TRIBUTE TO RUSH LIMBAUGH

HON. JAMES A. TRAFICANT, JR.
OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 17, 2001

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, I want to pay tribute to a growing legend in American talk radio. Conservative talk show host, Rush Limbaugh, who many know simply as Rush, has brought America back from ultra-liberalism to a more moderate, mainstream approach to politics and the American way of life.

Rush recently received the largest contract ever for a radio personality. He is deserving of the contract and also deserves to be commended for what he has done for this country. Rush was a voice of reason and had a tremendous influence on the passage of my reforms of the Internal Revenue Service. Those reforms have had a significant impact on the lives of Americans everywhere, saving their properties and their homes, providing for their day in court in a civil tax case, and shifting the burden of proof in a civil tax case from the taxpayer to the IRS. The law reduced property seizures from 10,037 to 151 in one year and dramatically reduced wage attachment and property liens. That law, which saves the homes of over 10,000 Americans every year, may not have become a reality without the help of one man's voice, heard by millions.

Rush Limbaugh is making a difference, and I thank him for his contributions to the spirit of American political debate.

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN REMEMBRANCE OF INA MARIE LEE

HON. MARCY KAPTUR
OF OHIO

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Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate the life of a Toledoan and American of note, Ina Marie Lee. Miss Lee passed away at 108 years of age.

Miss Lee was a nurse and veteran of World War I. She was considered the oldest living veteran in Northwest Ohio, and was one of the oldest in our nation. She served as a nurse during the war, stationed with the Army in Mobile, Alabama and Fort Snelling, Minnesota. Upon her discharge at the war's end, she worked as a private nurse for several of Toledo's prominent families. She did not retire from nursing until the age of 85, after a 55 year career.

Ina Marie Lee was born in the tiny town of Jerry City in Wood County, Ohio. The daughter of a poultry farmer, Ina dreamed of being a nurse. After overcoming tuberculosis as a child, she realized that goal and was one of the first graduates of the former Toledo Hospital School of Nursing. Graduates of the school still meet, and Ina was a revered and popular member. She was "a wonderful role model for other nurses," according to her longtime friend and nurse Mary Lou Leonard.

Believed to be a descendant of General Robert E. Lee, Ina joined the Army on June 10, 1918. As a distinguished veteran, she was a member of the American Legion Argonne Post 545. She was also a member of the Toledo Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, the Toledo Hospital Alumni Association, the Idlewood Rebekah Lodge No. 565 in Jerry City, and the Westgate Chapel in Toledo. She was several times the Grand Marshall in Toledo parades and was featured on NBC's Today Show on two occasions. It was my personal honor to join Ina at a recent nurses reunion in Toledo where we unveiled a statue to honor nurses and their contributions to our community.

These few words on the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD cannot do justice to this most remarkable woman and her life well-lived. Perhaps the words of her friend, Ms. Leonard, say it best. Ina Marie Lee "was a fun-loving, happy, caring person. She loved live life, she loved people, and she loved helping people." No greater tribute can there be than to have been a personal honor to join Ina at a recent nurses reunion in Toledo where we unveiled a statue to honor nurses and their contributions to our community.

Since the war, Ina Marie Lee led a full and productive life. Her contributions included mentoring other nurses and the development of a nursing school. She was an active member of the Toledo Hospital Alumni Association and the Toledo Hospital School of Nursing. Ina was a true American hero and her legacy will live on in the hearts of all those who knew her. She touched the lives of many and will be remembered fondly by all who knew her.

IN HONOR OF THE CLEVELAND HEARING AND SPEECH CENTER

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH
OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the great work of the Cleveland Hearing and Speech Center in spreading awareness of hearing loss issues and in providing services to those who are affected by hearing loss. Founded by President Garfield's daughter-in-law, Helen Newell Garfield, in 1921 the CHSC is the oldest hearing and speech center in the United States and the only nonprofit organization in Northeast Ohio dedicated solely to meeting the hearing, speech, and deafness needs of the community.

To observe its 80th year anniversary this year CHSC will partner with 14 Cleveland attractions for the first annual Communication Celebration. American Sign Language interpreters will be placed at each of the following attractions: The Children's Museum of Cleveland, Cleveland Botanical Garden, The Cleveland Center for Contemporary Art, Cleveland Metroparks Nature Centers, Cleveland Metroparks Zoo, The Cleveland Museum of Art, The Cleveland Museum of Natural History, Great Lakes Science Center, The Health Museum of Cleveland, Lake View Cemetery, The Nature Center at Shaker Lakes, Rock & Roll Hall of Fame & Museum, Steamship William G. Mather Museum, and Western Reserve Historical Society. The event will serve as the culmination of National Deaf Awareness Week.

This is an issue that affects many people. More than 28 million Americans have a hearing loss and approximately 2 million of them are profoundly deaf. One of every 22 infants has hearing problems and one of every 1000 infants is born deaf. But, unfortunately, only an estimated 20 percent of people who could benefit from hearing aids have them. Nonethe-less communications skills are the number one predictor of academic success for children and the number one predictor of success at the workplace for adults.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in applauding the efforts of this great organization in spreading awareness and for the hard work it has contributed to this cause.

RECOGNIZING MIRA ROSENFIELD SENNETT

HON. CAROLYN McCARTHY
OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. McCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, please join me in applauding the efforts of Mira Rosenfield Sennett, a noted educator in the Jewish community of Nassau County and a resident of Atlantic Beach, Long Island.

Since she began her career three decades ago at the Brandeis Day School, Mira has been teaching and supervising special education in the New York school system while simultaneously pursuing her love of Jewish education. Over the past 30 years, she has taught at the Hebrew High School and the State University at Stony Brook and directed the Five Towns School of Special Education for the Special Child, Temple Beth El Religious School and the Hebrew School at the Jewish Center of Atlantic Beach.

Mira is known for her love of community and Jewish learning, and she has shared these qualities with countless others. For years, Mira...