

HONORING SISTER MARY WILLIAM BRADY (1907-2005), FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE COLLEGE OF ST. CATHERINE IN ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 25, 2005

Ms. McCOLLUM of Minnesota. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life of Sister Mary William Brady, who was an inspiration to her family and everyone who knew her, particularly the students, faculty and staff at the College of St. Catherine in St. Paul, Minnesota. Sister Mary passed away on January 10, 2005 at the age of 98.

Sister Mary William Brady served as president of the College of St. Catherine from 1955 to 1961 and was associated with the college for more than 70 years. An outstanding professor and forward-looking president, she helped build St. Kate's into the largest Catholic college for women. As an alumna, I feel privileged to have known her.

Sister Mary made lasting contributions to the College of St. Catherine, as well as to the education and preparation of many young women as leaders of our communities. Her dedication and integrity will be greatly missed at St. Kate's.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to insert into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD the following Star Tribune article honoring Sister Mary William Brady:

[From the Minneapolis Star Tribune, Jan. 14, 2005]

SISTER MARY WILLIAM BRADY, 98
(By Mary Jane Smetanka)

Sister Mary William Brady, the oldest living former president of the College of St. Catherine in St. Paul, died Monday at Bethany Convent. She was 98.

Brady, president of St. Kate's from 1955 to 1961, was associated with the college for more than 70 years. In an interview three weeks before her death, on the occasion of the college's centennial, she told a life story that made it seem she was destined for St. Kate's. A native of Fall River, Mass., she joined her brother William in St. Paul in 1930 after her father's death.

"I had no intention of staying in 'the West,'" Brady recalled. Each summer between classes at St. Kate's and an early job as a teacher at a St. Paul Catholic school, she returned to Fall River. Her mother finally told her there was nothing left for an educated woman to do there, and Brady moved back to St. Paul permanently.

"I liked it here very much," she said.

Her brother went on to become archbishop of St. Paul from 1956 to 1961.

Brady joined the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet and became an English professor at St. Kate's, specializing in American literature. She became one of a corps of remarkably outward-looking nuns who built the school into the nation's largest Catholic college for women, earning her doctorate from the University of Chicago in a time when the sight of a black habit on that campus drew double-takes from other students.

"Every young sister had to develop herself as far as she could go," she said. "They could barely afford to send me to the University of Minnesota or Chicago, but they did.

"You were educated not for yourself, but for what you could give to others."

Brady downplayed her accomplishments as president, saying, "I wasn't a good administrator—I preferred teaching."

But it was during her tenure as president that the school built a much-needed new library. As students and faculty members carried the 95,000 books from the old building to the new, they received a brownie from a nun.

When she left the presidency, Brady studied in Rome for a year, taught at a college in Los Angeles and rejoined St. Kate's as a professor and archivist. She retired in 1993, moving to Bethany Convent, a residence and nursing home for older sisters at the edge of the St. Kate's campus.

Brady kept a rosary on the table next to her easy chair and had a keen memory up to the time of her death. Interested in horse racing, she insisted on going to a movie theater in her wheelchair to see "Seabiscuit" and had a portrait of Kentucky Derby winner Smarty Jones taped to a cabinet in her room.

"I love that horse!" she said.

Brady's brother preceded her in death. There are no immediate survivors.

TRIBUTE TO BARRY J. COLICELLI

HON. BILL PASCHELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 25, 2005

Mr. PASCHELL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call to your attention the work of a man I am proud to represent in Congress, Captain Barry J. Colicelli. Barry was recognized on Tuesday, January 18, 2005 in honor of his recent retirement from the Newark, New Jersey Police Department.

It is only fitting that he be honored, in this, the permanent record of the greatest freely elected body on earth, for he has a long history of dedication, leadership, and commitment to his community.

Barry has enjoyed a career in law enforcement that has spanned nearly three decades. In 1977, he began his tenure in law enforcement with the Newark Police Department. Shortly after his assignment to Newark, Barry was reassigned to the Camden Police Department and then to the Union County Prosecutor's Office before returning to Newark.

Upon his return to the Newark Police Department in 1980, Barry was assigned to the East District as a Police Officer. In 1982 Barry received his first of several promotions to Detective and was assigned to the Violent Crimes Bureau.

Ten years following his first promotion, Barry received a subsequent promotion to Detective Sergeant. It was at this time that he was placed in charge of the Narcotics Squad. During his post as Detective Sergeant, Barry created a program that would garner him national recognition.

The Tactical Auto Recovery Group and Enforcement Team (TARGET) aimed at limiting the amount of auto thefts and carjackings in the City of Newark. The program's success netted over \$5 million worth of stolen autos, \$600,000 in stolen currency and 52 firearms confiscated. The program was not only successful in the amount of property recovered,

but it also removed Newark as the number one city for car theft in the nation. For its achievements, the TARGET program received praise from the United States Department of State.

Barry has been successful in every undertaking with the Newark Police Department. His final promotion before retiring came in 2000 when he achieved the rank of Captain. His most recent work in the field of Gang Enforcement and Intelligence has benefited not only the residents of Newark, but the entire State of New Jersey as well. Through collaborations with State Senator Ronald Rice, Barry was able to introduce legislation targeting gang violence and activities.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join our colleagues, the City of Newark, Barry's family and friends, and me in recognizing the outstanding and invaluable achievements of Barry J. Colicelli.

RECOGNIZING JIM CONNER

HON. MELISSA A. HART

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 25, 2005

Ms. HART. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize Jim Conner on being named the 2005 President of the Pennsylvania Builders Association.

Jim is the owner of Conner Construction in New Castle, Pennsylvania and has been a member of the Pennsylvania Builders Association for 18 years. Prior to being elected President he has served as regional vice president, director, treasurer and secretary not to mention serving on the membership and bylaw committees. In 2001, Mr. Conner was named the Pennsylvania Builders Association's Small Contractor of the Year.

Locally, Mr. Conner has served two terms as President of the Lawrence County Builders Association, 5 years as a national representative and has been on the board of directors for the past 10 years. Mr. Conner is also an active member of the Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce, of the New Castle Mahoning Lodge 243 and the Coachmen Conservation Club. He is married to his wife Kathy and has two sons, Patrick and Justin.

I ask my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in honoring Jim Conner. It is an honor to represent the Fourth Congressional District of Pennsylvania and a pleasure to salute citizens such as Jim who make the communities that they live in truly special.

RECOGNIZING DAVID RALL BRADLEY III FOR ACHIEVING THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 25, 2005

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize David Rall Bradley III, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest