

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRANSFER OF SURPLUS FEDERAL PROPERTY TO PRIVATE CHARITIES

HON. RON PACKARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 1997

Mr. PACKARD. Mr. Speaker, it is ludicrous to prevent nonprofit groups from making use of surplus Federal property simply because they do not serve educational or public health purposes. Local charities, such as food banks, are being penalized because their sole purpose is to assist low-income individuals. Current law excludes these groups from making use of much needed supplies, clothing, and equipment, which would otherwise go unused. Big-government bureaucracy is hindering nonprofit groups from giving back to the community.

I applaud Representative HAMILTON and the Government Reform and Oversight Committee for their work to assist families by amending existing law to allow for the donation of surplus Federal property to local charities that aid low-income families and individuals. More impoverished families than ever before will have access to the resources they need to get back on their feet. I wholeheartedly support this legislation.

Recently, I became a member of the Renewal Alliance, a group of Representatives and Senators working to highlight community efforts to end poverty, repair broken families, and solve a host of other problems. I believe that for every challenge our Nation faces, there is a solution, not in Washington, but locally. This bill sends a strong message to our constituents that we believe in our community organizations and want to see them succeed in their efforts to help those in need.

Nonprofit groups in our communities are in desperate need of materials and equipment to repair homes, store food items and deliver goods and services to those less fortunate. This bill will aid food banks and charitable groups all across the Nation in their efforts to give back to the community and provide low-income individuals with the helping hand they need. We need to make it easier for our nonprofit groups to feed and house those most in despair. This bill does just that. I am proud to support this legislation.

TRIBUTE TO DR. AUGUSTINE L. PERROTTA

HON. SANDER M. LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Dr. Augustine L. Perrotta, of Bloomfield Hills, MI. On April 27, 1997, Dr. Perrotta was named "Italian-American of the Year" by the Italian Study Group of Troy, MI.

Each year, the study group honors prominent Italian-American members of our community who demonstrate outstanding service, activism, and leadership.

Dr. Perrotta's recognition is well deserved. As the eldest of three children, Dr. Perrotta was thrust into a position of tremendous responsibility, due to the death of his father at an early age. He worked through college and attended medical school on scholarships, where he was valedictorian of his graduating class.

As a practicing oncologist and hematologist for the past 25 years in the Detroit area, Dr. Perrotta has combined his commitment to the medical profession with his love for his Italian heritage. He is active in two Italian-American physicians' organizations, was recently named a "Top Doc" in his field by Detroit Monthly magazine, and serves as chairman of the Department of Medicine at Bi-County Community Hospital.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Dr. Perrotta's accomplishments and contributions to our community. On this very special occasion, I extend my very best wishes to him and his wife, Dorothy, and their three children: Augustine, Grace, and Michael.

THE CHRISTIAN BROTHERS ACADEMY BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM WINS THE NEW YORK STATE CLASS C CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE

HON. JAMES T. WALSH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 1997

Mr. WALSH. Mr. Speaker, today I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Christian Brother's Academy boys basketball team for winning the New York State Class C championship game on Saturday, March 16th.

While this is the Brother's first State championship in basketball, this is the third State title in athletics that the academy has won in the past year. The other titles are for baseball and soccer.

Senior Jeff Segar, who also plays varsity football and baseball, scored 22 of the team's final 66 points and was honored as the tournament's most valuable player. Junior Sal Lampuri was responsible for 15 of the team's total points and was named to the all-tournament team.

Our central New York community is proud of the hard work and dedication displayed by the members of the 1996-97 Christian Brother's Academy boys basketball team, and all the young athletes who competed in this year's tournament.

Members of the team include: Sean Anderson, Joseph Leone, Jeff Segar, Salvatore Lampuri, Jon Law, Michael McKeon, Gregory Orlicz, Bryan Sacco, Robert Schalk, Jonathan Wolf, David Paulus, trainer Randolph Kinn, assistant coach Edward Leone, and coach "Buddy" Wleklinski.

Congratulations to all for this impressive achievement.

IN HONOR OF DR. FERMAN B. MOODY

HON. GEORGE W. GEKAS

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GEKAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to one of Pennsylvania's finest, Dr. Ferman B. Moody, of Harrisburg, who is the recipient of a Distinguished Service Award from the National Association of State Directors of Vocational Technical Education Consortium.

Dr. Moody has been a vocational student, teacher, college professor, administrator, director, lecturer, and leader. The Commonwealth of Virginia recognized his ability 35 years ago by naming him Vocational Agriculture Teacher of the Year. In the succeeding years, he has distinguished himself professionally, from his work at the University of Virginia and Virginia State University to his work in Pennsylvania. For 7 years now he has served as the State director of Vocational Education of Pennsylvania, our Nation's fifth largest State.

Among his most outstanding achievements: the implementation of the comprehensive tech prep program in Pennsylvania, in 352 schools and 44 postsecondary institutions which serve more than 90,000 students. He has also overseen the activation of the High Schools That Work Program, one of America's largest efforts in this area, serving more than 61 schools and over 10,000 students. Dr. Moody also received the H.O. Sargent Award from National FAA for leadership in cultural diversity gains, influence in national membership, and headquarters operations.

The list of Dr. Moody's accomplishments could certainly fill a full chapter. Indeed, there are probably not enough words to describe the levels of his dedication, perseverance, and hard work. We are gratified to have him as a leader in Pennsylvania. But Ferman Moody has demonstrated to all of us that he is a leader in vocational education across our great nation.

Mr. Speaker, I ask all of my colleagues in joining me to congratulate Dr. Moody on this wonderful recognition. Thank you, Dr. Moody, for all that you have done for generations of students who should be forever grateful to your abilities and leadership.

TRIBUTE TO BESSIE McBRIDE

HON. MARION BERRY

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 1997

Mr. BERRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an exceptional woman, Bessie

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McBride, who will be celebrating her retirement on Saturday, May 3, 1997. Mrs. McBride is being recognized for her dedication and commitment to the Jonesboro Public School District. Forty years of educating and inspiring the children of Arkansas is a great accomplishment and I commend her for her service.

Mrs. McBride was a graduate of Arkansas State University and has been honored with numerous awards throughout her career. She has received the Arkansas Outstanding Co-operating Teacher Award, the Outstanding Elementary Teachers of America Award, the Outstanding Leaders in Elementary and Secondary Education Award and in 1996 was chosen the Jonesboro Public School District's Outstanding Teacher of the Year. I stand here today on behalf of friends, family, past students, fellow teachers, and Mrs. McBride's community, to say a heartfelt thank you for a job well done.

A TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE
CRUZ M. BUSTAMANTE, SPEAKER
OF THE CALIFORNIA STATE
ASSEMBLY

HON. ESTEBAN EDWARD TORRES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 1997

Mr. TORRES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize my good friend and speaker of the California State Assembly, the Honorable Cruz M. Bustamante, of Fresno, CA. On Friday, April 25, 1997, Speaker Bustamante was honored at a reception hosted by the Hispanic Outreach Taskforce of Whittier, CA.

Cruz, first elected to the assembly in 1993, represents the people of the 31st Assembly District. During his tenure in the assembly, Cruz has served as a member of the Committee on Appropriations, Budget, and Higher Education. Also, Cruz has served on the Resources Subcommittee on the Assembly Budget Committee, the Joint Legislative Budget Committee, the Select Committee on California-Mexico Affairs, California Wine Production and Economy, and International Trade.

Now serving his third term, Cruz was elected speaker of the California State Assembly on December 2, 1996. This is a historical benchmark in California's rich history. Cruz, as speaker, is the first Latino to hold this office.

Cruz has worked diligently to serve the residents of the 31st Assembly District and, as speaker, the people of California. He recently navigated legislation through the assembly that will hold the tobacco industry accountable to the California State attorney general for State costs for treating tobacco-related illnesses. He is working on legislation to reform California's juvenile justice system and provide grants for the successful juvenile boot camp model. During his career, he has been a champion of farm worker housing and continues an aggressive push for the siting of a University of California campus in Merced County. As a strong advocate for our youth and education, Speaker Bustamante tours the State encouraging children to stay in school and shares his experience that led to his own success through his "You can Too" Program.

The oldest of six children, Cruz was born in Dinuba, CA. His parents, Dominga and Cruz Bustamante, Jr., a retired barber, raised their

family in the rural communities of Tulare and Fresno Counties.

In 1970, he graduated from Tranquility High School and pursued a college degree at Fresno City College and the California State University, Fresno [CSUF], where he studied Public Administration. Following a summer internship in Washington, DC, with Congressman B.F. Sisk, Cruz developed a keen interest in public service. He served on both the student senate and the board of the Fresno State College Association at CSUF.

In 1977, Cruz began his career in public service at the Fresno Employment and Training Commission. He soon became program director for the Summer Youth Employment Training Program, which employed over 3,000 Central valley teenagers each summer. Later, he joined the staff of Congressman Richard Lehman of Fresno, CA. From 1988 until January 1993, Cruz served as district administrative assistant to former Assemblyman Bruce Bronzan.

A strong believer in community service, Cruz has served on numerous local boards and commissions, including Fresno United Way Allocation Committee, Burroughs Elementary School Site Committee, City of Fresno Citizens Advisory Committee, and the Roosevelt Plan Implementation Committee.

He is married to the former Arcelia De La Pena. They have three daughters, Leticia, Sonia, and Marisa, a grandson, David, and a granddaughter, Lauren.

Mr. Speaker, it is with pride that I ask my colleagues to join me and the Hispanic Outreach Taskforce in recognizing the Honorable Cruz M. Bustamante for his outstanding and invaluable service to people of the State of California.

TREATING LEGAL IMMIGRANTS
FAIRLY

HON. SANDER M. LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 1997

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, in less than 100 days many thousands of elderly and disabled legal immigrants in our country will lose their only source of financial support unless Congress acts.

This is not about welfare reform; it is about community responsibility. It is not about moving young parents from welfare to work, but about elderly people who cannot work. It is not about people who came here illegally, but people who came here under our laws.

They now find themselves disabled, most often by age and illness: Asian-Americans caught up in the Vietnam war, often fighting on our side; Arab-Americans many of whom fled the land of Sadam Hussein; People who, despite in numerous cases having defended their native land against the Nazi invaders, left because of Soviet persecution against Jewish families; and Hispanic-Americans dislocated by war or in pursuit of family reunification.

When President Clinton signed the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act he made it completely clear that he would propose legislation this year to correct the provisions on legal immigrants; today I am introducing a bill similar to the President's proposal.

As a nation of immigrants, we must face up to this issue, as the faces of these elderly legal immigrants come more and more into focus for all the Nation to see.

THE WESTHILL HIGH SCHOOL
BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM WINS
THE NEW YORK STATE CLASS B
PUBLIC SCHOOL TITLE

HON. JAMES T. WALSH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 1997

Mr. WALSH. Mr. Speaker, today I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Westhill High School boys basketball team for winning the New York State Class B Championship game on March 16, 1997.

Until this season, the Warriors had played basketball in the class C division. This year, hard work and the help of coach Todd Widrick made it possible for the team to go undefeated in its first season of competition in the class B division. Senior David Lemm scored 30 of the team's final 64 points and was honored as the tournament's most valuable player. Juniors Scott Ungerer and Chuck Cassidy were also honored by being named to the all-tournament team.

Our central New York community is proud of the teamwork and dedication displayed by these and all the young athletes who competed in the tournament. I congratulate all of the members of the Westhill Varsity basketball team for their victory. Team members include: Bryan Sidoni, Mike Nicholson, Scott Adydan, Brian Gehm, Marc Herron, Mike Wojenski, Jordan Weismore, Brennan Binsack, Ryan Vossetig, David Lemm, Scott Ungerer, Chuck Cassidy, and coaches Tim Allen, Carlton Green, and Todd Widrick.

Congratulations to all on their impressive accomplishment.

ENFORCEMENT OF U.S. IMMIGRATION
AND NATIONALITY LAWS
IN PUERTO RICO

HON. GEORGE W. GEKAS

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 1997

Mr. GEKAS. Mr. Speaker, ever since I was stationed in Puerto Rico during my service in the U.S. Army from 1953 to 1955, I have harbored warm sentiments about the people I met, the beauty of the place, and the society of the island, as well as about its special bond with the mainland United States.

I arrived there shortly after the U.S. Congress and the Puerto Rican people had authorized the local constitution under which the island has existed up to the present. I was never certain that the status under the new constitution was well-defined, or how the people regarded themselves as a result.

For example, the Puerto Rican soldiers with whom I served expressed loyalty to the United States, and never felt that having U.S. nationality and citizenship meant that they had lost their status as citizens of Puerto Rico. In the same way that soldiers from Texas or Maine still saw themselves as citizens of their States,