

TRIBUTE TO FRANK LONG

HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 27, 2002

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Frank Long, a farmer from Sinking Valley, Pennsylvania. Frank was recently awarded Pennsylvania State Fairperson of the Year by the Pennsylvania State Association of County Fairs for his tireless efforts as President of the Sinking Valley Farm Show. Frank has been a dairy farmer for 38 years and he brings a lifetime of experience not only to the Sinking Valley Farm Show, but to the many other organizations in which he serves.

Frank demonstrates his dedication to his community as an active member of the Blair County Chapter of the American Red Cross, where he serves on the board of Directors and as a part of the Disaster Team. He is a charter member of the Southern Alleghenies Resource, Conservation & Development, and a charter member and chairman of the Southern Alleghenies Conservancy. Frank also sits on Blair County Farm Park and Recreation Board, and was appointed in 2000 by Governor Tom Ridge to three committees dealing with agriculture, land use, and the "Growing Greener" program.

Through his 25 years as director of the Sinking Valley Farm Show, Frank has worked to improve the fair facilities and attractions at the fair. His colleagues credit him with making the fairgrounds more appealing for year-round use and for expanding the old grounds into a larger facility. Frank has devoted his life to promoting agriculture in Pennsylvania, and I applaud his efforts. Again I congratulate Frank Long on being awarded Pennsylvania State Fairperson of the Year.

IN HONOR OF THE CATHEDRAL
VILLAGE**HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ**

OF NEW JERSEY

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Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony of the Cathedral Village Townhouse Development, which was sponsored by Bishop Donald Hilliard, Jr., the Cathedral-Second Baptist Church, and the Church Community Development Corporation. The ceremony took place on Friday, February 22, 2002, followed by a luncheon at the Family Life Center in Perth Amboy.

A newly-completed affordable townhouse facility, the Cathedral Village Townhouse Development will improve the quality of life for many families. This project was made possible thanks to the dedicated efforts of the Cathedral-Second Baptist Congregation and funding and support from the State of New Jersey; Governor James E. McGreevey; Department of Community Affairs Commissioner Susan Bass Levin; City Council Members Peter Jimenez, Frank Sinatra, David Szilagyi, Geraldine Bolanowski, and Robert Sottilaro; the HUD Home Program; the Reinvestment Fund/CLI, and First Union Bank.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the Grand Opening and Ribbon

Cutting Ceremony of the Cathedral Village Townhouse, a truly memorable and historic event for the community of Perth Amboy.

CONGRATULATING FRIENDS OF
AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION HON-
OREES**HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH**

OF CALIFORNIA

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Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Tom Shultz on the occasion of his being honored as the 2002 Farm Advisor recipient of the Award for Outstanding Achievement. Other finalists were Marsha Campbell-Mathews, Pam Geisel, Brent Holtz, Maxwell Norton, Steve Sibbett, and Bill Weir. I also extend my congratulations to Beth Grafton-Cardwell as she is honored as the 2002 Extension Specialist recipient of the Award for Outstanding Achievement. Other finalists in that category were Rob Atwill, Joe DiTomaso, John Maas, and James Oltjen.

Tom Shultz is a Tulare County Farm Advisor with 22 years of extension work supporting the dairy community with particular emphasis on his development and implementation of guidelines for site selection, animal density and manure management to help dairymen meet regulatory requirements in an economically viable manner.

Marsha Campbell-Mathews is a Stanislaus County Agronomy Farm Advisor with a program dealing with lagoon water management as a nutrient source for crops. Pam Geisel, a Fresno County Environmental Horticulture Farm Advisor, developed an education program for urban neighborhoods called Garden of the Sun. Brent Holtz is a Madera County Pomology Farm Advisor. He researched and developed cultural controls for Brown Rot without heavy reliance on fungicidal spray programs. Merced County Farm Advisor Maxwell Norton assisted and educated small farmers new to this country while conducting significant research experiments with strawberries. Steve Sibbett, a Tulare County Farm Advisor, contributed extensively and valuably to the cultural development of walnuts. Bill Weir is a Merced County Farm Advisor with continuing achievements in the growing of ultranarrow row cotton.

Beth Grafton-Cardwell is a Riverside Extension Entomologist with numerous research and extension efforts to help citrus growers reduce their need for broad spectrum pesticides to combat pest problems while maintaining fruit quality and acceptable economic return.

Rob Atwill, a Davis Veterinary Extension Specialist, identified and articulated cost-effective strategies to minimize surface water contamination by livestock. Joe DiTomaso is a Davis Weed Science Extension Specialist and has expanded effective control strategies for the resilient and economically devastated Yellow Starthistle. Davis Veterinary Extension Specialist John Maas delivered thorough information to livestock producers through the Feedlot Certification and Cow-Calf Quality Assurance programs. James Oltjen, a Davis Animal Science Extension Specialist, worked on the development and delivery of the California Feedlot Certification and Cow-Calf Quality Assurance programs.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize these men and women as they receive recognition by the Friends of Agricultural Extension for the 2002 Award for Outstanding Achievement. I invite my colleagues to join me in congratulating these honorees for their contributions to agriculture and their community and wishing them many more years of continued success.

HONORING MONSIGNOR LEONARD
TOOMEY ON THE OCCASION OF
BEING NAMED GRAND MARSHAL
OF THE TRENTON ST. PATRICK'S
DAY PARADE**HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH**

OF NEW JERSEY

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Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Monsignor Leonard Toomey, who has been named the Grand Marshal of this year's City of Trenton's St. Patrick's Day Parade. Just a few days after he leads the annual parade through historic Trenton, Msg. Toomey will celebrate the 54th anniversary of his ordination as a priest, which occurred on March 13, 1948.

Technically, Monsignor Toomey is "retired." Yet he is more active in his community than people half his age. He serves as an assistant pastor at several Diocesan Parishes, and devotes many of his homilies to the children he loves so much.

Perhaps best known for his 26 years as pastor of Sacred Heart Church on South Broad Street, Trenton—the oldest Catholic Parish in the state of New Jersey—Monsignor Toomey was a pillar of the community during one of the city's most turbulent time periods of the late 1960s.

While at Sacred Heart, he worked to make sure the Church's external image was restored and preserved to match its lofty lineage and legacy of service. In the mid-1970s, he launched a successful campaign to restore all of the parish's buildings and grounds.

His service to the Church, to the city of Trenton, and surrounding areas has been so effective on many fronts. In addition to serving as pastor at several churches, Monsignor Toomey founded the Children's Youth Organization Day Camp so area children had a safe and fun place to go during the summer.

He also brought God's guidance to the brave men and women of the Trenton Fire Department, as well as to the inmates at New Jersey's State Prison in Trenton, a maximum security facility where those convicted of the state's worst crimes are housed.

Monsignor Toomey has held numerous posts throughout the Diocese and has given his time to several local boards including those for public housing projects, museums and historical societies, and St. Francis Hospital.

I always enjoy marching in Trenton's St. Patrick's Day Parade, and this year's experience will be equally meaningful for I will be marching behind a man who truly has been a bedrock of the city of Trenton for the better part of a century.

I join Monsignor's many admirers, friends, proteges and parishioners in thanking and congratulating him on another well-deserved recognition and milestone for his leadership and contributions to our community.