

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN HONOR OF FATHER MARINO
FRASCATI, O. DE M.

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 18, 2001

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Father Marino Frascati, O. De M. as he celebrates his 50th year of priesthood. Cleveland should be proud to have this exemplary man in its midst.

Father Frascati was born in Castelviscardo (Terni), Italy on May 16, 1925. He attended the Propedeuticum at Gregorian University in Rome earning a Baccalaureus in Philosophia. He attended seminary at St. Joseph Franciscan Seminary in Teutopolis, Illinois, and was ordained on June 24, 1951—50 years ago this month.

His Cleveland service began in 1957 as Assistant at Our Lady of Mount Carmel (West). He became Pastor in November 1970 and served in this capacity until April 1995. He was the Chairman of the Detroit Shoreway Community Development Corporation. He was instrumental in the planning and fund-raising process that resulted in the completion in 1979 of Villa Mercedes, a federally funded HUD project consisting of 150 apartments for seniors and the disabled.

He became Vicar for the Order of Our Lady in the United States in July 1994. In 1976 Father Frascati received the Cavalier dell Ordine al Merito della Repubblica Italia from the Italian government in recognition of his services to the Italian community both here and abroad.

My fellow colleagues please join me in applauding this truly great man and all of his contributions to society.

TRIBUTE TO CAPTAIN RICHARD J.
PARISH, USN

HON. JOE SCARBOROUGH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SCARBOROUGH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a man who has dedicated more than 30 years of his life to protecting the people of this great nation through his service in the United States Navy. This gentleman has distinguished himself as a decorated officer, a community leader, a trusted advisor, and as a personal friend. The man I speak about today is Captain Richard J. Parish, who is retiring from the United States Navy.

Captain Parish is currently the Director of Office Training and Education/NROTC Program Manager on the staff of the Chief of Naval Education and Training in Pensacola, Florida. I could praise Captain Parish for his

many successes as Commander of the Naval Surface Warfare Center at Coastal Systems Station, Commanding Officer of U.S.S. *Samuel Eliot Morison*, or his numerous other assignments throughout his storied career. I could mention his many awards, including the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Navy Commendation Medal, and many others. Or I could applaud his academic achievements, including a Master's Degree in Financial Management from the naval Postgraduate School. However, I'm sure Captain Parish would say that all of these were just part of his duty.

Mr. Speaker, not only has Captain Parish been an outstanding Naval officer, he's also been a great friend and advisor. Whether through his assignment at CNET at NAS Pensacola, or his extraordinary tenure as Commander of Coastal Systems Station, Captain Parish has been an engaged and effective leader as well as a great source of advice and counsel to me on issues related to the Navy. I have looked to Dick Parish on many occasions for his unvarnished opinion on the issues affecting our nation's armed forces. As a member of the House Armed Services Committee over the past seven years, such insight has proven invaluable to me. Although I too will be leaving my post in the near future, I look forward to continuing our friendship.

Mr. Speaker, I join Captain Parish's many friends and colleagues in wishing him all the best as he embarks on this new phase of his life. Northwest Florida and the greater Navy community are fortunate to have had Captain Richard J. Parish serve them with honor and distinction. I want to thank my friend Dick Parish for his service to our great nation and to our local community, and wish him success and happiness now and always.

HONORING VETERANS FROM NASSAU COUNTY'S UNITED VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise in recognition of four veterans from Nassau County's United Veterans Organization (UVO)—Joe Librizzi from Oceanside, Pat Cassetta from Uniondale, Bernie Flatow from West Hempstead and Sal Brandino from Rockville Centre—as June Citizens of the Month for the flag education program.

In December of 1997, the UVO came up with a brilliant idea of a flag education program for Nassau County schools and students. This program was designed to teach elementary students proper flag etiquette and respect.

Too often our students aren't exposed to the knowledge and the history our veterans possess. With this program students can learn about our nation's history from those who lived it. At the same time, the students learn about America's most important symbol from those who fought for our country.

The veterans began to put their idea into a plan by sending letters of introduction and explanation to 56 school superintendents in Nassau County. In early 1998, the team consisting of Librizzi, Cassetta, Flatow and Brandino began their presentations and as they say, "The rest is history." In the first year of presentations, they visited 29 schools and reached about 12,000 students. During the 2000/2001 school year, the vets predict they will reach 39 schools this year, bringing their three-year total to 40,000 students.

Thousands of letters from students, teachers and administrators give testimony to the fact the vets achieved their goal—fostering respect for the American flag. The vets committee have also been honored by the U.S. Marine Corps Color Guard attending many of their presentations.

These veterans saw a void in education, and stepped in to help out. We should all be like these veterans—they're still giving back to their community and shaping their country's future.

Thank you, and congratulations.

IN HONOR OF COMMISSIONER
JIMMY DIMORA

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

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Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Commissioner Jimmy Dimora on this very special birthday and to thank him for his many dedicated years of public service.

Mr. Dimora is a great man, skilled politician, public servant, and most importantly, a friend. In January 1999 he began his term as Cuyahoga County Commissioner with the one simple goal to simplify county government and make it "user friendly" for his constituents. He was soon, thereafter, elected by his fellow commissioners as President of the Board of Cuyahoga County Commissioners.

His career in public service did not begin, however, on the county level. Mr. Dimora has 28 years of dedicated service with the City of Bedford Heights. Originally a city employee, he quickly demonstrated his love for the city and was elected Council-at-Large. In 1982 he was elected Mayor of the City of Bedford Heights and was re-elected without opposition to four consecutive terms. Commissioner Dimora has served his community in countless capacities, including Chairman of Cuyahoga County's Investment Advisory Committee,

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