

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN HONOR OF JUKE VAN OSS

HON. PETER HOEKSTRA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 2, 2001

Mr. HOEKSTRA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my constituent Juke Van Oss. Juke has been involved in West Michigan radio for 50 years, but August 12 does not just mark the anniversary of his involvement in radio—it also serves as a reminder of over 50 years of community involvement in areas that extend far beyond the airwaves. Juke's service has ranged from the Saugatuck School Board and Village Council, including three years as Mayor, to a position as President of the Chamber of Commerce and a seat on the Region 8 Criminal Justice Planning Council.

Juke got his start in radio during World War II. Shortly after being transferred out of Air Force radio school to the infantry, he was sent to Luzon where he was given 50 pounds of radio equipment to carry around the Pacific theater. After discharge Juke remained involved in radio, earning his Ham license and applying to be an engineer at WHTC 1450 AM. On August 10, 1951 he got his First Class license in Chicago, and his career began two days later.

Juke's big break came one morning when the host didn't arrive on time. He spent an hour on the air, the people loved him, and when the morning slot opened up he had a new job. Juke tried a number of different shows and formats, and it was 40 years ago that he settled into something that suited his amiable nature: He began hosting "Talk of the Town," the mid-morning show that made him famous.

Over 50 year Juke has entertained more listeners than can numbered, and he has seen many people come and go. He has worked with folks who went on to their own successful careers in radio and television, and he has worked through changes in listeners, changes in topics, changes in partners, changes in formats, and changes in technology. Through it all Juke Van Oss has remained the constant.

THE SKIP ENTERTAINMENT
COMPANY

HON. ROBERT A. UNDERWOOD

OF GUAM

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Mr. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this occasion to commend the SKIP Entertainment Company. The group was originally formed in 1982 as a project of Children's Productions known as Sunshine Kids In Production (SKIP). Based on Guam and comprised of local talent, this group has enter-

tained as well as brought tremendous honors to the island. Under the direction of Lee and Teri Knapp and instructors, Chad Knapp, Tina D'Amato, Brian Thomas and Glenn Packard, members of SKIP recently won awards at the 2001 Showstopper National Dance Finals in San Antonio, Texas.

During the five-day competition, a panel of five judges reviewed over seven hundred dance routines. The five highest scoring entries in the junior division, comprised of kids age 12 and under, as well as the five highest scoring entries in the senior division, comprised of kids age 13 and over, were guaranteed slots to perform at the 2001 Showstopper Television Special.

SKIP's rendition of "Robot," choreographed by Dee Caspary, was performed before a packed house at the San Antonio Auditorium and earned the group the 2001 Showstopper National Junior Championship. Dancers on this routine comprised of Brian Aflague, Deena Aguon, Ryan Brasuel, Chloe Kernaghan, Maho Kogure, Shiina Kuniyoshi, Danielle Leon Guerrero, Ali McCully, Dorian Nelson, Giana Pangelinan, Mariesa Quitugua, Ryan Ruiz, Lauren Santos, Tawyna Unsiog and Patrick Wolff.

"Quiet," choreographed for the senior company by former SKIP dancer Michael Lomeka, was also one of the top five acts in their division selected for the television special. The senior company members include Janelle Cruz, Thomas Cruz, Stacy Eustaquio, Tony Francisco, Janet Hetzel, Claressa Johnston, Nicloe King, Mia McCully, Beatrix Poh, Cora Rivera, Tracy Sablan, and Tawnee Unsiog.

In addition to the national championship title won by the junior company, SKIP won a number of other awards. The SKIP performance of "Kansas City" received the highest score for all dancers under age 9. Dancers include Ashley Arizala, Brian Esperon, Alyssa Mariano, Shayana Mariano, Anjenette Pineda, Tammy Ramirez, DeMario Scimio, Taylor Toves, Tara Unsiog, Teesha Unsiog, Regine Vida, and Kristine Vo. SKIP members also won the Senior Large Group Championship, Senior Line Second Place, Junior Large Group Third Place, and Junior Small Group Third Place.

Having had the chance to view the performances of these kids, I can attest to the fact that these kids are outstanding artists and entertainers who have worked hard to deserve the honors bestowed upon them. Through their exceptional talents and notable achievements, the SKIP kids have brought recognition upon themselves and the island of Guam.

On behalf of the people of Guam, I would like to commend everyone who played a part in the success of the SKIP kids. I wish them continued success and the best in their future undertakings.

HONORING DR. TIMOTHY M.
STEARNS

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Timothy M. Stearns for his innovative work in the field of education. He has been active in various areas of education, including teaching, researching, launching new programs, and journal editing.

Dr. Stearns received his Bachelor's degree in Sociology from San Jose State University. He went on to obtain his Master's in Business Administration and his Doctorate in Management and Sociology, both from Indiana University. Dr. Stearns has been a member of the Management faculty at the University of Wisconsin, Madison and Marquette University.

Dr. Stearns serves on the editorial board of three academic journals, and is the author of more than 50 research articles and presentations. Dr. Stearns has lectured on entrepreneurship, strategic planning, and corporate re-engineering to executives in various countries, including Poland, Japan, and the People's Republic of China. In 1996, Professor Stearns founded the Institute for Developing Entrepreneurial Action (IDEA). IDEA works with students and local entrepreneurs to help move their dreams toward reality.

Dr. Stearns is currently the Coleman Foundation Endowed Chair in Entrepreneurial Studies at the Craig School of Business at California State University, Fresno. In addition, Dr. Stearns is directing the development of the Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship on the CSUF campus. The Center will house a creativity lab, a technology transfer center, a venture capital fund, and curriculum for undergraduate and graduate students.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Timothy M. Stearns for his dedication to education. I urge my colleagues to join me in wishing Dr. Stearns many more years of continued success.

A TRIBUTE TO GERTIE COLE

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 2, 2001

Mr. FARR of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate and salute Ms. Gertie Cole of Watsonville, California. Ms. Cole is my constituent, and last month she was awarded one of five national Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis Awards for volunteer service to the community. As many of my colleagues, friends, and constituents know, community service is something that I strongly believe in, and it is

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