

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

A TRIBUTE TO MOSHOOD AFARIOGUN

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 10, 2003

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Moshood Afariogun in recognition his unique style and accomplishments in the fashion industry.

The name Moshood Africanspirit has become synonymous with a style that personifies a "spirit" of African pride. Originally from Lagos, Nigeria, Moshood arrived in New York in the early 1980's, and set out to make his mark in this very competitive industry. After years of tireless effort and hard work, he opened his first boutique in Brooklyn, NY.

Moshood's timeless pieces bring together the traditional beauty of African tailoring and a taste of western flavor. His fluid and elegant designs have been embraced from Harlem to Soweto, Lagos to Bahia, London to Tokyo, and New York to Kingston.

Mr. Speaker, Moshood Afariogun has successfully designed and created unique designer clothes without losing touch with his African culture and heritage. As such, he is more than worthy of receiving our recognition today and I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring this truly remarkable person.

REMEMBERING FRANK CIRRINCIONE

HON. RAHM EMANUEL

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. EMANUEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate the life of a true public servant for the people of Chicago, Frank Cirrincione, who passed away on June 9.

Frank was born in Chicago on December 6, 1943. In 1964, he married the love of his life, Carole. Together they had two wonderful children, PJ and Maria, who made them the happy in-laws to Kevin and Adrienne and the proud grandparents of Brianna and Joanna Cirrincione and Zachary and Conor Martin.

For the past two decades Frank worked diligently for the people of the North side of Chicago in the public service office of the great Alderman Patrick J. O'Connor of the 40th Ward. In that position he was always there to greet constituents with a smile and to work his hardest at helping them with their problems. The Ward office and the people of the 40th Ward will not soon forget Frank.

Frank also was dedicated to his community outside of work, volunteering his time at the parish that guided his life, St. Hilary's. His devoted service included contributing to the Parish Council, as an usher during services, and even as coach of the basketball team. St. Hilary's Parish will not soon forget Frank.

For me personally, Frank was always there to give me a friendly boost and support during my campaign for Congress. He was always ready to walk a precinct with me and introduce me to the neighbors and friends he knew so well. I will not soon forget Frank.

Mr. Speaker, I join with the people of the 40th Ward in recognizing the life of Frank Cirrincione and the impact that he had on those of us who were fortunate enough to be touched by his kindness. I applaud the City of Chicago for forever celebrating Frank's life by designating the 5600 block of North Fairfield Avenue as "Honorary Frank Cirrincione Way." Lastly, I wish to express my deep sense of sorrow to Carol and the rest of Frank's loving family.

HONORING DON CLAUSEN UPON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. TOM DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 10, 2003

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I would like to pay tribute to Mr. Don Clausen upon his retirement as Principal of Annandale High School after more than 30 years of distinguished service to Fairfax County Public Schools.

In 1966, Mr. Clausen graduated from Valparaiso University with a B.S. in physical education, and immediately began his service in the Peace Corps as a volunteer to Ecuador. There he helped local communities improve and enlarge their educational programs. He continued this work until 1968 when he began teaching at Langley High School. Mr. Clausen taught physical education at Kings Park and Kings Glen Elementary Schools from 1973 until 1976. In 1976 he became the Assistant Principal of Oakton High School. During that year he also finished his Master's in Education from George Mason University. Over the next thirty years, Mr. Clausen came to serve as Assistant Principal at several other schools including, George C. Marshall High School and Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology. In July of 1994, Mr. Clausen became the Principal of Annandale High School where he remained Principal until his retirement.

Mr. Clausen has received a multitude of awards and honors throughout his career. In 1990, he was invited by the government of Nicaragua to serve as a National Elections Monitor. In 1991, he received the Department of Community Action nomination for "Excellence in Education Award." Then in 1993, he was once again invited to be a National Elections Monitor for the government of El Salvador. On December 17, 1997 he hosted the initial national education hearings of President Clinton's Advisory Board of The President's Initiative on Race. From 1998 to 2002 he served an appointment to the Executive committee of Virginia High School League. In

2000, Mr. Clausen was nominated as "Principal of the Year." For the last two years he has chaired the Virginia High School League; and from 2001 to 2002 he was recognized for significant progress in improvement of Virginia State Standards of Learning scores.

Mr. Clausen has been a member of the Board of Directors of the Network of Educators for Central America and he currently serves as the Chairman of Fairfax County High School League. He is a member of the Panel at Chesapeake Chapter of the National School Public Relations Association, as well as a member of the National Activities Committee or NASSP.

Mr. Clausen was one of five secondary school principals from the nation honored by the Metlife Foundation Bridge Builders Initiative, which recognizes teachers and administrators for forging strong relationships between the school's staff and the community.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, I wish the very best to Mr. Clausen as he is recognized for service to his community and to Fairfax County Public Schools. During his many years of service, he certainly has earned his recognition, and I call upon all of my colleagues to join me in applauding his tenure.

PARTIAL-BIRTH ABORTION BAN ACT OF 2003

SPEECH OF

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 4, 2003

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, this is the sixth time this legislation has been sent to the House, I opposed it the past five times, and I still oppose it today. This bill is an attempt to strike, yet again, at the foundations of a woman's right to choose with the aid of family, clergy, counselors, and physicians. I am an avid supporter of choice without reservation. Medical decisions are personal and should be made in private without the interference of the government.

I oppose this proposed interference of the government in doctor's offices not only because I support choice, but because it endangers women's health and safety. Medical technology has advanced, and safe abortion procedures are available for women. If passed, this legislation will force doctors to perform procedures deemed dangerous and outdated as of 1975. These procedures might be necessary to save women whose lives are threatened by their pregnancies. The proposed ban does not provide for life-saving exceptions, and will be overturned by the Supreme Court.

This ban is also unconstitutional because it is in blatant violation of *Roe v. Wade*. Might I remind the House, this landmark decision leaves the regulation of post vitality or late term abortions to the States, not the Federal Government. While the judiciary system is violated by this legislation, so is the healthcare

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field. "Partial-birth" is not a medical term, instead it is a vague political term designed to inflame this debate, and outlaw abortions throughout pregnancy.

During the hearings for this legislation in March, Dr. Anne R. Davis testified 90 percent of abortions are conducted during the first trimester. I refuse to believe this legislation proposed six times in the past eight years is to ban only 10 percent of abortions. I stand with over 17 organizations of dedicated and respected medical professionals, three state referendums, and a Nebraska Supreme Court, all of whom oppose this unconstitutional and dangerous legislation that must not be passed.

IN RECOGNITION OF DAVID
MINCBERG

HON. CHRIS BELL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 10, 2003

Mr. BELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor David Minberg on the occasion of his being named the recipient of the 2003 Max H. Nathan Award by the Houston chapter of the American Jewish Committee. The Max H. Nathan Award is presented annually to an individual who has performed most meritoriously in the cause of human relations and who exemplifies the finest traditions of his heritage. This individual must be dedicated in his service to the community.

David Minberg epitomizes the qualities the American Jewish Committee recognizes each year with this award. Mr. Minberg has spent his life enriching the Jewish community. He began his service to the community as a student at Bellaire High School where he served as president of the Houston Jewish Community Center Youth Council. At the University of Texas, he demonstrated his leadership qualities during his tenure as president of the Friar Society.

After graduating from law school, Mr. Minberg continued his dedication to humanitarianism as evidenced by his volunteer work on the boards of the Jewish Federation of Greater Houston, the American Jewish Committee and the Jewish Family Service Foundation where he served as board chairman.

Mr. Minberg was a founder and the first president of Southwest Houston 2000 Inc., a forum for improving the quality of life for all people living in southwest Houston. He served as chairman of the Harris County Democratic Party from 1994 to 1998. From 1988 to 1991, he served as president of the American Jewish Committee. During his term as president, he made a lasting impact on American pluralism and the quality of life in the community. Mr. Minberg currently serves on the boards of Planned Parenthood and the Houston Museum of Natural Science.

Mr. Minberg is owner and president of Flagship Properties Corporation, one of the largest privately held multifamily residential companies in Texas. He takes great pride in providing employment to over 600 people of diverse backgrounds.

David Minberg is married to Lainie Gordon. They are the proud parents of five children.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate David Minberg on his many years of exceptional service to the Jewish community.

A TRIBUTE TO REGINA COLEY

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 10, 2003

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Regina Coley Carter in recognition of her dedication to her community in personal and professional life, and her commitment to reducing drug use among youths.

Regina Coley is the fourth of eleven children. She was educated in the New York City public school system, and later, attended Hunter College in pursuit of a nursing career. Currently, she is attending John Jay College.

A mother of three children, Regina is a member of the Brownsville Community Baptist Church. As a church member, she participates in the Concert Choir and the Willing Workers. She is a football mom for the Pop Warner State Championship Team, and the Mo Better Jaguars of the East New York/Brownsville area.

Regina has worked for the New York City Police Department for the past twenty-three years. She served as a civilian employee for five and a half years when she decided that that would be an effective police officer. In 1986, she passed the police exam and became a police officer. Regina is currently one of two community affairs officers in the 75th Precinct.

Regina enjoys sports, reading, travel, and working with the community. She has received numerous awards for community service, often working with elected officials, community based organizations, schools, and churches in the East New York Community. She helps organize parades, demonstrations, rallies, street festivals, and various community events. Regina has also worked with the United States Attorney's office as a coordinator for the youth program Drug Education For Youth (D.E.F.Y). Regina has a strong concern for the community and youth of East New York and Brownsville. She has become a mentor through various community youth programs and is presently mentoring young people in East New York.

Mr. Speaker, Regina Coley is committed to improving the lives of those in her community through a wide range of efforts. As such, she is more than worthy of receiving our recognition today and I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring this truly remarkable person.

POLAND'S REFERENDUM

HON. RAHM EMANUEL

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 10, 2003

Mr. EMANUEL. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of more than 111,000 constituents of Polish descent, I rise to congratulate the Republic of Poland for its historic and overwhelming vote yesterday in favor of joining the European Union next May.

For centuries Polish greats like Copernicus, Frederick Chopin, and Madame Curie have contributed significant economic, cultural and social diversity to Europe. As the first nation to have a written constitution in Europe, Poland is a shining example of democracy triumphing

over four decades of communist rule. Its modernization is described most meaningfully by its current President, Aleksander Kwasniewski, stated, "The transformation in Poland launched after the historic breakthrough in 1989 consists not only in reform of the economy but also in opening up to the world. Openness is the historical tradition of Poland . . . We are thinking not only of the benefits we will gain from accession to the European Union. We are also aware of the obligations incumbent upon us from our role in the unification of the continent."

That 78 percent of Poland's population voted for unification is a giant step toward advancing democratic progress and prosperity to its 38 million people. Its integration into the EU assures that it can assume a strong leadership role in promoting important ethnic, social and cultural diversity to the global community. In exchange, Poland will benefit economically and politically from the standards and examples set by the other modern EU democracies.

Mr. Speaker, Poland's accomplishments over the past 14 years since communism fell shows great promise for continued openness and solidarity in the years ahead. The United States should recognize Poland's tremendous achievement in clearing the way for EU membership. We should also express continued gratitude for its contributions to the global war against terror and its 200 troops during Operation Iraqi Freedom. We deeply value our friendship and commitment to strong security, diplomatic and economic ties with Poland and will continue to express our hope that the anticipated ratification of EU membership by May of 2004 remains on schedule.

HONORING RICHARD NUGENT, THE
BRADDOCK DISTRICT COUNCIL
CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

HON. TOM DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 10, 2003

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to honor Richard Nugent as the Braddock District Council Citizen of the Year.

Although Mr. Nugent can boast many civic contributions, the most dramatic impact he has had on his community is his active participation in charitable organizations in the Braddock district, Fairfax County and beyond.

Richard is a regular volunteer at the Northern Virginia Training Center, assisting with field trips for residents. Through the Church of the Good Shepard, he has organized the delivery of birthday cakes and Christmas boxes to residents of NVTC. He is also an active participant in the interfaith service organizations F.I.S.H. and F.A.C.E.T., delivering meals and other needs to the less fortunate.

Through his church, Mr. Nugent's service extends also to the national organization "Habitat for Humanity." In addition to assisting at a local Habitat worksite, he also raised \$3,200 through Christmas tree sales for that organization.

Under the aegis of his church, Mr. Nugent regularly delivers clothing, books and school supplies to an Appalachian town in West Virginia. Extending his commitment to service even farther, he has traveled to Honduras the