

While James Sherman has retired, and his wife Hazel has passed away, the Sherman family continues to operate The Clarkston News, The Oxford Leader, The Lake Orion Review, and Ortonville-Goodrich area's The Citizen. The group also publishes three weekly "shoppers" guides, two in Oakland County and one in southern Lapeer County.

The three Sherman children who grew up in the business are owners today, sharing supervision of day-to-day operations; and James Sherman continues, even in retirement, to delight readers by writing his popular weekly column, "Jim's Jottings."

The Shermans are part of the very fabric of life in their communities, deeply appreciated as community leaders who help local causes, contribute to local charities, and employ local residents.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the commitment and achievements of The Clarkston News on its 75th anniversary and the James and Hazel Sherman family on the occasion of their 50th anniversary in the community newspaper business. They are truly deserving of our respect and admiration.

**MAX LYON—DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH**

**HON. DON YOUNG**

OF ALASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 17, 2005*

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to note the passing of a fine man, long-time Alaskan Max Lyon. Max was from Fairbanks, where he was the Director of Transportation for the Fairbanks North Star Borough. In this job, Max managed transportation and environmental issues for the Borough. He loved his job and did it well; he will be badly missed by his many friends and coworkers in Fairbanks.

Max was born in 1947 in Owosso, Michigan, but he grew up in DeKalb, Illinois. He was an avid sportsman. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, and flying, and was a life member and Board President of the Tanana Valley Sportsmen's Association. He was a devoted husband and father, a community leader, and a good friend to many long-time Fairbanksians.

Before becoming an Alaskan, Max served his nation honorably in Vietnam. Immediately after graduation from high school, Max enlisted in the U.S. Air Force and was trained as a jet-engine mechanic. He was sent to Viet Nam where he was stationed at DaNang Air Base. During his tour in Viet Nam, Max volunteered his time to teach English to Vietnamese students and was known as "Teacher" to many of them. He received an honorable discharge in 1969.

That year, Max went to work in Sycamore, Illinois, where he met his future wife, Diane Leonhard. They married on May 16, 1970. In 1973, Max went to work for American Transit, which in 1977 sent him on a temporary assignment to Fairbanks to establish their first city transit system. That was the company's big mistake. Max and Diane fell in love with Alaska, and at the end of the 18-month assignment, Max resigned from American Transit and stayed in his adopted home for the rest of his life.

Over the next several years, Max worked as a mechanic and service manager on heavy duty trucks and then went to work for Dixon's Gun Shop. In 1982, Max bought the gun shop and owned it until 1985, when he sold it to build his dream house, a log home overlooking Fairbanks.

The Borough hired Max as Assistant Transportation Director in 1989, and he soon was promoted to Transportation Director, a job he held under several Borough Mayors until his untimely death this past weekend. Max was a member of the Elks, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and was a life member of the National Rifle Association.

Max loved the outdoors. It was what drew him to Alaska and kept him here. He loved his hunting and fishing camp near Kobuk, in interior Alaska; he spent as much time there in the Spring and Fall as he could. He also loved Baja California, where he planned to spend the winter months during a richly deserved retirement. He had just broken ground on a new house there.

Most of all, Max loved his family—his wife, Diane; his children Kristine and Andrew; his grandchildren Jordan and Jack; his mother Marlene; and his siblings Terry, Tim, Peggy, Cheryl, Robin, and Melissa. Lu and I send our deepest sympathies to them in their hour of loss. We hope they are comforted by the memory of Max's very full life, and of his many friends and admirers. I consider myself one of them.

**URGING ALBANIAN AUTHORITIES TO HOLD FREE AND FAIR ELECTIONS**

**HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 17, 2005*

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, today, I am introducing a concurrent resolution which calls for the July 3 parliamentary election in Albania to be free and fair. Joining me in the introduction of this resolution is Mr. ENGEL, and I want to thank my colleague from New York for his efforts over the years to help Albanians throughout Southeastern Europe be able to exercise human rights and fundamental freedoms that for so long had been denied them.

This resolution notes that Albania is a participating State of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, better known as the OSCE. It further notes that all OSCE participating States have accepted standards which define free and fair elections but that Albania has repeatedly fallen short of those standards. Some elections have been seriously flawed, while others demonstrated a clear and sometimes significant improvement.

As Albania approaches its next parliamentary elections on July 3, however, the resolution argues that meeting OSCE election standards is not only possible but a virtual necessity.

Meeting these standards is possible, fortunately, because Albanian authorities and political parties have adopted electoral reforms recommended by the OSCE. While Albanian stakeholders made the right and sometimes difficult decisions regarding reform, credit also needs to go to the OSCE Presence, or field

mission, in Albania which facilitated the dialogue and encouraged cooperation, as well as the OSCE's Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights which provided technical expertise to the reform effort. The OSCE was patient yet firm in pressing for change, while other international groups gave needed expertise.

Meeting these standards is necessary not only because Albania is committed to those standards, but also because a failure to do so will cost the country dearly in terms of integration into NATO and the European Union. While there are strong ties between the United States and Albania, which this resolution recognizes, it would be a mistake to excuse Albania from its OSCE commitments.

Our desire to see Albania succeed, in fact, is why our expectations regarding the elections need to be made so clear. Successful elections will certainly strengthen Albania's ties with the United States and Europe. More importantly, successful elections are something the people of Albania deserve. After centuries of foreign rule, decades of severe communist repression and isolation, and now more than a decade of transition hindered by official corruption, organized crime and civil strife, the people of Albania must finally be allowed to determine their own future by making their leaders accountable to them. Free, fair elections can make this possible.

Mr. Speaker, I hope that my colleagues agree and will therefore support this resolution. As Co-Chairman of the Helsinki Commission, I have focused on the situation in Albania for many years, and I am confident that sending the message contained in this resolution will make a difference.

**HONORING DOMINIC H. FRINZI, NEW PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL ITALIAN AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION**

**HON. GWEN MOORE**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 17, 2005*

Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and offer congratulations to Dominic H. Frinzi upon his installment this Saturday as president of the National Italian American Bar Association, an organization created in 1983 with the intent of advancing the interests of the Italian American legal community and improving the administration of justice.

A first generation American born of Sicilian parents, Mr. Frinzi has led a highly successful career as a Wisconsin attorney for over 50 years, while also making substantial contributions to Milwaukee's Italian American community. He has served as president of Milwaukee's Italian Community Center for a record five terms, and has also served as president of UNICO National, an Italian American civic organization, as well as the UNICO Foundation, Inc. and UNICO's Milwaukee Chapter. Additionally, Mr. Frinzi currently serves as Correspondent Consul, or Correspondent Consul, to the Consul General of Italy in Chicago, the Honorable Eugenio Sgró, providing assistance to Italian Americans on legal matters involving the Italian government.

The son of a butcher, and among the first in his father's family to forego this family business in 400 years, Mr. Frinzi nearly became a