

IN HONOR OF THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NATIONAL HEAD START ASSOCIATION (AND THE LAUNCH OF THE HEADS UP! NETWORK)

HON. MATTHEW G. MARTINEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 8, 1998

Mr. MARTINEZ. Mr. Speaker, October 1998 marks the 25th Anniversary of the National Head Start Association and I rise in tribute to this organization which, for a quarter-century, has been responsive to the needs of millions of Head Start children and their families, as well as staff and friends of the program.

NHSA, its membership, its leadership, and its Government Affairs Department, are to be commended on their latest accomplishment—the invaluable input provided by the Association in the successful completion of a bipartisan Head Start reauthorization at the end of this session. NHSA once again left its mark on that legislation. I am proud to have been a part of that effort and can testify firsthand of the good work which NHSA does.

The idea for a Head Start Association was born in 1973 in Kansas City, Missouri, at a national conference for directors of community action agencies. A handful of Head Start program directors attending the conference discussed the need for a private, national association that could advocate specifically for the Head Start community in Congress.

During the remainder of 1973, the core group of directors from Kansas City met several times with other Head Start directors from across the country. Pooling their broad resources, they formed the National Directors Association—the forerunner of NHSA. In addition to protecting Head Start's funding, the association aimed to strengthen the quality of Head Start.

At the request of the National Directors Association, Head Start parent delegates from each state met in Washington, D.C., in September 1974 to begin forming the parent affiliate of the Head Start Association, called the Head Start Parents Association.

At the January 1975 organizational meeting in Los Angeles, the parents passed a motion to invite Head Start non-director staff members to the second annual conference. It was their feeling that all Head Start staff members were critical to the association's long-term success. Non-director staff members formed the third affiliate association, the Head Start Staff Association. By the time the second annual meeting was held in Kansas City, the three associations as a group were named the National Head Start Association.

At the second annual conference, a number of the attendees did not fit into any of the three affiliate associations already organized. These "friends" of Head Start organized themselves into the final affiliate association of National Head Start Association, presenting their bylaws and charter at the second annual conference.

This collaborative and expanding effort is indicative of the vitality and responsiveness upon which NHSA prides itself. Like the Head Start program itself, NHSA has worked to respond to local and changing needs—and has done so by enlarging the Head Start community to include everyone in the community.

Over the past 20 years, NHSA's mission has changed from simply defending Head Start in Congress to actively expanding and improving the program. Membership types have been created for Head Start agencies, Head Start state and regional associations, and both commercial and nonprofit organizations. From planning massive annual training conferences to publishing a vast array of publications, the National Head Start Association continually strives to improve the quality of Head Start's comprehensive services for America's children and families.

The latest chapter in NHSA's bold leadership came just two weeks ago. On September 24, I took part in the premiere of the Heads Up! Network—a satellite television network exclusively dedicated to the training needs of the Head Start and early childhood community. As NHSA examines new, innovative ways to support the needs of Head Start professionals and parents, I share their belief in the power of the Heads Up! Network to deliver on the promise of high-quality affordable training.

On behalf of myself and my colleagues, I congratulate the National Head Start Association, its President Ron Herndon, Chief Executive Officer Sarah Greene, and the Association's national staff and thousands of members across the nation on a quarter century of success in service to the country's low income children and families. I think I speak for all my colleagues when I say that a grateful Congress looks forward to many more years in support of quality early childhood and family care and education—hand in hand with NHSA. Happy Anniversary!

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF
IMAM KHATTAB

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 8, 1998

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a member of the clergy in my district, the Imam Khattab of the Islamic Center of Greater Toledo. The Imam is retiring as the congregation's director, having served the Muslim community of Northwest Ohio for sixteen years.

Born in Egypt, Abdelmoneim Mahmoud Khattab completed his undergraduate degree at Al-Azhar University, where he received his Bachelor's Degree in Theology. He later received Masters Degrees in Social Services and Theology, and completed three years in the College of Law at Cairo University. After immigrating to Canada, he obtained a Masters Degree in Sociology and went on to complete his PhD coursework. A true scholar and learned man, Imam Khattab has directed his expertise to the fields of education, health, and foreign affairs, as well as directing Islamic Centers in Edmonton, Alberta and London, Ontario prior to his tenure in Northwest Ohio.

Imam Khattab has profoundly affected each congregation to which he devoted himself. With his guidance, the Islamic Center of Greater Toledo has fostered an interfaith understanding with the community, and it has become a centerpiece of Muslim faith and culture in our region. Those who visit the mosque, whether members of the Muslim community or not, cannot help but be swept

up in the reverence, humility, faith, and sense of the world which reverberates within its walls.

Imam Khattab has been a leader in every sense of that word, directing the members of the mosque in his quiet, humble manner and with the greatest dignity. He takes his leave to pursue other important ventures, but leaves all of those who knew him during his stay here richer for the experience. We wish him well in his journey. Assalamu Alaikum, a friend to each of us who strive for a world of greater understanding, peace, and fellowship.

SONNY BONO COPYRIGHT TERM
EXTENSION ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 7, 1998

Mr. CONYERS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in strong support of that part of the term extension bill which actually extends the term of copyright. But to object to another, unrelated provision of the bill which I wish were not included today. I do support this overall bill, and I will vote for it, but as I say, regret that I am forced to accept a terrible provision as the price to pay for supporting a bill which this Nation urgently needs.

I deeply regret that copyright term extension legislation was hijacked some time ago by interests that have little to do with the extension of copyright's term, but through their persistence, and the support of some in the House of Representatives whose tenacity is to be admired, have succeeded in putting a provision in this legislation which is a terrible blow to songwriters.

Copyright term extension is an important and necessary improvement to our copyright laws, and one which I have long supported. After a healthy debate, it passed out of the Judiciary Committee without dissent, and those of us who support it have fought long and hard for it to come to the floor today. It strengthens our domestic copyright industry by extending the life of copyright. In addition, it eliminates the disadvantage that the United States has operated under since the European Union extended the life of its copyrights, but provided that copyrights created in countries that did not do the same, like the United States until now, would not be similarly protected.

Although I am wholeheartedly in support of term extension, I am deeply disappointed that the leadership has agreed to use this vehicle to carve out important protections—meaning real money—from songwriters, the overwhelming majority of whom do not make a great deal of money to begin with. The musical licensing exemption provision in today's bill may be a compromise, but it's bad policy.

I am concerned that the musical licensing exemption—a wholly inappropriate carveout of performers rights—may also be violative of international treaty obligations. Specifically, the provision may well violate the Berne Convention for the protection of literary and artistic works. I am directly talking about Article 11b is of that convention, which provides the exclusive right of the author to authorize the "public communication by loudspeaker or