

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO THE LATE ANNE SPERRY RULE

HON. MARK FOLEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 27, 2000

Mr. FOLEY. Mr. Speaker, this Friday, June 30, 2000, the ashes of Anne Sperry Rule will be laid to rest with her late husband, Col. Richard Rule, in a ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery.

Anne was an overly dedicated, respected and well loved member of her community. Anne would not want us to be sad or to suffer from her loss. Rather, she would want us to cherish our memories of her and celebrate her life.

Anne's daughter, Cathi, will read the following poem on Friday which serves as a message for us all.

TO THOSE I LOVE AND THOSE WHO LOVED ME

When I am gone, release me, let me go—
I have so many things to see and do.
You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears.
Be happy that we had so many years.
I gave you my love, you can only guess
How much you gave to me in happiness.
I thank you for the love you each have
shown,

But now it's time I traveled on alone.
So grieve a while for me if grieve you must,
Then let your grief be comforted by trust.
It's only for a while that we must part.
So bless the memories within your heart.
I won't be far away, for life goes on.
So if you need me, call and I will come.
Though you can't see or touch me, I'll be
near—

And if you listen with your heart, you'll hear
All of my love around you soft and clear.
And then, when you must come this way
alone,

I'll greet you with a smile and "Welcome
Home."

RECOGNITION OF NICOLA M. ANTAKLI RECEIVING THE ANTONIAN GOLD MEDAL AWARD

HON. DAVID E. BONIOR

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, on June 9th of this year, His Eminence Metropolitan Philip Saliba visited my home State of Michigan in order to present a very prestigious award to Nicola Antakli. The Antonian Gold Medal Award is the highest honor the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America can bestow upon a member.

Born in Homs, Syria, Nicola Antakli came to the United States as a student in 1955. After establishing Middle East/African operations for an auto company, he founded Intraco Corp.,

an international trading, consulting and export management company with branches in Lebanon, Syria, Cyprus, and the United Arab Emirates. Through his guidance and vision, the company has mastered the art of developing mutually beneficial business partnerships in the world economy.

Nicola has been honored by many different organizations for his hard work and dedication to international commerce, but his church and community involvement are his most rewarding duty. His civic interests range from state, local and national politics to philanthropic associations and Arab-American groups. He is, of course, deeply involved in his church. A life member of the Order of St. Ignatius, he has served as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America for the past 11 years. Currently Nicola is a member of St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church in Troy, MI, and is a founding member of St. Paul Antiochian Orthodox Church in Naples, FL.

Few have achieved the same success in life as Nicola Antakli has. Fewer still have dedicated so much of the energy and resources of that success to the betterment of others. I am proud to know Nicola Antakli and to consider him a friend. I understand the devotion and sense of civic responsibility that one must have in order to receive an Antonian Gold Medal Award, and I ask each of you join me in recognizing this remarkable achievement.

HONORING TERRY KRAEMER, JR.

HON. HOWARD P. "BUCK" McKEON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. McKEON. Mr. Speaker, today I commend a young constituent of mine for his insightful letter.

Terry Kraemer, Jr., of Palmdale, CA, sent me a very thought provoking letter about the recent death of his father, Terry Kraemer, Sr., due to melanoma. His letter recounted how his father endured a painful death as his skin cancer traveled from a small mole on his leg to his lymph system and then to other vital organs.

He also told me about how his father served his community as a Boy Scout leader, a counseling intern, and as a "father figure" for many of the children in the neighborhood.

In his dad's memory, Terry wrote to me to ask that Congress place a special emphasis on finding a cure for melanoma and on educating other Americans, so they will not suffer as Terry's family has suffered.

His letter compelled me to find out what the federal government is doing to prevent this devastating disease. I was pleased to see that both the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) have extensive programs on melanoma.

First, the NIH's CancerNet website contains a comprehensive page on melanoma including information on early detection, symptoms, diagnosis, and treatment. CancerNet also addresses genetics, risk factors, and prevention so that sun worshipers will be able to protect themselves early and properly. You can find CancerNet at http://cancer.net.nih.gov/cancer_types/melanoma.shtml.

Second, the CDC sponsors the "Choose Your Cover" Campaign—a skin cancer prevention initiative aimed at children and young adults. This program uses education materials, brochures, posters, and public service announcements to remind young Americans that they can have fun in the sun and still be safe. For more information on this campaign, see the CDC website at <http://www.cdc.gov/ChooseYourCover>.

As we head to the beaches and outdoors over this 4th of July recess, I appeal to all my colleagues to learn more about melanoma by reviewing these websites and to educate their families and constituents about the ways to prevent this horrible disease.

In closing, I want to thank Terry for bringing this important issue to my attention. Terry put aside his grief so that others will not suffer as he has. He is a brave young man and deserves to be recognized. I am proud for this opportunity to do so.

And, finally, on Terry's behalf, I encourage you all to "Choose Your Cover."

HONORING TOM ARCHER

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 27, 2000

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Tom Archer for a lifetime of public service. Today he retires from years of serving the citizens of Mariposa County as the Human Services Director.

Tom's academic endeavors have taken him to some of our nation's top universities. He received a Bachelor's degree in Social Science from the California State University, Stanislaus, a Master's degree in Political Science from the University of California, Berkeley, and a Master of Social Work degree from West Virginia University. He is currently a Ph.D. candidate at the University of California, Davis.

Not only is Tom an accomplished scholar, he is also a compassionate social worker and an American soldier. Tom served in the United States Navy, and has served as Director of the Central Valley Regional Center in Merced, California, as Council Member and Mayor Pro Temp of the City of Merced, and most recently as Human Services Director for the County of Mariposa.

Tom has spent his lifetime dedicated to sound community planning, managed growth,

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