

## RECOGNIZING JOSEPH DITOMASO

**HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 31, 2001*

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Joseph DiTomaso for being named an Extension Specialist Award finalist by the Friends of Agricultural Extension. The Friends of Agricultural Extension will recognize Joseph at their annual awards dinner.

Joseph is a U.C. Davis Weed Science Extension Specialist. He has continually been developing his program on the subject of "Control of Yellow Starthistle." The emphasis of his research has shifted from defining the biology and ecology of this serious pest to developing integrated system approaches to its long-term management, as well as to that of other non-crop weeds.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Joseph DiTomaso for being named an Extension Specialist Award finalist by the Friends of Agricultural Extension. I urge my colleagues to join me in wishing Joseph many more years of continued success.

HONORING DENNIS W.  
SHAUGHNESSY**HON. LOIS CAPPS**

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Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to pay tribute to Dennis Shaughnessy, who retired on September 14, 2001. Though his departure is a great loss, I would like to congratulate Dennis and thank him for 30 years of service and dedication to the County of Santa Barbara Probation Department.

Dennis Shaughnessy began employment with the Probation Department in 1971 as an officer assigned to the Santa Barbara Juvenile Hall. From the outset of his career, Dennis performed at an outstanding level and was identified as having management potential on his very first employee performance evaluation. He soon was promoted to Deputy Probation Officer in 1973, and began quickly moving up the ranks in the Probation Department from Senior Deputy Probation Officer to Supervising Probation Officer to Administrative Division Chief to his final position of Deputy Chief Probation Officer, the position he has held since 1996.

In addition to the innumerable hours Dennis has dedicated to the Probation Department, he also has found time to serve on various State committees, including advisory committees for the California Board of Corrections and several criminal information subcommittees with the Department of Justice. He has also initiated several programs that have been cited for outstanding merit by the local Juvenile Justice/Delinquency Prevention commission. Specifically, the Los Prietos Boys Camp, a program in his division, has received much recognition. The Los Prietos Boys Camp is a program that provides an opportunity for juvenile offenders to be rehabilitated. The program

provides at-risk youths opportunities to refurbish computers for the Santa Barbara County Education Office's "Computers for Families" program, or provide forest maintenance services for the Los Prietos National Forest. The program has been so effective it was awarded the CSAC Challenge Award in November 2000.

Mr. Speaker, for his lifetime of service and commitment to community involvement, I recognize and salute Dennis Shaughnessy and thank him for all his efforts on behalf of the entire Central Coast community. I am confident that Dennis will remain a prominent figure in the community as he enters a new phase in his life. We all owe him a tremendous debt of gratitude, and I wish him the best of luck in all of his future endeavors.

NORMAN SISISKY POST OFFICE  
BUILDING

SPEECH OF

**HON. ERIC CANTOR**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 30, 2001*

Mr. CANTOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 2910, the Norman Sisisky Post Office Building Designation Act, I am honored today to pay tribute to Norman Sisisky, who was a colleague and a familiar figure in Virginia politics for many years. It is fitting and proper that we should honor Norman today on the floor of this House where he acted so honorably as a public servant since he was elected to Congress in 1982 until his death earlier this year.

Norman Sisisky spent a lifetime serving Virginia and the United States, and we are all deeply indebted to this distinguished Virginia gentleman. Norman first displayed his love for this country when he enlisted in the Navy as a young man during World War II. His time in the Navy, though short, left a lasting impression and he never forgot that we must diligently tend to the needs of the men and women serving in the military.

At the conclusion of the war, he became a successful businessman and well known throughout the business community for transforming a small bottling company into a highly successful soft drink distributor. His business background and creative thinking proved invaluable when he later decided to enter elective politics. Norman served in the Virginia General Assembly for several years before being elected to the House of Representatives in 1982. Here in Washington, Norman was known as a staunch defender of our national security and worked tirelessly on behalf of the men and women who serve our nation in the military.

Norman was particularly effective in building coalitions in support for key programs and reaching across the aisle on matters of importance to Virginians. From ensuring adequate funding for aircraft carriers and submarines to modernizing our weapons systems, he was an ardent voice on the Armed Services Committee and an ally of every person who wears the uniform of the United States.

In his District, and throughout Virginia, his reputation as an outstanding Member of Con-

gress was unparalleled. His legacy of constituent service, consensus building and selfless service is a model for all Members of Congress.

The people of the Fourth District, the Commonwealth of Virginia and the United States of America have truly benefitted from his dedicated service and at this time of national crisis his military mind and Congressional experience are sorely missed. Norman was successful in every aspect of his life and we rightly dedicate this post office in his memory today.

A TRIBUTE TO THE STUDENTS AT  
FRAZIER HIGH SCHOOL**HON. FRANK MASCARA**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 31, 2001*

Mr. MASCARA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a very special group of constituents in my district, the students at Frazier High School, which is located in Perryopolis, Fayette County, Pennsylvania.

On October 29th, Frazier students Tricia Keefer, Amanda Wetzel, Carrie Sterdis, Kara Steiner, Toni Keffer, Sara Toth, Rebecca Harmon and Ashley Madorma, presented me with a check for President Bush and America's Fund for Afghan Children. The compassionate students at Frazier High School raised \$616 for the needy Afghan children.

More than 10 million children in Afghanistan are suffering because of years of war and drought. One in four Afghan children will not make it to their fifth birthday, and one in three is an orphan. Remember, these children are innocent victims of a repressive government, a government that doesn't care about their suffering.

But thanks to the selfless efforts of the students at Frazier High School, and the efforts of hundreds of thousands of children across this country, fewer children in Afghanistan will suffer this winter. Every dollar raised will help make sure Afghan children receive the food, shelter and medicine they so desperately need.

Mr. Speaker, I know the entire House of Representatives joins me in saluting the hard work and dedication of the students at Frazier High School.

RECOGNIZING WILLIAM H.  
ARMSTRONG**HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 31, 2001*

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize William (Harry) Armstrong on the occasion of his 71st birthday.

Harry was born in Merced, California on October 28, 1930. He graduated from Merced Union High School. Mr. Armstrong served in the Korean War and is a member of the American Legion, Post 147. He began working in the dairy industry in 1960.

Harry has extensive public service experience, including: appointment to the Clovis