

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CONGRATULATING DR. PATRICIA DONOHUE FOR BEING NAMED RECIPIENT OF THE WILKES-BARRE CHAMBER OF BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY'S ATHENA AWARD

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 13, 2006

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask you and my esteemed colleagues in the House of Representatives to pay tribute to Dr. Patricia Donohue, president of the Luzerne County Community College, in Nanticoke, Pennsylvania, who was a recipient of the Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Business and Industry's prestigious "Athena Award."

The Athena Award honors women who show excellence in business accomplishments, community service, personal achievements, and assisting the efforts of other women working toward their full leadership potential.

The concept started in 1980 when Martha Mayhood Mertz, then serving on the Board of Directors of the Lansing Michigan Regional Chamber of Commerce, realized that only one woman was recognized for excellence in her Chamber in 75 years. Since its inception in Michigan, thousands of ATHENA Awards have been presented throughout North America, Eastern Europe, Asia, and the Middle East.

The Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber has honored local women for their achievements since 1985. MotorWorld Automotive Group has remained a sponsor of the Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber's ATHENA Award during that tenure.

Dr. Donohue oversees a \$36 million budget and remains active in the community volunteering her time with several organizations. She has spent countless hours providing guidance and mentorship to female professionals and young women.

Dr. Donohue is a member of the board of directors of the Luzerne Foundation, Osterhout Free Library, F.M. Kirby Center and the Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber. She is a member of the Council of Presidents of Luzerne County and serves on the board and executive committee of the Joint Urban Studies Center.

Dr. Donohue has made a lifelong commitment to Girl Scouting and serves on the Executive Committee of the Girl Scouts of Penn's Woods Council. She served as the first chair of the NEPA Technology Institute and is a graduate of the Leadership Wilkes-Barre Executive Leadership program and the Lackawanna Leadership Executive Program.

She is a member of the National Institute for Leadership Development and has sponsored/mentored more than 50 women for leadership training. Dr. Donohue serves on the Board of the American Association of Women in Com-

munity Colleges and on the United Way Campaign Cabinet.

Among her many awards are the Outstanding Leadership Award from the American Association of University Women, Harrisburg and the Central Penn Technology Council's Outstanding Service Award. She has been recognized by Who's Who in America and the Outstanding Young Women of America and is the recipient of the Outstanding Service Award from the American Cancer Society, the Merit Recognition Award from Harrisburg Area Community College, and was named Community Woman of the Year by the American Business Women's Association.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Dr. Donohue on this important occasion. Dr. Donohue's commitment to the advancement of women and her devotion to community service have enhanced the quality of life greatly in the Wyoming Valley. It is fitting, indeed, that she be selected for this unique honor.

TRIBUTE TO NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF THE WOLVES

HON. MELISSA A. HART

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 13, 2006

Ms. HART. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the National Association of the Wolves and its member dens for all of their work in the community.

The National Association of the Wolves was founded approximately seventy-five years ago by a group of Italian-American businessmen in New Castle, Pennsylvania. With over 400 members in 14 dens (12 in Western Pennsylvania and 2 in Eastern Ohio), the Wolves promotes higher education among high school students by awarding college scholarships. Over the years, the National Association of the Wolves has raised over \$6.1 million for 2,537 students. In addition to providing scholarships, the Wolves have established endowments at colleges and universities across Western Pennsylvania.

The National Association of the Wolves will hold their national convention August 18 and 19, 2006 at the Avalon Inn in Warren, Ohio.

I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in recognizing the National Association of the Wolves. It is an honor to represent the Fourth Congressional District of Pennsylvania and a pleasure to salute such a dedicated group like the National Association of the Wolves.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 13, 2006

Mr. JOHNSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to explain my missed votes of yesterday June 12, 2006. Unfortunately, due to maintenance problems with numerous airplanes I was not able to arrive into Washington, DC until the votes had already closed. Had I been here for rollcall votes 521, 522, 523, 524, and 525 I would have voted aye on all 5 votes.

Mr. Speaker, for far too long the Nation of China has had a record of abusive and abhorrent human rights violations. I am pleased that H. Res. 608, H. Res. 804, and H. Res. 794 were brought to the House floor to bring attention to the continued religious persecution and to remember the horrible events in Tiananmen Square. We must continue to hold China accountable for its actions and these resolutions were a step in the right direction.

I am also glad that H. Con. Res. 338 was brought to the floor again calling on the nations of the Western Hemisphere to work together in combating Islamist terrorist organizations. Terrorism will never be an issue on which we can rest and we must ensure that all nations are working together to secure our borders and our nations against terrorist activities.

Again, I am sorry I was unable to be here for the votes on June 12, 2006, but I hope this explanation adequately conveys my support for these 5 votes.

IN HONOR OF THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CORNELIA DE LANGE SYNDROME FOUNDATION

HON. NANCY L. JOHNSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 13, 2006

Ms. JOHNSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate the Cornelia de Lange Syndrome Foundation on its 25th anniversary of Reaching Out, Providing Help and Giving Hope to children and their families across the country.

The CdLS Foundation is an outstanding organization that has been serving people and families living with Cornelia de Lange Syndrome since 1981. Their national headquarters is located in the Fifth District of Connecticut, which I represent. The Foundation is a non-profit, family-support organization that works to promote early and accurate diagnosis of CdLS, advance research into the causes of the condition, and assist those with CdLS throughout their lives. Their efforts impact the lives of people throughout the United States.

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