

WOLCOTT FIRE COMPANY NO. 3
CELEBRATES GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

HON. JAMES H. MALONEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, October 28, 2000

Mr. MALONEY of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, over the past fifty years there have been many significant events in the Town of Wolcott, a community in my Connecticut congressional district, but this October 27th will be a date that will be especially noted for what it means in the lives of so many past and present residents of the Town. On that day, Friday, October 27, 2000, Wolcott Volunteer Fire Department Company No. 3 celebrates its golden anniversary—50 years of dedicated service to the Town of Wolcott and surrounding communities.

Fifty years ago, the Town fire department foresaw Wolcott's potential for growth that has ultimately been realized. Despite very limited resources, dedicated volunteers moved ahead to create a third fire company within the department. Indeed, resources could not have been more limited, with the only equipment available being an old ambulance converted to an emergency truck, and \$1.38 in the treasury, much of that raised from a penny collection. The members of the Company however, were extremely dedicated to their task. A year later the company acquired its first real fire truck, a well used 1919 American LaFrance, purchased from the neighboring city of Waterbury for \$300.00. The fire station was a converted local garage.

As the years passed, and as the community grew, so did the role of Company No. 3. The members continued to pull together, some literally mortgaging their homes to raise funds for their efforts. A new station was built by members of the Company and other townspeople, with much of the labor and materials being donated. Other emergency vehicles were added to the company. Training and equipment maintenance took not only a lot of time, but also a lot of money. Fundraisers of every kind were held to help offset the costs of the equipment. After just ten years, the Company purchased its first new truck for \$16,700, obtained through local fundraising efforts as well as a mortgage on the fire house.

In the ensuing years, other trucks and emergency vehicles were purchased, additions to the station were made, and the company endured numerous challenges that only served to make it a stronger and more cohesive organization. The outcome is an organization whose character is steeped in dedication, loyalty and commitment to serve the Wolcott community.

The members of the Company, past and present, have made sacrifices above and beyond the call of duty that have set an example for all firefighters to follow.

Mr. Speaker, Wolcott Volunteer Fire Department Company No. 3 deserves wide recognition, and I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join with me in congratulating all past and present members of Company No. 3, and thanking them for a job well done!

TRIBUTE TO CHARLES A. GARNEY

HON. KAREN McCARTHY

OF MISSOURI

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Ms. McCARTHY of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I wish today to honor an exceptional leader and friend to our Kansas City community and our country. This year the Metropolitan Lutheran Ministries of Greater Kansas City will recognize Charles A. Garney as a Friends in Deed 2000. Charles Garney has an extensive history of civic pride and investment into our community. He has shown outstanding dedication as a business leader, philanthropist and advocate for the poor and disadvantaged of metropolitan Kansas City.

Charles Garney is the founder, Chairman of the Board, and Chief Executive Officer of Garney Companies, Inc., a heavy utility construction company with its headquarters in Kansas City, Missouri. He is also the founder, Chairman of the Board, and Chief Executive Officer of Briarcliff Development Company, headquartered in Kansas City as well. Charles Garney and his companies have played an integral role in shaping the Kansas City skyline. He is responsible for preserving and promoting one of Kansas City's most notable neighborhoods in the historic Northeast area where he has made his home and been recognized as the Northlander of the Year by his neighbors.

Outside of his burgeoning businesses, Charles Garney has played an active role in Kansas City's civic, social, and philanthropic communities. Mr. Garney has consistently dedicated his time and efforts to countless organizations such as Metropolitan Lutheran Ministries, which improve the lives of others and make Kansas City a better place to live. He is the past President of the Kansas City Area Economic Development Council, past President of the Kansas City Crime Commission, and Director of the City of Fountains Foundation to name only a few. Mr. Garney is a member of several distinguished charitable and professional boards and committees as well. Charles Garney's commitment has been recognized as the Missourian of the Year, he has received the Citizen of the Year Award from Baker University, the Distinguished Citizen of the Kansas City Community Award by Park College, and he is listed in "Ingram's Magazine" as one of Kansas City's hundred most influential people from 1990 to 1997.

Throughout his professional and personal career Charles Garney has been a great friend to his neighbors in the Kansas City community. He has shared his success with the city which raised him, and his devotion as an example to us all. Charles exemplifies the core values that we all strive for: commitment to the community, to family and to making a difference in the lives of others. I am honored to acknowledge Charles A. Garney for his successful efforts and service to Kansas City. I know that he is joined in receiving this award by his wife Patty, his six daughters, and their extended family. Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating the Metropolitan Lutheran Ministries Friends In Deed 2000, Charles A. Garney.

NATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT
MUSEUM

HON. CHARLES A. GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GONZALEZ. Mr. Speaker, on October 24, 2000, S. 1438, a bill to establish a National Law Enforcement Museum in the District of Columbia was passed in the House.

H.R. 2710 and its companion legislation, S. 1438, would establish a National Law Enforcement Museum next to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in the District of Columbia. I believe that this museum will be a fitting tribute to those who serve and protect our communities and nation on a daily basis. Currently, there are about 74,000 federal, state and law enforcement officers who risk their lives to ensure that citizens are safe and protected. In fact, members of my own family have served and I feel especially proud to be a cosponsor and ardent supporter of this museum.

The museum will help to educate the public about the law enforcement profession and the great personal risks many officers encounter daily. An integral part of the success of law enforcement is public support; support that will grow as the public gains a better understanding of the law enforcement profession through information provided at the museum. The museum will have an accompanying research facility that will be instrumental in creating a safer and more stable environment for all, as research conducted there will be utilized by policy makers as well as officers themselves to improve both the effectiveness of legislation and law enforcement techniques.

RETIREMENT OF NEW MEXICO
STATE HISTORIAN ROBERT J.
TORREZ

HON. TOM UDALL

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. UDALL of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, Mr. Robert J. Torrez, the New Mexico State Historian and one of New Mexico's most recognized, respected and honored historians, recently announced his retirement to be effective December 22, 2000. Mr. Torrez has served in his official position with New Mexico's state government since 1987.

During his years as State Historian, Mr. Torrez has made many noteworthy contributions to support greater awareness of the richness and depth of the more than four and a half centuries of New Mexico history—a written record of history in the United States that has few, if any, direct parallels. And a record that continues to grow as New Mexico continues to make its unique contributions to our country.

One of the areas in which Mr. Torrez has focused his scholarship is the history of New Mexico's judicial institutions and how those institutions responded to crime, punishment and other legal dilemmas under the Spanish, Mexican and American governments. He has written many articles on the subject and has pointed out the effectiveness of the Spanish