL is the sponsor of the FIRE Act, H.R. 1168. The FIRE Act has energized the fire service and the grant provisions to our first responders included in the amendment today are largely derived from his legislation.

Finally, are my Fire Caucus Co-chairs. Representative ROB ANDREWS and Representative SHERRY BOEHLERT, and Representatives NICK SMITH who serves as Chairman of the Basic Research Subcommittee of the Science Committee. All of them have worked very hard to get us here today.

Mr. Chairman, as I said before this is a watershed moment for the fire service. The proposed amendment does four very important things for the fire service. First, it makes available \$10 million for the Volunteer Fire Assistance program. This program helps fire departments in rural and suburban areas prepare for and fight wildfires.

The second component is \$10 million for a competitive grant program administered by FEMA for burn prevention, research, and treatment. This money will be used by groups like Safe Kid, AARP, and NFPA to prevent fires before they start.

Groups like the International Association of Fire Fighters will be able to apply for the money to augment their very successful burn camp. Unlike other accident victims, burn survivors are often permanently disfigured and require extensive physical therapy, job re-training and counseling.

The fourth item is the \$80 million that will be made available to fire fighter health and safety. Sadly, every year roughly 100 fire fighters are killed in the line of duty. This money will be used to purchase turnout gear, communications equipment, promote fire fighter fitness, increase training, and enforce the fire codes.

Mr. Chairman, I want to urge all of my colleagues to support this amendment.

## IN HONOR OF ABBY SNAY

**HON. NANCY PELOSI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 3, 2000*

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, on Thursday, April 6, 2000, Abby Snay will be honored at a luncheon in San Francisco for her 25 years of service to the Jewish Vocational and Career Counseling Service (JVS).

Abby Snay first joined JVS in 1975 as a part-time counselor for high school students. In 1981, she became Assistant Director of JVS and in 1984 assumed her current position as the Executive Director. It is truly remarkable that for more than two decades she has remained with JVS benefitting that organization and the larger San Francisco community with her insight, wisdom, and hard work.

For twenty-five years, Abby has worked closely with leaders of business and government to provide employment-related services for people with diverse backgrounds and from diverse communities in San Francisco. She is well known for her ability to develop innovative partnerships with local educational institutions, private companies and other community-based organizations to train adults and youth and place them into jobs. Abby has possessed the ability to anticipate trends before they happen and to reinvent JVS as the community's needs change. Her many accomplishments include: rehabilitation programs for people with disabilities, including two current programs for individuals living with HIV/AIDS; occupational training programs in computer assisted drafting and design, nursing and related medical skills, computer literacy, and vocational English as a second language (VESL); school to work programs for students with disabilities; and job search and placement programs for welfare recipients and homeless men and women.

Under Abby's leadership, JVS has grown from a small organization with four employees and a \$300,000 budget to an influential community-based organization with more than 70 full time employees and a budget of over \$4 million. Abby was named the Jewish Community Federation's Professional of the Year in 1993, and since she became Executive Director in 1984, JVS has received numerous awards for its innovative programs.

Mr. Speaker, I join with Abby's many friends in San Francisco in celebrating her career. She is a remarkable person and San Francisco has benefitted greatly from her contributions.

IN HONOR OF CELINE MARCUS ON  
THE OCCASION OF HER NINE-  
TIETH BIRTHDAY

**HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 3, 2000*

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to Celine Marcus. Mrs. Marcus is well known and broadly respected as a leading advocate for tenants'

rights, seniors, and the poor. She is a role model and an inspiration to countless residents in New York City. I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating Mrs. Marcus's 90th birthday by expressing our Nation's deep appreciation and gratitude for her life and work.

A civic activist for more than 30 years, Mrs. Marcus has devoted herself to helping the poor, the elderly, and the homeless in her community on the Upper East Side of Manhattan. As an advocate for tenant rights and rent protections, Mrs. Marcus was a founder of the Neighborhood for Shelter, the Stanley M. Isaacs Neighborhood Center, and Interfaith Neighbors.

Serving first as Associate and then as Executive Director of the Lenox Hill Neighborhood House, Mrs. Marcus created such innovative programs as the Lenox Hill Senior Center and Project SCOPE, which provides home care services for housebound older adults in the community. As Executive Director, Mrs. Marcus has thoroughly advanced the mission of The Lenox Hill Neighborhood House, to help those in need on Manhattan's East Side while improving the quality of life for all the individuals and families in its community.

In recognition of her leadership and great commitment to those in need, the City Council of New York has declared March 30, 2000, "Celine Marcus Day." For more than 30 years, Mrs. Marcus has devoted herself to the underserved residents of her community. She created numerous tenant and block associations and organized neighbors to fight for fair housing protections. In her every endeavor Mrs. Marcus has brought health and happiness to others and touched the lives of countless New Yorkers.

Mr. Speaker, I salute the life and work of Celine Marcus, and I ask my fellow Members of Congress to join me in recognizing her significant contributions to the Lenox Hill community, to the city of New York, and to our great Nation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. CORRINE BROWN**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 3, 2000*

Ms. BROWN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 95, on March 30, I was detained and unable to make this vote. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

HONORING JACK BRADY

**HON. BENJAMIN A. GILMAN**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 3, 2000*

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, the House has lost a good friend. Jack Brady, who passed away last week, worked for the House Foreign Affairs Committee for 26 years, including 17 as chief of staff.

Jack's personality suffused every activity of the Foreign Affairs Committee, from markups and hearings to study missions abroad. A

Committee Member could not walk into the hearing room without running into Jack, usually with a cigar in hand, running down the day's agenda. He earned great respect from Members and staff for his vision and indefatigable tenacity.

Mr. Speaker, it is no exaggeration to say that Jack Brady was essential to the operations of our Foreign Affairs Committee—now known as the International Relations Committee—from the drafting of legislation to the filling of the water pitchers. From 1976 to 1993, he was the personification of our Committee.

Jack was extraordinarily highly qualified for his job. He had a doctorate in international relations from the London School of Economics and a master's degree from Notre Dame. He was a combat veteran of World War II, having served as an enlisted soldier in Europe. He retired after 21 years of active duty in the U.S. Army as a Lt. Colonel. His awards and decorations included the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart.

Mr. Speaker, Jack Brady was a man who took great pride in serving his country, which he did with distinction in a number of arenas. His service to this body was extraordinary, and I invite my colleagues to join me in honoring him and expressing our condolences to his family.

DEDICATION OF THE LATE JEREMIAH F. REGAN LIBRARY,  
OCEANPORT, NJ

**HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 3, 2000*

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, tomorrow evening, Tuesday, April 4, 2000, a most fitting tribute will be made in honor of a man whose passing, a little more than one year ago, is still acutely felt in our community. The Jeremiah F. Regan Library/Media Center will be dedicated in honor of the late Jeremiah F. Regan at the Maple Place School Library in Oceanport, NJ. Given his decades-long devotion to educational excellence, and providing better opportunities for our young people to get access to an education, naming this facility in Mr. Regan's honor is indeed very appropriate, a well-deserved recognition.

Jerry Regan, a resident of Oceanport who passed away on March 9, 1999, was one of those rare people who could always be relied upon to be involved in a wide array of professional, community, political and religious activities. And yet, more importantly, Jerry always maintained as his top priority his devotion to his family and friends.

His involvement in education issues was both wide and deep. He served 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, an adjunct professor at Monmouth College, and an active leader in the Monmouth County and New Jersey school boards associations. He was Presi-

dent of the Executive Board of the New Jersey School Boards Association from 1988 to 1990, and held other senior posts with the Association.

Jerry was also deeply involved in the political, religious and civic life of our community. He served as campaign director and comptroller for my predecessor, the late Representative James J. Howard, a Member of Congress for nearly a quarter of a century. He also served on the Diocesan Educational 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 he served on the Public Employees Relations Commission.

Jerry Regan was a proud patriot who served our country in time of war, and contributed to our national defense throughout his life. 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. He was a member of the Oceanport Division of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

A great American, Jerry Regan was also a proud son of Ireland. 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 his native and his adopted homelands.

On this occasion, I also would like to pay tribute to Jerry's wife Marilyn (Pinky) Regan, who has for many years done an absolutely superb job in my campaign office, and to their two sons and three daughters, all the grandchildren, and to Jerry's other relatives on both sides of the Atlantic. They have much to be proud of.

Mr. Speaker, as Members of Congress, we are often called upon to pay tribute to outstanding citizens who are honored for their many achievements, and it is one of the most rewarding parts of our jobs as elected officials. It is even more rewarding when the person being honored was a respected colleague and a valued friend, like Jerry Regan.

The dedication of the Jeremiah F. Regan Library/Media Center will stand for years to come as a tribute to the public service of an outstanding citizen and community leader. For those of us who were privileged to know him, the memories of Jerry Regan's warmth, humor and genuine decency will be equally enduring.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. HELEN CHENOWETH-HAGE**

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 3, 2000*

Mrs. CHENOWETH-HAGE. Mr. Speaker, on March 30, 2000, I missed several rollcall votes on the account that I had unavoidable obligations elsewhere. Had I been present, I would