

Kyovsky, beloved son, brother, uncle, colleague and friend to many. His steady and spirited presence radiated warmth and light along the granite walkways of Cleveland City Hall, and his kind and gentle spirit will be deeply missed.

Mr. Kyovsky's 41 year legacy as the key staffer in the mail department of Cleveland City Hall was framed by loyalty, dependability, integrity and concern for others. He rarely missed a day of work, and his love for his job and for the people he worked with reflected daily within the smiles and laughter he enticed from others—from the first-floor receptionist to seven of Cleveland's mayors—including me.

Despite life-long medical challenges, Mr. Kyovsky's spirited demeanor, generous heart and zest for life was never dimmed. His quick smile and kind words served to disarm even the most guarded employee or visitor to City Hall. Whether presenting a rose to a charmed female colleague or offering a kind word to a visitor, Mr. Kyovsky did so with grace, dignity and humanity. His personal difficulties never prevented him from helping others, and he did so daily. Mr. Kyovsky's life was a lesson in humanity, showing us the power of kindness and giving—universal truths infinitely more supreme than any lofty municipal project or political agenda.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and remembrance of Andrew M. Kyovsky, whose exceptional work in the mail room at Cleveland City Hall is eclipsed only by the brilliant legacy of his gentle and courageous heart. I offer my deep condolences to his mother, Ann Kyovsky; his sister and brother-in-law, Margaret and Joseph Dzurma; his nieces, Anne Marie and Paula; and also to his extended family and many friends. His friendship, perseverance and unyielding loyalty will forever light the hearts of all whom knew and loved him well.

ACKNOWLEDGING THE SERVICE OF
ELAINE T. VALENTE

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 2, 2005

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge an important leader in the Denver, Colorado metropolitan area. Ms. Elaine Valente, outgoing Commissioner for Adams County, will be leaving her post after 16 years of dedicated service.

Commissioner Valente was born and raised in Adams County. She and her husband Larry own the successful Valente's Deli, are proud parents of two accomplished children, and are passionate community activists.

Elaine's interest in her community began long before assuming her role as County Commissioner. She served on the Adams County Planning Commission, the City of Westminster Urban Renewal Authority, the Westminster Planning Commission, the Citizen's Evaluation for Retention of Judges, and the School District 50 Superintendent's Parent Advisory Committee.

That deep passion to give something back and to help improve the community in which

she lives motivated her to run and win election as a County Commissioner in 1988. After her election, Elaine began a noteworthy career as a public official. Serving as Chairman of the commissioners, she took an interest in many issues affecting her constituency, helping pave the way for future county development and responsible economic achievement. Elaine's heartfelt desire for progress in the county she knew from birth allowed us all to bask in the results of her accomplished career.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Ms. Elaine Valente and in wishing her success in all her future endeavors. It has been a true privilege to work with such a remarkable public servant.

IN RECOGNITION OF KYLE RICHARD
KELSON UPON HIS
ACHIEVEMENT OF EAGLE SCOUT
COURT OF HONOR

HON. ELLEN O. TAUSCHER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 2, 2005

Mrs. TAUSCHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to my constituent Kyle Richard Kelson of Eagle Scout troop #204 in Lafayette, California, as he receives the distinguished honor of the Eagle Scout rank.

The honor of Eagle Scout is given only to those young men who have demonstrated that they have fulfilled its rigorous requirements, including living by the Scout Oath and Law, rising through the Boy Scout ranks, earning 21 merit badges, serving as a leader, and planning and leading a service project for their community. This is not an honor given out lightly: this young man is becoming an Eagle Scout because he is intelligent, dedicated, and principled.

I am proud to call Kyle Richard Kelson my constituent, for he is a shining example of the promise of the next generation. Indeed, he represents the best of the young people in our country. I extend my sincere congratulations to him and his family, on this momentous occasion.

INTRODUCTION OF FREE FLOW OF
INFORMATION ACT OF 2005

HON. RICK BOUCHER

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 2, 2005

Mr. BOUCHER. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased today to join with my colleague from Indiana, Mr. PENCE, in introducing the Free Flow of Information Act, legislation which will advance the public's right of access to information of broad public interest.

Our measure addresses an increasingly common problem. Last year, 12 reporters were threatened with jail sentences in federal courts for refusing to reveal confidential news sources. Reporters rely on the ability to assure confidentiality to sources in order to deliver news to the public. The ability of news reporters to assure confidentiality to sources is fun-

damental to their ability to deliver news on highly contentious matters of broad public interest. Without the promise of confidentiality, many sources would not provide information to reporters, and the public would suffer from the resulting lack of information.

Thirty-one states and Washington, DC, currently have statutes protecting reporters from compelled disclosure of sources of information. It is time to provide similar protections in the federal courts.

I have long believed that the Freedom of the Press provision of the first amendment should be interpreted by the courts to empower reporters to refrain from revealing their sources. Since the courts have not found this privilege to attend the first amendment, a statutory grant of the privilege has become necessary.

In deciding to introduce this measure, I have concluded that the public's right to know should outweigh the more narrow interest in the administration of justice in a particular federal case. In fact, in many instances the critical information which first alerts federal prosecutors to conduct justifying a criminal proceeding or first alerts civil litigants to facts giving rise to a private cause of action is contained in a news story which could only have been reported upon assurance of anonymity to the news source.

I commend my colleague Mr. PENCE for his leadership on this measure and look forward to working with him to obtain rapid approval of the bill in the House.

ON THE DEATH OF
LONGSHOREMAN MATT PETRASICH

HON. JANE HARMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 2, 2005

Ms. HARMAN. Mr. Speaker, a tragedy occurred Monday at the Port of Los Angeles when longshoreman Matt Petrasich—a 40-year veteran of the docks—was killed as he supervised workers unloading cargo from a ship. The entire port community is stunned by this unexpected loss.

Mr. Petrasich was something of a Pied Piper at the port, a hatch boss beloved by younger workers who vied to work on his shifts and respected by his peers for his years of hard work, sparkling sense of humor and big heart. Just ask Danny Miranda, president of ILWU Local 94, who said, "Everybody on this waterfront is grieving. He was loved by a lot of people. . . . He was the life of the party. Just a wonderful person."

Work on the waterfront is often fraught with danger. The men and women who toil on the docks know the risks better than anyone else. But their around-the-clock contribution keeps Americans in work, business inventories full and our seaports more secure.

As best we understand the fatal accident, Mr. Petrasich was crushed by a container about 9:30 in the morning as he worked aboard the Panamanian-flagged Ever Deluxe ship. It was a crane operator who first spotted his body and notified port authorities.

It was also a crane operator, John Rivera of ILWU Local 13, who 3 weeks ago, on a Saturday night, noticed something strange. While