

IN RECOGNITION OF JAMES F. McCONNELL UPON HIS RETIREMENT AS PRESIDENT AND CEO OF THE FLUSHING SAVINGS BANK

HON. GARY L. ACKERMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 9, 1998

Mr. ACKERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join with my constituents of the Fifth Congressional District of the State of New York and the staff of the Flushing Savings Bank as they honor James F. McConnell upon his retirement as the bank's president and CEO.

Mr. McConnell's background is both diverse and effective. Prior to his election as president of the Flushing Savings Bank he held prominent management positions with AMBAC Industries of Garden City, New York and the EDO Corporation of College Point. He joined the Flushing Savings Bank in 1974 as Vice-president and Treasurer. Realizing his keen sense of leadership and a most effective approach to getting things done, the bank appointed him president in 1981, appointed him to its board of directors in 1983 and elected him Chief Executive Officer in 1990.

Mr. McConnell's multiple leadership talents reach far beyond the Flushing Savings Bank. He has served on the Board of Directors of the Community Bankers Association of New York State from 1987 to 1997 and served as the Association's Chairman from 1990-1991. He was highly instrumental in negotiations which led to the successful merger of the Savings Bank Association of New York State with the New York League of Savings Institutions, thereby creating the Community Bankers Association.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join with me and rise in honor of James F. McConnell, who has imparted a sense of professionalism, leadership and community responsibility. His record is one of dynamism and productivity which readily emerges as a yardstick by which all such future efforts are measured.

TRIBUTE TO DR. TOM GIUGNI

HON. STEPHEN HORN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HORN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Dr. Tom Giugni, who is retiring as Executive Director of the Association of California School Administrators. Dr. Giugni's retirement marks the end of a 40-year career of service in public education.

Public schools are filled with dedicated people whose main objective is to make life better for the students and the communities which they serve. But on occasion, there are those who outshine even the brightest educators. Dr. Giugni is such a person. Teachers, parents, administrators, and the business community have consistently looked to him for ideas, direction, and inspiration in serving students.

Dr. Giugni's distinguished career began humbly in 1956 as a substitute teacher in St. Helena, California. Five years later, he had worked his way up to the level of principal in

the St. Helena Unified School District, and he has never looked back. He has served six different California school districts, including four as Superintendent. I had the pleasure of working with Dr. Giugni when, during his tenure as Superintendent of the Long Beach Unified School District, he served on the Education Advisory Committee of the Graduate School of Education at California State University, Long Beach, where I was president.

He was a dynamic Superintendent. Under his leadership, the Long Beach district became one of the most decentralized in the United States. The central bureaucracy was cut back. Creativity and innovation became the watchwords in the schools. Parent councils were created. Parents played an increasing role. Principals worked to encourage the best ideas and performance from their faculty.

For the first time in California the elementary and secondary schools were closely linked with a major university, California State University, Long Beach. Many post-secondary institutions have their education majors intern in the schools. But the CSULB Long Beach Unified School District was a true partnership in which university students and faculty members as well as student organizations across the university involved themselves with the schools and their students.

Dr. Giugni has further served California through active participation in numerous civic and professional organizations, including as a member of area Chambers of Commerce and Industry Education Councils, an advisor to California colleges and universities, and an advocate of events to fight cancer and drug abuse. His knowledge and expertise have been recognized by several respected educational journals who have published his articles, and he has received countless awards honoring his leadership.

Dr. Giugni committed his career to improving education. His genuine concern for students, his vision, and his ability to rally support for public schools will be greatly missed. All of us who know him wish him well and doubt that he will be inactive in retirement

A TRIBUTE TO DR. HARISH MALHOTRA OF JOHN T. MATHER HOSPITAL

HON. MICHAEL P. FORBES

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 9, 1998

Mr. FORBES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in the House of Representatives to join with the staff and patrons of John T. Mather Hospital as they honor Dr. Harish Malhotra of Shoreham, Long Island, with the "Theodore Roosevelt Award" for his dedicated service to Mather Hospital and the Long Island community.

On Friday evening, October 23, hundreds of friends, volunteers and staff will gather for Mather Hospital's 33rd annual "One Enchanted Evening" fundraising dinner. This year, in recognition of October as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, the proceeds from Mather Hospital's annual benefit will go to the Fortunato Breast Health Center and Breast Cancer Treatment.

A native of India, where he earned distinction as a "Gold Medal" doctor at the University

of New Delhi for his work in surgery, Dr. Malhotra has achieved great success as a surgeon because he remains an avid student of his craft. A voracious reader, Dr. Malhotra is dedicated to the continual development of his talent for healing the sick and injured. "If you don't read a lot and keep constant," Dr. Malhotra said, "you can't take good care of your patients." Because of his lifelong pursuit of knowledge and inner desire to make the absolute most of his skills, Dr. Malhotra is able to take very good care of his patients.

It was while researching innovative surgical technologies that Dr. Malhotra learned of the bold, new bone marrow and stem cell transplants. Moved by the positive results of these surgical techniques, Dr. Malhotra founded the first Bone Marrow and Peripheral Blood Stem Cell Transplantation Program in Suffolk County, one of the most successful programs of its kind in the United States.

When he's not working with his patients or reading up on the latest surgical techniques, Dr. Malhotra is usually found on the golf course, or spending time with his wife Maureen and six-year-old son Kiran.

So, Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join the entire John T. Mather Hospital community as we honor Dr. Harish Malhotra, a very deserving recipient of the "Theodore Roosevelt Award" for his dedicated service to the hospital and our entire Long Island community.

CITIZENS' VOICE CELEBRATES
20TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 9, 1998

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Citizens' Voice newspaper of Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, which is celebrating its twentieth anniversary on October 9, 1998. Despite tremendous obstacles, the Citizens' Voice has survived and thrived as a daily newspaper in a competitive market.

In the fall of 1978, 205 employees of the Wilkes-Barre Publishing Company who were on strike decided to create their own paper. That decision led to the publishing of the first edition of the Citizens' Voice. Since then, the paper has grown to a circulation of approximately 38,000. During that time, the Voice has received numerous awards from local and state professional organizations.

The Voice's first "home" was a building scheduled for demolition by the Redevelopment Authority on North Main Street in Wilkes-Barre. In early 1979, the Voice moved to the mezzanine of the Hotel Sterling in the heart of downtown Wilkes-Barre. In June of 1984, the Voice moved to its present headquarters on North Washington Street in Wilkes-Barre.

Mr. Speaker, not too many cities the size of Wilkes-Barre have two daily newspapers anymore, but I think the presence of both papers has led to an improvement in the quality of coverage provided to area residents. I applaud the Citizens' Voice for its twenty years of excellence and wish the paper future success.