

BATAAN DEATH MARCH
VETERANS SURVIVAL

HON. ELTON GALLEGLY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 21, 2001

Mr. GALLEGLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of our veterans, but in particular a group of them from World War II. These heroes survived the Bataan Death March only to be transported to Japan in the infamous Death Ships and were forced to work for private Japanese companies under the most horrendous conditions. Private employees of these companies repeatedly and systematically tortured and physically abused these American GI's. Not only did these corporations refuse to pay our former GI's their wages (as required by international law), they also withheld essential medical care and even the most minimal amounts of food. The brutality suffered by our POWs was truly staggering. During the Second World War, more than 11,000 died in the hands of their Japanese corporate employers, among the worst records of physical abuse of POWs in recorded history.

After the War, approximately 16,000 returned—all battered and nearly starved, many permanently disabled, all changed forever. To serve U.S. policy, the U.S. and Japanese governments joined together to keep their ordeal from public attention. Now, like many other victims of World War II-era atrocities, the remaining survivors and the estates of those who have since passed away are seeking justice and historical recognition of their ordeal. They do not seek any redress from the Japanese Government or by the Japanese people. Rather, they seek compensation from the multinationals that withheld food and medicine for more than three years so that they could increase their profits.

Representatives MIKE HONDA and DANA ROHRBACHER have introduced legislation, H.R. 1198, which will allow these veterans a day in court. I am a strong supporter and a cosponsor of the bill.

In addition, at the end of the month the new Japanese Prime Minister will visit the United States. I urge him and President Bush to directly address this issue. It is my hope that this opportunity will be used to reach a historic agreement that will address the concerns of our veterans who suffered inhumane treatment at the hands of Japanese companies during World War II.

HONORING DR. CHARLES
SACHATELLO FOR HIS 50 YEARS
OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE
SCIENCE OF MEDICINE

HON. ERNIE FLETCHER

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 21, 2001

Mr. FLETCHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge and thank a community leader for his 50 years of dedicated service to medicine, many of those years spent serving and impacting lives in Central Kentucky.

Dr. Charles Sachatello has been a member of the Lexington Community since 1970 and has dutifully served as a surgeon, neighbor and friend. He has recently retired and it is my honor to tell you about his life and accomplishments.

Born in Connecticut, Dr. Sachatello received his undergraduate degree from Yale University and medical degree from Yale Medical School before attending Vanderbilt University to receive his surgical training. While at Vanderbilt, Dr. Sachatello published several papers regarding a new surgical treatment detailing techniques to remove blood clots.

After attending Vanderbilt University, Dr. Sachatello joined the staff of the Roswell Park Memorial Institute in Buffalo, NY. During his tenure, he recognized the Juvenile Polyposis of Infancy syndrome and established a working classification of intestinal polyps.

Dr. Sachatello became a Professor of Surgery at the University of Kentucky, Chandler Medical Center in 1970 and was actively involved in teaching, patient care and surgical research until his departure in 1985. During his tenure, he conducted detailed studies of patients with intra-abdominal injuries and helped popularize the technique of diagnostic peritoneal lavage. Additionally, Dr. Sachatello worked with Arrow International Inc. to develop a Diagnostic Peritoneal Lavage Kit, which has been used in tens of thousands of patients and is still widely used today.

In 1985, Dr. Sachatello left the University of Kentucky and entered into private practice. He established the Bluegrass Surgical Group and was instrumental to the group's merger with the United Surgical Associates in 1998, which is one of the largest surgical groups in the nation.

Over the years, Dr. Sachatello has authored over 80 papers and several chapters in surgery textbooks. He also established the Charles and Suzanne Sachatello Endowment Fund at the University of Kentucky to purchase books on trauma. He was also instrumental in establishing the Grove Memorial AOA lectureship endowment.

Today, I rise to salute Dr. Sachatello for his commitment to medicine, to the Lexington Community and to me personally. Throughout his lifetime, he has touched thousands of lives as a teacher, physician, friend and neighbor improving the lives of people throughout Kentucky.

INTRODUCTION OF OUTER CONTI-
NENTAL SHELF OIL AND GAS
LEASING LEGISLATION

HON. FRANK A. LoBIONDO

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 21, 2001

Mr. LoBIONDO. Mr. Speaker, Today I am introducing legislation which would make permanent the long-standing moratorium on leasing for the exploration or extraction of oil or gas on the Outer Continental Shelf near the New Jersey coast. I understand the need to find new energy sources, but I fear that future price spikes may cause some officials to make rash decisions based on political expediency

instead of sound policy. If a permanent moratorium is not enacted, the New Jersey coastline will forever be in danger of oil development. In fact, recent articles in the Newark Star-Ledger and the Atlantic City Press outline a proposed Interior Department plan to study the effects of resuming offshore drilling on the Atlantic coast from Canada to North Carolina. Obviously, such a study would be the first step to the resumption of oil and gas leasing.

The Exxon Valdez oil spill is still far too fresh in my mind, and in the minds of my constituents. We remember the television footage of oil-stained beaches and dying plants and animals. None of us ever wants to see this happen in New Jersey. A large oil spill on our coastline would have a devastating effect on the health and economy of my state. The tourism and fishing industries provide thousands of jobs in New Jersey, and they would all be thrown into jeopardy if an accident were to occur. I thank my colleagues, Representatives JIM SAXTON, MARGE ROUKEMA, RODNEY FRELINGHUYSEN, MIKE FERGUSON and CHRIS SMITH for agreeing to cosponsor this important bill, and I urge Congress to enact my legislation as quickly as possible.

IN HONOR OF THE HON. BETTY J.
WILLIAMS

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 21, 2001

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of the Honorable Betty J. Williams for her dedication to the study of law and her devotion to her community.

Betty Williams became a Civil Court Judge in Brooklyn, New York upon her election to the office in November of 2000. Prior to her election, she served as Director and Chief Hearing Officer at the Board of Education of the City of New York for the Special Education Suspension Hearing Office.

Judge Williams is a graduate of North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University. She holds her law degree from New York Law School and also earned a Master of Science from Columbia University. Betty is a member of many law associations including the National Bar Association, New York State, the Southern and Eastern District's Friends. She is able to practice law in New York State, the Southern and Eastern District's Federal Courts, and before the United States Supreme Court. Judge Williams holds the distinction of having been the first African-American and first woman to be honored by receiving the New York State Bar Association Worker's Compensation Division Award.

Through her community service, Betty has demonstrated her devotion to both the law and public. Betty has served as an arbitrator at the Civil Court of New York. She is also a member of numerous organizations including the Children and the Law Committee, the New York City Bar Association, the Brooklyn Bar Association, and the Brooklyn Women's Political Caucus. In addition to her expertise in the field of law, Betty is a New York State Certified Social Worker and a member of the

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Academy of Certified Social Workers. She is a founding member of the World Community of Social Workers.

Mr. Speaker, the Honorable Betty J. Williams has devoted her life to serving her community through her excellent knowledge of the law. As such, she is more than worthy of receiving our recognition today. I hope that all of my colleagues will join me in honoring this truly remarkable woman.

SPECIAL TRIBUTE IN
RECOGNITION OF JOHN W. CLARK

HON. FRED UPTON

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 21, 2001

Mr. UPTON. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to recognize the outstanding career of John W. Clark, who, after 16 years of service to CMS Energy Corporation, will retire as Senior Vice President of Governmental and Public Affairs.

As a result of his hard work, expertise and character, Mr. Clark has earned the respect and admiration of his colleagues and of countless individuals who have benefited from his capabilities.

The success Mr. Clark has attained throughout the years will stand as a testimony to his integrity, dedication and loyalty.

Mr. Clark's efforts and achievements have established him as an invaluable asset to Consumers Energy and will reflect positively for many years to come—his talents will certainly be missed.

It is with great pride and respect that I join with John Clark's friends and colleagues in paying tribute to his many years of service to CMS Energy Corporation, and in wishing him the very best that retirement has to offer.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO MATTHEW
McNENLY

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 21, 2001

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Matthew McNenly of Lansing, Michigan on being awarded a Computational Science Graduate Fellowship from the U.S. Department of Energy.

The Computational Science Graduate fellowship is a rigorous, highly competitive program that provides numerous benefits to the fellows in return for a complete casework in a scientific or engineering discipline, computer science, and applied mathematics.

McNenly graduated from Howell High School in 1994 and is currently attending the University of Michigan pursuing his Ph.D. in Aerospace engineering.

Therefore Mr. Speaker, I respectfully ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Matthew McNenly for being awarded a Computational Science Graduate Fellowship from the U.S. Department of Energy.

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE YALE ALUMNI
CHORUS FOR OUTSTANDING
ACHIEVEMENT

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 21, 2001

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to rise today to extend my deep congratulations and best wishes to the members and friends of the Yale Alumni Chorus as they gather to begin their Tercentenary Tour celebrating the 300th Anniversary of the founding of Yale University and the 140th anniversary of the founding of the Yale Glee Club. Today marks the beginning of their journey to Russia, Wales, and England where they will continue in their mission as "ambassadors of song," promoting international goodwill and choral singing at its finest.

The world-renowned Yale Glee Club was first established 140 years ago and has traveled extensively throughout the United States, Europe, Latin America and Asia. The Yale Alumni Chorus was established by the Yale Glee Club Associates, an alumni association founded by Prescott S. Bush, father of former President George Herbert W. Bush and grandfather to President George W. Bush. Created only four years ago, this group enables the loyal alumni of the Yale Glee Club to carry on its legacy of harmony, friendship, and goodwill. Their inaugural tour of China only three years ago included performances with the principal orchestras of Beijing, Xi'an, and Shanghai and earned them a first-prize award at the China International Chorus Festival.

This Tercentenary Tour will bring the over four hundred participants to Russia where they will perform at the White Nights Festival with the Mariinsky Orchestra and later with the Moscow Chamber Orchestra. The group will provide the opening concert for the International Eisteddfod Festival in Wales and will end their tour at St. Paul's Cathedral in London where they will sing with the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra at a gala celebrating Yale University's 300th birthday. Throughout their tour, the group will be performing classic American folk music as well as several works composed by Yale University Alumni. Perhaps the most moving and meaningful however, will be the group's performance in Wrexham, Wales where they will participate in a memorial tribute to Elihu Yale, the university's namesake.

Comprised of three generations of Yale alumni representing sixty different graduating classes and hailing from thirty three states and six additional countries, they are a truly remarkable group. It is my honor and privilege to stand today and extend my best wishes to the Yale Alumni Chorus as they begin their Tercentenary Tour. With their passion for music and unquestionable dedication to their alma mater, I am confident that they will represent Yale University, the State of Connecticut, and the United States with dignity and integrity.

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CALLING ATTENTION TO
UPCOMING ALBANIAN ELECTIONS

HON. ZACH WAMP

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 21, 2001

Mr. WAMP. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call the Congress' attention to the electoral campaign currently underway in Albania. Albania overthrew its communist government in the early 1990's. Sadly, the current socialist government seems to be repeating the authoritarian actions of the communists.

Albanians will go to the polls on June 24th to cast their votes for parliament. Recently, the Washington-based National Democratic Institute for International Affairs sent an observer team to Albania. In their report, the delegation wrote that many citizens are not fully aware of the voter roll verification procedures and some voters may ultimately be unable to exercise their right to vote.

The democratic opposition coalition, the Union for Victory, has made numerous appeals to the election commission and the ruling party to correct the many flaws in the voter rolls. To this day, those appeals have gone unanswered. The election commission, comprised of socialist party appointees has turned a deaf ear to democracy. The Albanian people deserve better.

I hope my colleagues will join me in watching carefully the unfolding events in Albania.

IN HONOR OF THE REVEREND AL
SHARPTON

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 21, 2001

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the Reverend Al Sharpton, one of America's foremost civil rights leader, in recognition of his contribution to the ongoing battle against economic injustice, political inequity, and for his continuous service to his church and his community.

Reverend Sharpton began his career in the ministry not long after his birth in 1954 in Brooklyn, New York. Beginning his ministry at the young age of four, he delivered his first sermon to hundreds of listeners in Brooklyn. Mentored by Bishop F.D. Washington, Reverend Sharpton was licensed and ordained by Bishop Washington at the age of 9 and appointed Junior Pastor of the 5,000 member Washington Temple congregation.

His career in politics started shortly after his interest in the ministry. In his 1996 autobiography, *Go and Tell Pharaoh*, Reverend Sharpton tells how his interest in politics grew as Congressman Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. mesmerized him. In 1971, Al Sharpton entered the public arena with the founding of the National Youth Movement. Throughout his 17-year leadership of the National Youth Movement, Al Sharpton registered thousands of young voters and led the fight to put the first black on the New York State Metropolitan Transit Authority Board. He also spearheaded