

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

Tuesday, April 29, 1997

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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