

LAFAYETTE, IN: NAMED ALL-AMERICAN CITY

HON. JOHN T. MYERS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 3, 1995

Mr. MYERS of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, the National Civic League named Lafayette, IN an All-American City at its annual convention in June. Lafayette was one of only 10 cities nationwide that received this designation out of 145 communities under consideration. The citizens of Lafayette will observe the well-deserved recognition this Sunday with a day long celebration.

Lafayette was recognized by the National Civic League for the ability of its citizens to effectively solve problems by working together as a community. I can attest to that ethic as it relates to the Lafayette railroad relocation project. This massive rail relocation effort was designed by city officials, corporate and business leaders and local citizens with the safety needs of the community in mind. I am continually amazed at the near unanimous support the project receives from all of the community's citizens.

The willingness of the community to help its neighbors is exhibited by the altruistic work done by the Lafayette Neighborhood Housing Services and the family services organizations. These nonprofit groups, comprised of lenders, city officials, businesses, residents, and other interested parties, have successfully developed 50 safe and affordable rental units for lower-income citizens. No one can argue that Lafayette doesn't take care of its own.

Lafayette is a city that has retained the values of hard work, faith, and patriotism even as it has grown into a major metropolitan area. It is a community that should serve as a model to cities across the Nation and I am proud to represent its citizens in Congress.

Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate Lafayette on this designation and encourage the citizens and elected officials to wear the title of "All-American City" with pride. It is certainly deserved.

IN HONOR OF THOMAS K. BLALOCK

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

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Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Thomas K. Blalock, the public works director of the city of Fremont in California's 13th Congressional District. Tom is retiring after 34 years of dedicated service to our community.

Tom began his professional career in Fremont in November 1960, when he became Fremont's assistant city engineer. As assistant city engineer, he was responsible for managing the engineering division and overseeing the areas of project design, construction management, real property, and traffic engineering. In March 1975, Tom became Fremont's director of public works where, for the last 20 years, he has managed from 172 to 254 employees in four areas: engineering, maintenance, integrated waste, and administration.

Tom has been a resident of the South Bay for over 43 years. After graduating from San José State University with an engineering degree in December 1954, he began his career as a planning aide in the city of Mountain View, where he had worked as an engineering aide throughout college. In April 1955 he moved to the city of Sunnyvale to work as a design and traffic engineer. He held this position until November 1960 when he came to Fremont.

Tom belongs to a number of professional organizations including the American Public Works Association [APWA] of which he is a life member. In 1991, he was the recipient of the APWA's Samuel A. Greely Award. He is also a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers [ASCE] where he has served as an executive board member for 10 years in the urban planning and development division. In 1985, he received the ASCE's Harland Bartholomew Award, a national award for urban and regional planning. He is also a member of the League of California Cities. In 1991, he was president of the league's public works officers department and has also served on a number of the league's policy committees.

Tom has also served on the boards of many of our community organizations including the Chadbourne School Family and Faculty Association, from 1962 to 1965, and the Mission San José High School Parent Faculty Association, where he was chair from 1976 to 1978. He also participated as a Mission San José Little League umpire from 1970 to 1974 and has been an active member of St. Anne's Episcopal Church, serving both as bishop's committee member and a senior warden. He was a member of the Children's Home Society of California for 14 years and represented that organization at the both local and the state level.

Although Tom's expertise will be sorely missed by those in the city of Fremont, he was elected last November to the Bay Area Rapid Transit [BART] Board for region 6. Therefore, citizens in this area will continue to benefit from his knowledge of and involvement with engineering and transportation issues.

Mr. Speaker, I'd like to recognize Mr. Thomas K. Blalock for his commitment to our community. I hope you and all of my colleagues will join me and all of Tom's friends and neighbors in congratulating him on his retirement and wishing him well in all of his future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO THE LATE LEW ENGMAN

HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

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Mr. WAXMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Lew Engman. Lew died on July 12 of this year at the age of 59. His sudden and premature death saddened all of his friends and associates who knew and worked with Lew over the years.

Lew was an honorable and honest man who was a pleasure to deal with. Whether or not you had a difference of views, you could depend on him to be straightforward, fair-minded, and true to his word. And a difference in view never translated into personal enmity or unpleasantness.

At the time of his death, Lew was president of the Generic Pharmaceutical Industry Association. Previously, when I first got to know him in the early 1980's, he was president of the sometimes rival Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association, representing the industry's research firms. That Lew could head both associations, first one then the other, yet never be caught in contradiction or inconsistency, says a lot about the integrity with which he went about everything he did. In each case, he managed to stay totally loyal to his clients, and totally dependable as a man of his word.

I got to know Lew during the negotiations that led to passage of the 1984 Drug Price Competition and Patent Term Restoration Act. In securing support for that act, we had to balance the research-based drug companies' need for an adequate patent term with the goal of the generic drug industry to be on the market and able to compete as soon as those patents expired, with all the benefits that could bring to the public.

The issue was complicated, and the players fractious. Lew Engman put his name on the line to seal the compromise, approved by his companies, that made a bill possible. And when later some of his members broke ranks, he stuck to his word. His refusal to break his promise to Senator HATCH and me cost him his job, a considerable irony in view of the fact that the patent-restoration half of the compromise which he worked so skillfully to obtain might never have occurred without his deft guidance.

In the end, passage of the 1984 Waxman-Hatch Act was a testament to Lew Engman's conviction that the best form of legislation can achieve the aims of private interests while serving the public interest as well.

Lew of course had achieved a lot long before I knew him. An antitrust lawyer and economist by training, he had served in the Nixon and Ford administrations, as general counsel to the President's special assistant for consumer affairs, on the White House Domestic Council staff, then as Chairman of the Federal Trade Commission from 1973 to 1976. In the latter position, Lew was one of the first Government officials to note that some Federal agencies had become servants of the industries they regulated, and to call for some deregulation where appropriate.

I won't try to list all of Lew's achievements. Suffice it to note that two decades ago, Time magazine picked him among the country's young leaders to watch, and Lew proved the pick a good one. It saddens me that we will watch him no more; at just 59 and full of energy, he was far too young to die.

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HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

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Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my concern about the proposed cuts in the commerce, state, justice, and related agencies appropriations bill for fiscal year 1996 as it relates to educational and cultural exchange programs within the United States Information Agency.