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Dedicated, and creative leader. As he returns to work in the private sector, Mr. Walker humbly calls his service to the SEC the “highlight of his legal career”. We call his commitment an extraordinary contribution.

America’s investors benefited greatly while Mr. Walker headed the SEC’s nationwide enforcement effort. He led the division’s fight against earnings management and other financial reporting abuses. He was the key force behind some of the most significant financial fraud cases ever brought forward in the history of the Commission, including those cases against W.R. Grace, Cendant, McKesson HBOC, Microstrategy, Sunbeam, Arthur Andersen, and the 1999 landmark auditor independence case against PricewaterhouseCoopers.

A well-respected leader, Mr. Walker also stood out as a team player. He forged working relationships with state and local prosecutors and the FBI, resulting in a record numbers of criminal prosecutions for violations of federal securities law. He passion for justice was evident as he attacked organized crime in securities activities by coordinating civil and criminal prosecutions. He led several major, successful undercover sting operations, revealing the largest number of people ever charged with securities fraud.

The Commission also established the Internet Enforcement Program to combat internet securities fraud under Mr. Walker’s direction. Because of Mr. Walker’s efforts, an estimated 250 violators were held accountable. He rose to the challenge of advancing technology with characteristic determination.

Mr. Walker received many awards for his outstanding contributions during his ten years at the SEC, including: two-time receipt of the Chairman’s Award for Excellence, the Commission’s Distinguished Service Award, the Commission’s Law and Policy Award for his key role in the government’s successful appeal in U.S. vs. O’Hagan, a landmark case which upheld the misappropriation theory of insider trading. Today we award him with our Chairman Donald Manzullo, House Small Business Committee, Washington, DC.

Mr. Chairman: As Chairman of the Bureau of Wholesale Sales and Retailers and President of the National Alliance of Sales Representatives Associations I have the opportunity to discuss the impact that increasing and volatile energy costs have on sales representatives across the country. The National Alliance of Sales Representatives Associations (NASRA) is based in Atlanta and represents more than 10,000 sales representatives who work with a variety of companies including apparel, shoe, gift, furniture, and other related sectors.

The Impact of Rising Fuel Costs

When energy costs wildly fluctuate as they have in the last four months, sales representatives who are independent business owners, find that they have to absorb the rising energy costs with no ability to pass any of the cost increases on to their customers. As a result a season that has already been hurt due to a slowing economy goes into the proverbial tank as we are all forced to absorb cost increases that cannot be reflected in our commissions.

Here are some personal illustrations of how these costs increases have affected my business. My territory consists of Pennsylvania, Maryland, New Jersey, Delaware and The District of Columbia.

I travel in excess of 50,000 road miles per year and I make a dozen or so trips annually to key areas of my territory. In addition, I attend twenty to twenty-five trade shows.

My travel is done in a mini van racked for sales, and I make a very difficult decision. After more than 30 years in a business he loved my husband has left the industry. There can be no doubt he was literally forced out by these rising costs. Unfortunately, more and more of my colleagues are making similar decisions. It is well known small business is the engine of our economy. What will happen when we are unable to run the engine?

Solutions

Congress needs to look for long-term solutions to maintain some level of stability in energy costs. The quick fixes have been meaningless to me. We need a long view energy policy. We MUST put stability ahead of volatility so that small business owners can focus on running their business.

Mr. Chairman I wish to thank you for looking into this issue and for your assistance to the National Alliance of Sales Representatives Associations.

Sincerely, Sandra Hanlon Bloom.

A Tribute to Sir Arthur Gilbert

Hon. Tom Lantos

In the House of Representatives

Thursday, September 6, 2001

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise today to pay tribute to a dear friend, an extraordinary man, and a giant in the art world, Sir Arthur Gilbert, who passed away on September 2, of this year.

Born in 1913, Arthur’s family emigrated from Poland to London where they operated a furrier business. After deciding not to enter the family business, Arthur chose to work with his wife, Rosalinde Gilbert, a struggling dress designer. He adopted her surname for business reasons, and the two of them quickly made a small fortune producing and marketing her evening gowns. In 1949, they decided to leave the damp and cold of London for the warm

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HON. DONALD A. MANZULLO
OF ILLINOIS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, September 6, 2001

Mr. MANZULLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer the attached comments of the National Alliance of Sales Representatives Associations on the impact of rising energy costs on small businesses. As Chairman of the Small Business Committee, I will continue to review the issues raised in the attached letter.

The National Alliance of Sales Representatives Associations, Atlanta, GA, August 2, 2001.

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My travel is done in a mini van racked for the purpose of housing my samples. Naturally the added weight decreases fuel efficiency but nevertheless the vehicle is critical to my business. Within 30 minutes of my home you can presently find gasoline prices ranging from $1.65 to $1.16 for regular unleaded and I am aware that prices across the country have been even higher.

Some sales reps have chosen to purchase diesel fuel motor homes for the purpose of efficiency. During those weeks, diesel prices in my area have ranged from $1.70 to $1.31. At recent prices it makes the investment in travel a real issue. Most diesel vehicles are commercial, busses and trucks and the trucking industry has requested they be given extensions of remarks on these increased costs. Commissioned sales representatives who drive diesel or gasoline vehicles do not have the ability to pass on rising costs nor petition congress for such rebates.

Rising Fuel Costs Affect in Other Areas

If it were only the rising cost of fuel perhaps the impact would not be so great. These same rising costs affect every phase of my business and my life.

1. The hotels I use have added energy surcharges without notice.
2. Food and restaurant prices have gone up due to transportation costs.
3. Airlines, busses and trains have also added energy surcharges.
4. The convention centers and hotels that host our trade shows have new energy clauses in their leases.
5. Retail prices on my products have increased because of rising production and shipping charges. When retail prices rise retail slows which directly impacts my wholesale business.

California Impacts Sales Representatives Nationally

As a final insult many sales representatives including myself have been affected by the energy crisis in California. My business begins with samples. Recently, I have had delays in getting samples, especially from California. This is due largely to rolling black outs which has slowed production. If I do not have my samples shipped on time so that I can display them at the trade shows my time and money invested in trade shows is lost.

At this time I cannot plan my business because the costs keep changing. They never go down and yet my income does not increase proportionately. A business that is run without the ability to plan is doomed to failure.

All costs rise with rising energy prices. Where does it end? It seems to end with me.

On a more personal note our family had to make a very difficult decision. After more than 30 years in a business he loved my husband has left the industry. There can be no doubt he was literally forced out by these rising costs. Unfortunately, more and more of my colleagues are making similar decisions. It is well known small business is the engine of our economy. What will happen when we are unable to run the engine?

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California sun, and they moved to Los Angeles, intending to retire.

Instead of retiring, Arthur made a second fortune in real estate. Arthur “never made money just for the sake of making money,” as he liked to say, but he will be remembered not for how he made money, but rather how he spent it. His passion for collecting art came about almost accidentally, while looking for decorations for his new home in Los Angeles. A friend suggested to him that he needed some silver to dress up the living room, so he purchased, in his words, a “schmaltzy cabinet by the 18th century silversmith Paul de Lamerie.” It was also this time that he bought his first micromosaics, which are images created by tiny threads of glass. Arthur became quite enamored with micromosaics, and eventually purchased over 200 pieces.

Mr. Speaker, the New York Times (September 4, 2001) noted in its obituary of Mr. Gilbert that “in time his collection grew to comprise several collections. The silver and silver-gilt items include scores of ornate tazze, dishes, candelabras and cups that once decorated the royal and aristocratic dinner tables of Europe. His gold collection was made up of some 20 gold snuff boxes, which like the 260 micromosaics, and his 80 portrait miniatures, are best appreciated through a magnifying glass.”

Arthur Gilbert was justifiably proud of his collection, and frequently he personally led tours through the museums which housed his collection. As his collection continued to expand, it eventually became too large for the space constraints at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art, where it had been housed for some time. In 1996, Arthur accepted an offer to house his collection in the newly renovated Somerset House, an 18th century palace in London, where it is now displayed. He called it “Britain’s heritage regained,” since many of the pieces originally belonged to British aristocrats. The collection—valued at over $200 million—had been open to the public since May of last year. In appreciation of this lavish bequest, Arthur Gilbert, who never renounced his British citizenship, was knighted in 1999.

In addition to his donated art collection, both Arthur and Rosalinde Gilbert were benefactors of numerous charities and organizations. These include the Arthur and Rosalinde Gilbert Center for the Advancement of Scientific Research. They have contributed generously to the February 1941 Foundation—an extraordinary foundation created to thank the Dutch people for assisting Jews fleeing Nazi persecution and downed Allied pilots during World War II.

Mr. Speaker, I believe the Los Angeles Times (September 4, 2001) captured the essence of this outstanding philanthropist, when it quoted him: “Whether you collect snuff boxes or matchboxes, don’t buy because it’s going up in value but because you like it or it will enhance your life — then give it away.” I invite my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Sir Arthur Gilbert, an outstanding Californian and a generous philanthropist.

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A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING WILLIAM DAVID PEOPLES

HON. ROBERT W. NEY
OF OHIO
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, September 6, 2001

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, Whereas, Officer William David Peoples, of the Cambridge, Ohio Police Department has been recognized as its Officer of the Month for November, 1998; and, Whereas, Officer Peoples has continually demonstrated a superlative degree of professionalism, care and commitment in his role as a police officer; and

Whereas, he was awarded the Exceptional Service Medal in 1995 for his heroic actions and effective problem solving as he helped deliver water to the 12,000 residents of Cambridge when a main line broke; and,

Therefore, I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring the dedication and the exemplary service of Officer William D. Peoples, a man whom I am proud to call a constituent and one who serves as an example to us all.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH OF SANTA ROSA, CA

HON. MIKE THOMPSON
OF CALIFORNIA
HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY
OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, September 6, 2001

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, along with my colleague from California, Ms. LYNN WOOLSEY, I wish today to recognize Community Baptist Church of Santa Rosa as this congregation celebrates the 50th anniversary of its founding.

A few African American families formed the hub of the church 50 years ago, which has since grown into a fully integrated congregation of 650 people, with three choirs, two youth groups, an on-site day care center, and a charter high school.

The congregation’s first pastor was The Reverend Washington E. Boyce, who was serving as the assistant pastor at the First Missionary Baptist Church in the neighboring County of Marin when he traveled north to Sonoma County to enlist the support of local residents in building a spiritual community.

Community Baptist became an official congregation in 1951 under the first deacon, Curtis Wyatt, Jr., who was ordained in 1952.

The first church services were held in members’ homes and in community buildings in Santa Rosa. The first church building officially opened in 1956.

The Reverend James E. Coffee became the minister at Community Baptist Church in 1965 and has served the congregation for the past 36 years.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to express my severe disappointment regarding the lack of engagement by the United States in the United Nations World Conference Against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerances. During the conference, this very body initially refused to seat the first African-American Members of Congress. Today, there are thirty-nine African-American Members of Congress and numerous Cabinet officials. Though we have a long way to go in terms of fighting racism and trying to work on race relations, we have come a long way.

This Nation presided over a slave trade that was one of the most grotesque examples of man’s inhumanity to man. Once slavery was abolished, due in large part to pressure from other nations, parts of the United States then enacted codes designed to deny African-Americans their full citizenship rights. As abhorrent as this pattern