

species which is presently listed by the International Union for the Conservation of Nature as “near-threatened” in its indigenous Arctic and sub-Arctic environment. In June 2012, the aquarium applied for a permit to import 18 beluga whales to the United States with the purpose of conducting research which must be done in human care, for the continued edification of aquarium guests, and to secure the sustainability of the population in North American zoological parks and aquariums. Applying this zoological research can help the scientific community better understand the growing problems beluga whales face in their natural habitats. This application is corroborated by a five-year research study, authenticated by the International Union for the Conservation of Nature, validating that the acquisition of beluga whales will have no damaging impact to the beluga population of origin.

Mr. Speaker, the extraordinary work the Georgia Aquarium has done in pursuing research and educating citizens is highly commendable. The aquarium’s recent efforts to study beluga whales will undoubtedly improve our scientific understanding of this threatened species. Therefore, I enthusiastically support Georgia Aquarium in its endeavor to increase the North American beluga population to help to maintain a sustainable population of whales in human care in certified facilities.

COMMEMORATING NORTHWESTERN COLLEGE’S 110TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JUDY BIGGERT

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2012

Mrs. BIGGERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Northwestern College, which is celebrating its 110th year of preparing America’s students for success.

Since 1902, Northwestern College has honored the goals of its founder, J.F. Fish, to create employment opportunities by providing career-focused education. This distinguished institution is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission as well as several programmatic agencies, and it operates three outstanding campuses in the greater Chicago area, serving more than 2,100 students.

Offering Associate degrees in health sciences, legal studies, commerce and technology, and nursing—Northwestern College prepares students for a rewarding career in their chosen fields.

I am pleased to congratulate Northwestern College on its 110th Anniversary, and for its ongoing commitment to educating students in Chicago and around the country.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF VICTOR CASCIO

HON. RODNEY ALEXANDER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2012

Mr. ALEXANDER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Mr. Victor Cascio, Sr. His warmhearted connection with those who were fortunate to know him and his steadfast involvement in the Monroe, La. community will always be remembered.

Throughout his lifetime, Victor was a vibrant presence in the area. He won the hearts of many as a child star on KNOE-TV’s “Happiness Exchange,” and his family has graced Monroe with their superb ability as restaurateurs since World War II. The family venture began with his late mother Josephine’s “Spaghetti Garden” and culminating with The Chateau, a Louisville Avenue institution, where Victor hosted such celebrities as Liberace, Elvis, Donna Douglas of *Elly May Clampett* fame, Danny Thomas, and every Louisiana Governor from Big John McKeithen to Bobby Jindal.

Much of Victor’s life was spent in the public eye as a phenomenal host, friend, and role model for all, and when he finally closed the doors of The Chateau amid an outpouring of support in March of this year, it was with the goal of savoring a private life with his wife of 50 years, Marie.

Undeniably, the mark he made on our community will never fade. He had a gift for putting people at ease and creating an atmosphere that is not easily duplicated. In the letter of Saint Paul the Apostle to Timothy, (2 Timothy 2:8–13), Paul says “If we have died with him, we shall also live with him; if we persevere, we shall also reign with him.” As we fondly remember the life and accomplishments of Victor, he lived in the faith in which he believed.

To say that he left his fingerprint on the world would be an understatement. Victor Cascio brought joy to so many, and he will live in our hearts forever.

TRIBUTE TO BARNEY UHART

HON. DON YOUNG

OF ALASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2012

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a great American and a great Alaskan. Barney Uhart, a devoted father and President Emeritus of Chugach Alaska Corporation, passed away on Saturday, September 8th after a lengthy battle with cancer.

Barney’s career with Chugach Alaska Corporation began in 1993, and in 2000, he became President and CEO. During his tenure, the company grew phenomenally, rising in revenue from \$19 million in 1993 to over \$1 billion in 2009. He was not only a charismatic leader and hard worker, but a close friend to many who worked with him over the years. His hard work and total commitment helped provide real, tangible, and ongoing benefits to the Native Shareholders of Chugach as he strove tirelessly to help fulfill the promises of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act. His contributions to making the SBA 8(a) program a resounding success, not only for Chugach, but for all Alaska Natives, Native Hawaiians, and Native American Tribes, are truly outstanding, and we are all grateful to him for his achievements.

On July 6, 2012, Barney announced his retirement from Chugach to focus on his health and spend time with his family. The Board of Directors of Chugach Alaska Corporation appointed Barney “President Emeritus” in honor of his 19 years of service, dedication, and leadership.

Barney’s career with Chugach began when he joined Chugach Development Corporation (CDC) as Operations Manager. With a background in Engineering and Business Administration, his project experience in managing Base Operation Services (BOS) contracts in extremely remote locations began 33 years ago when he went to work on his first BOS contract in 1979 on Wake Island.

Barney told of his Wake Island initiation by saying, “I was living in Hawaii and one day I was helping a friend deliver office furniture to a place called Kentron International. I had no idea what they did, but it sounded like an exotic and exciting place to work where you would get to travel. The next day I put together a resume and slid it under the door. Then I had an interview, and after about 45 minutes, I thought the interview was over and I got up to leave when the manager said, ‘When can you leave?’ The following Tuesday I was on a plane to Wake Island in the mid-Pacific and I still didn’t know what Kentron International did.” Clearly, Barney never shied away from a new opportunity.

Born in Fresno, California in 1952, Barney moved to Hawaii in 1970 after high school and his father’s passing. During this time, the Vietnam War was still raging. Barney’s brother had already done two tours in Vietnam, and he expected to be drafted at any time. Regardless, he enrolled in the University of Hawaii and played baseball. Barney then worked general construction until he decided it wasn’t the area he wanted to pursue, and instead seized opportunity by the hand when he went to Wake on his first federal contract job.

In 1985 Barney spent a winter in Greenland on the Defense Early Warning (DEW) Line and was then offered a job as Superintendent of Administration for the DEW line, but declined because he didn’t want to spend another year in the Arctic. As a result, he left to work for his first SBA 8(a) company in Hampton, Virginia where he helped grow the company in revenue from \$200,000 to \$6 million a year.

In early 1988, Barney was offered a job with an SBA 8(a) company in Louisville, Kentucky, and was promoted to Vice-President of Operations. He moved into the Company’s new offices in Panama City, Florida. Later, he received a call from Mike Brown (Chugach’s President and CEO from 1992 to 1999) who was working at that time for PMC, a subsidiary of Arctic Slope Regional Corporation.

Mr. Brown received Barney’s name from someone who worked with him at Wake Island years before. Based on that recommendation, Mike wanted Barney to become the BOS contract Project Manager at Amchitka Island, on the Aleutian Chain. Not wanting to move to Amchitka Island, Barney declined the offer and went back to Florida. Five months later, Mr. Brown called him again and offered him a job as Manager of Special Projects in Anchorage.

Years later, Barney recalled with a laugh, “This time the position was in Anchorage, so I accepted, and one of the first jobs as Manager of Special Projects in Anchorage was to go out to Amchitka Island and evaluate the contract. So he kinda suckered me in with that one.”

While at PMC, the team he worked with received a Coast Guard contract, the Wake Island contract, and the contract to run Midway Island. By then he was Vice-President of Operations for PMC, when Mr. Brown, who had

gone to work for Chugach, along with Dusty Kaser (Chugach's President and CEO from mid to late 1999), recruited him again. His early work with Chugach Development Corporation (CDC) took him to Valdez for six months, and then to King Salmon for a year, and then to Adak, Alaska.

Barney recently recalled, "During that time, the Chugach management team started marketing the Wake Island contract and we took it away from PMC in 1996. So you can see that Wake has been in my blood for a while, then we received a contract for the Army Housing and Maintenance at Fort Richardson/Fort Wainwright in 1995."

By 1996, Barney became the Ops Manager for CDC and would often travel to the contract locations and oversee the start-ups. When he left to oversee the start-up of Wake for CAC, he returned full circle to the site from where he started 16 years earlier.

Barney later explained, "By then I had become the BOS Ops Manager for CAC working for Dusty Kaser and the team started getting more and more contracts. Then I was promoted to Vice-President of Ops for CAC, and when I came back from starting up MacDill in late 1999, I was offered the job as president of CAC." In May 2000, the Board of Directors of Chugach promoted Barney to the position of President/CEO and he served as both until 2009 when the position was split to select a qualified Chugach shareholder to lead as CEO.

Mr. Speaker, Chugach has become a shining example of an Alaskan Native Corporation that has succeeded and thrived, and one that has provided tremendous benefits to its Native Shareholders and employees. Barney deserves his full share of credit for this success.

There can be no clearer expression of the excellence that Barney, and Chugach, have achieved over the years, than the words of Barney himself. And so Mr. Speaker, I close with an additional quote from Barney Uhart, a leader, a friend, and a champion of doing the right thing, and of doing things right. He will be deeply missed and his memory will stay with us forever.

"How have we gotten to where we are today? The reason is simple—the people. All the people associated with Chugach are responsible for this success. From the wisdom and direction of the Board of Directors; the patience of the shareholders; the vision and perseverance of management; and the dedication and drive of all the employees, this is what has allowed us to succeed."

Mr. Speaker, May God bless and hold Barney Uhart and may He bless his family.

IN HONOR OF DIXON SAULS

HON. WALTER B. JONES

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2012

Mr. JONES. Mr. Speaker, in small towns across America, many special events are happening all the time, including high school football. On August 25, 2012, a special event happened in my small town of Farmville, North Carolina. The "R. Dixon Sauls Athletic Field"

at Farmville Central High School was dedicated to Coach Dixon Sauls. Coach Sauls, a Farmville native, coached football at the school from 1984 to 2007. Honor, integrity and class are the three words Athletic Director Larry Williford used to describe Coach Sauls, and in his usual humble way he accepted the honor and then began talking about everyone else who meant something to the Jaguar program.

I have known Dixon Sauls since his youth. I have followed his journey of life and sports. He graduated Valedictorian from Farmville High School in 1966 where he was an outstanding Red Devil football player who played quarterback and safety under Coach Elbert Moye. He graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1970. He was the first of two sons, born in 1948 to Meta King Moore Sauls of Farmville, and Roland Dixon Sauls, a World War II veteran from Wayne County. His father died suddenly in 1956 when Dixon was just 8 years old and his brother, Fred, was just 5 years old. Dixon and Fred have been my close friends for many years, and I am grateful for their friendship. Today Coach Sauls is the devoted husband to Kathryn Finklea Sauls and father to beautiful daughters, Lindsay and Robyn.

In 1984, Coach Sauls came back home to coach. The Jaguars won 11 football conference championships during his tenure, and the 2003 squad was a state runner-up. He was the track coach for 19 years and the athletic director for eight years. He touched many lives during that time with his strong Christian faith, his stellar character and his faithfulness to his team and school. He instilled courage, compassion, respect and a hard work ethic in the young men he coached. Coach Sauls was a major father figure for many of the players. There is no question he left his mark on his players and his hometown for a lifetime.

It is teachers and coaches across our Nation like Dixon Sauls who are helping to build a better America because of their hard work and dedication. I remember one statement I read many years ago—"If you want to touch the past, touch a rock; if you want to touch the present, touch a flower; if you want to touch the future, touch a child." Dixon Sauls, because of your commitment to young people, you have earned this recognition. Your community, your family and friends join in celebration of a job well done. Congratulations.

HONORING TAIWAN NATIONAL DAY

HON. LYNN A. WESTMORELAND

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2012

Mr. WESTMORELAND. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the people of the Republic of China on Taiwan as their day of National Celebration, October 10, 2012, approaches. This special day recognizes the founding of the country.

I would also like to highlight the economic success of the Republic of China on Taiwan over the last century. Beginning with very little economic activity just a few decades ago, the Republic of China on Taiwan has seen a pro-

found increase and now has a dynamic economy which is quickly becoming the envy of Asia.

Moreover, Taiwan has been a fair trading partner. Total trade with the United States reached an all-time high in 2011, and Taiwan is now our 10th largest goods-trading partner. Our relationship with Taiwan is a model for fair trade between countries which benefits both sides, a model we should highlight here today.

I urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating the people of the Republic of China on Taiwan on their economic success and thanking them for their continued efforts to work with the United States to foster economic growth in our country. On the day of National Celebration the people of both the United States and the Republic of China on Taiwan have much to celebrate. We look forward to our continued relationship with Taiwan, and wish them the very best.

NATIONAL OVARIAN CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2012

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of women's health and in recognition of September as National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month. This year, it is estimated that 22,280 women will be diagnosed with ovarian cancer and that 15,500 women, including 620 from Illinois, will die from it. If ovarian cancer is diagnosed and treated before the cancer spreads outside of the ovary, the five-year survival rate is 93 percent. Unfortunately, only 15 percent of ovarian cancers are found at that stage.

Too many women are losing their lives to ovarian cancer, the deadliest of the gynecologic cancers. Because no screening or early detection tests exist today, many women are unaware that they are living with this disease until it is too late. We need to increase public education about the early warning signs because, as organizations such as the Ovarian Cancer National Alliance stress, "until there's a test, awareness is best." Treating this disease before it has spread beyond the ovary significantly increases the survival rate. At the same time, we need more than awareness—we need to continue the medical research required to develop the screening tests that will save women's lives.

Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month helps increase awareness of ovarian cancer and focus attention on the continued need for innovative research efforts to identify screening and early detection tests for ovarian cancer.

I commend the Ovarian Cancer National Alliance, including their Partner Member groups CCare Lynch Syndrome, Bright Pink, and FORCE of Chicago, for their steadfast commitment to making women aware of the risk factors, signs, and symptoms of ovarian cancer and for their advocacy on behalf of women and families touched by this devastating disease. I urge my colleagues to help make women aware of the potential warning signs of this disease and to continue to support ovarian cancer research efforts.