In honor of Food Not Bombs Cleveland

Hon. Dennis J. Kucinich of Ohio

In the House of Representatives
Thursday, July 19, 2001

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Food Not Bombs Cleveland for the significant contributions that organization is making in Ohio's 10th Congressional District and the Greater Cleveland area.

Like other Congressional Districts around the country, my district has severe and significant problems with hunger. This problem is prevalent among those who have places to live and those who do not.

Food Not Bombs Cleveland operates on the principle that society and government should value human life over material wealth. Many of the problems in the world stem from this simple crisis in values.

By giving away free food to people in need in public spaces, such as Cleveland's Public Square every Sunday afternoon since January 1996, Food Not Bombs Cleveland directly dramatizes the level of hunger in this country and the surplus of food being wasted. Food Not Bombs Cleveland also calls attention to the failure of our society to support those within it while amply funding the forces of war and violence.

Food Not Bombs Cleveland is part of an informal network, Food Not Bombs, which was formed in Boston in 1980 as an outgrowth of the anti-nuclear movement in New England. Food Not Bombs Cleveland is committed to the use of non-violent direct action to change society. It is by working today to create sustainable institutions that prefigure the kind of society we want to live in, that Food Not Bombs Cleveland works to bring a vital and caring movement for progressive social change.

Food Not Bombs serves food as a practical act of sustaining people and organizations, not as symbolism. Thousands of meals are served each week by Food Not Bombs groups in North America and Europe. The meals served by Food Not Bombs Cleveland each week are vegetarian, donated by Cleveland-area grocers such as the Food Coop, the Web of Life, Panera Bakery, and vendors at Cleveland's West Side Market, prepared by volunteers, and are shared with anyone who wants to participate.

It is at these weekly gatherings that information is shared by participants on all issues of significance, from available resources for survival on and off the streets to how to make positive non-violent change in our society. Since many of the participants in Food Not Bombs Cleveland are living on either side of the edge of homelessness, there is much information gathered and shared that is useful to the participants.

For instance, it is at these gatherings that the Northeast Ohio Coalition for the Homeless distributes its “Street Card,” detailing all social services available to both the homeless, the formerly homeless, and those at risk of becoming homeless. Participants share information about their own experience with social services resources, both as users and providers of such services. Thus, Food Not Bombs Cleveland operates as an important networking tool for those in need of social services that help those in need.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud of the work that Food Not Bombs Cleveland accomplishes through its free public meals, by drawing attention to the hunger and homelessness crisis in America, and by using direct, non-violent means toward helping resolve these crises. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognition of Food Not Bombs Cleveland the national Food Not Bombs network.

In Memory of William Francis Landis

Hon. Mike Thompson of California

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Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize William Francis Landis, who died June 10, 2001 in Humboldt County, California at the age of ninety-six. Mr. Landis was born in Oakland, California where he attended local schools. In 1939, he graduated from the University of California at Berkeley. He became a full time employee of the Bank of America, having worked for the bank part time while attending the university.

After the 1941 attacks on Pearl Harbor, Bill Landis joined the United States Army and served in the Army Air Corps throughout World War II.

When the war ended, Bill Landis returned to work at Bank of America. Before the war he had met his future wife, Marian Adele Anderson, of Ferndale, California. They married and settled in Hayward, California. After the birth of their sons, William, Jr. and James, Bill and Marian decided to move back to Humboldt County to raise their family. The family grew as three more children were born, Charles, Gary and Adele.

Bill worked for the Arcata Plywood Company and was instrumental in organizing Local Union 2808. In 1962 he was elected 5th District Supervisor for the County of Humboldt and was a strong supporter of the establishment of the Redwood National Park. After his term as Supervisor, he served as business agent for the Humboldt County Employee Corporation as well.

Over her 21 years, Sister Nancy has guided the Sandusky hospital through a significant period of growth. She has overseen the development of a Women's Center, an obstetrics unit, two physical therapy clinics, a sleep lab, a mobile MRI unit, inpatient rehab unit, and a home health agency, just to name a few. In addition, she established an Open Heart Surgery Program and initiated a physician relations program that significantly boosted hospital admissions. One important goal Sister Nancy had for the hospital was a freestanding long-term care facility. Her dream came true in 1989 when the Providence Care Center, a nursing home, opened its doors.

I am not the only one to recognize her accomplishments. Sister Nancy was inducted into the Ohio Women's Hall of Fame in 1999, given the Distinguished Alumni Award in 1993 from her alma mater Xavier University, named the Erie County Chamber Commerce Businesswoman of the Year in 1992 and the Sandusky Business and Professional Women named her Woman of the Year in 1989.
Mr. Speaker, Sister Nancy Linenkugel is an inspiration. Through her hard work, dedication, and determination, she has made Providence Health Systems one of the best in Ohio and the country. I ask my colleagues to join me in saluting her and wishing her the very best in her future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO CHRISTINE DIEMER IGER

HON. GARY G. MILLER
OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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Mr. GARY G. MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute and honor the accomplishments of Christine Diemer Iger, Esq.

Christine Diemer Iger, Chief Executive Officer for the past twelve years at the building Industry Association of Southern California/Orange County Chapter, will be resigning this post in August, 2001, to join the law firm of Manatt, Phelps and Phillips, LLP.

Mrs. Iger will be remembered for her dedication to making the BIA the spokesperson for record for the Orange County homebuilding industry. She interfaced closely and successfully with local, state, and federal officials to resolve Orange County's diverse and complex land use and building development issues. Prior to joining the Building Industry Association, Orange County Chapter, she served in the administration of Governor George Deukmejian from 1986–1989, as Director of the California Department of Housing and Community Development, and from 1983–1986 as Deputy Attorney General before the Court of Appeals and Supreme Court. Her legal career began in 1977, as Law Clerk to Justice Lewis Powell, United States Supreme Court. Her legal career began in 1977, as Law Clerk to United States Magistrate Edward A. Infante in San Diego. She also served as Assistant Legal Director for the California District Association in 1979.

Mrs. Iger is a past board member of the Federal National Mortgage Association. She currently serves as a board member and audit committee chair of the Keith Companies, a successful engineering company and environmental land-use planning firm.

Mrs. Iger has an outstanding record of service to her community. She is a member of the executive committees for the University of California, Irvine, CEO Roundtable and Foundation, member of the Board of Directors for the Orange County Business Council, Orange County Performing Arts Center, Pacific Symphony Orchestra, and Opera Pacific.

Christine Diemer Iger's exemplary professional service has earned the admiration and respect of those who have had the privilege of working with her. I would like to congratulate her on these accomplishments and wish her well in her new endeavor.

IN EXTENSIONS OF Remarks
IN MEMORY OF MR. JEFFREY LEBARRON

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH
OF OHIO
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in memory of a great man, Jeffrey LeBarron. Mr. LeBarron has had a distinguished career working in both public and private sectors for Cleveland's economic development. During his career he has held a wide variety of positions ranging from executive assistant to former Cleveland Mayor Voinovich, director of retail real estate for the Richard E. Jacobs Group, to executive vice president of the Downtown Cleveland Partnership.

Mr. LeBarron graduated from Chagrin Falls High School in 1973. In 1977 he graduated from Boston University. He then continued his education earning a law degree in 1981 and then a master's degree in 1982 in business administration from Case Western Reserve University.

During his time in the Voinovich mayoral administration, he held the positions of assistant safety director and chief assistant law director, between 1981 and 1990. Mr. LeBarron then took a job with what was then Jacobs, Visconi, & Jacobs Co. During his time with this development firm, he worked on the development of major real estate projects such as South Park Center and Chagrin Highlands. After he left Jacobs, Visconi, & Jacobs Co., he joined with the Downtown Cleveland Partnership, a non-profit organization focused on downtown real estate development plans.

All of the hard work and dedication that Mr. LeBarron has displayed during his career is exemplary. He was an extraordinarily bright and an incredibly genuine person.

Mr. Speaker, please rise today and join me in applauding an individual who has made numerous contributions to the Cleveland area, Mr. Jeffrey LeBarron.

A SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO PHYLLIS AND ELMER WELLMAN ON THE OCCASION OF THEIR 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR
OF OHIO
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, July 19, 2001

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to congratulate Phyllis and Elmer Wellman, of Delphos, Ohio, on the recent celebration of their golden wedding anniversary.

Elmer J. Wellman married Phyllis A. Davis on July 16, 1951. After they were wed, the Wellmans settled in Delphos, Ohio. Their first priority throughout their lives have been their three children: Pat, Jim, and Mark, my Chief of Staff. They are also the devoted grandchildren of four grandchildren.

Both Elmer and Phyllis were raised in farming families during the Great Depression. That common experience gave both of them an appreciation for the truly important things in life. They have also distinguished themselves as accomplished professionals and have generously contributed to their community.

Elmer recently retired from farming. He has also been active in civic positions including the Van Wert County Hospital Board, the former Peoples National Bank of Delphos, the Delphos Country Club and a retired high school basketball referee.

Phyllis recently retired from her third career. After raising her three children, Phyllis returned to the profession of teaching. Her patient, yet demanding teaching style helped