

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO ELIZABETH PORTER

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 14, 2003

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life, work, and memory of Elizabeth Porter. Liz dedicated her life to serving and empowering people in the pursuit of peace and justice. Tragically, at only 38 years old, Liz was taken from us on Saturday, October 25th due to a brain aneurysm. It is no surprise that this alarming news brought people from all over to Roberts Park in my district last Saturday to honor her amazing life.

Liz's work in the pursuit of global peace and justice was extraordinary. Fluent in Spanish and French, she began her career in public service by serving in the Peace Corps in Niger, Africa. Despite contracting falciparum malaria in her first month on the job and being flown to France for treatment, Liz didn't hesitate to immediately return to West Africa to complete her two-year assignment. Following her Peace Corps work, Liz then took part in the World Teach program in Manta, Ecuador.

Liz returned to the United States in the early 1990's, and earned a law degree from the University of San Francisco. Liz began serving the immigrant community as a staff attorney for California Rural Legal Assistance in Modesto, winning numerous cases. After more than 3 years, Liz moved on to the legal department at the California School Employees Association where she worked until her untimely death 2 weeks ago.

Liz was serious about her beliefs, but more than anything else, she was fun. She loved music, the outdoors, a good glass of wine—and her laughter was infectious. She also never missed sending a note or gift to one of her countless nieces and nephews. Liz—or “Fizz” as she was known to her 7 brothers and sisters—was a light for peace and justice in a world that desperately needed her passion, her strength, her laughter, and her love.

Liz is survived by her husband, John Gragnani, a marriage and family counselor with Contra Costa County, and a memorial fund has been established to continue assistance to a family in Togo, West Africa, that Liz had been supporting. I join my colleagues today in honoring her memory and her life.

CONGRATULATING SCOT STORM ON WINNING THE 2003 FEDERAL DUCK STAMP CONTEST

HON. MARK R. KENNEDY

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KENNEDY of Minnesota. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Scot Storm of Sartell, Minnesota, on winning the 2003 Federal Duck Stamp Contest. Scot's painting de-

picts a pair of redhead ducks flying over a pond. His inspiration for the painting came from a photograph he took in North Dakota.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service sponsors the annual Duck Stamp Contest and I am proud to represent the winner for the second consecutive year. Groups from stamp collectors to conservationists purchase the stamps for their collections. Additionally, all waterfowl hunters are required to purchase and carry the Duck Stamp as a part of their license. Proceeds from the sale of the stamp go to purchase wetlands for the National Wildlife Refuge System. Since 1934, over half a billion dollars in proceeds from the Duck Stamp have purchased 5 million acres of habitat.

Mr. Speaker, Minnesota is proud of its hunting and fishing tradition and its commitment to conservation, exemplified in Scot Storm's winning stamp. On behalf of all Minnesotans, I congratulate him on this prestigious award.

HONORING THE BIRTHDAY OF THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

HON. EDWARD J. MARKEY

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 14, 2003

Mr. MARKEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the United States Marine Corps on its 228th birthday. This organization, founded on November 10th, 1775, has a proud history of challenges met and overcome in every war in which our country has been involved. From the historic battles of Mellow Wood in the First World War to the battles of Guadalcanal, Iwo Jima, and Tarawa in the Second World War, to the modern conflicts in Panama, Somalia, and Iraq, the fighting men and women of the U.S. Marines have displayed the greatest valor and spirit. I wish to congratulate and honor all Marines and Marine veterans, with particular attention paid to those currently serving from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, including 2,934 active duty Marines and 3,989 active reserve Marines in addition to the 2,259 retired Marines from our state. The U.S. Marines continue to be a storied organization upholding a proud tradition of freedom throughout the world. Congratulations to the U.S. Marine Corps.

HONORING BERKELEY-ALBANY YMCA

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 14, 2003

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Berkeley-Albany YMCA on its centennial anniversary and acknowledge its years of dedicated educational service to the community.

In 1903, a group of 21 young Berkeley men gathered in the basement of the First Baptist

Church to create the Berkeley-Albany YMCA. They elected William Waste, then a young attorney, to be President. He continued on in that position for the next 37 years, even after he became Chief Justice of the California Supreme Court.

In 1906, the Berkeley-Albany YMCA performed its first act of community service, providing shelter and care to refugees of the San Francisco earthquake. That same year, meeting rooms, a gym, and showers were added to its rented quarters.

From 1909 to 1938, hundreds of thousands of dollars were donated by the public and prominent Berkeley citizens for the construction of a downtown Berkeley facility, an Albany structure, and a branch in West Berkeley. Additionally, 413 acres were purchased in Annapolis, California for the construction of a summer camp, YMCA Camp Gualala.

Bigger and better things soon followed, including day camps, several new buildings and additions, remodeling and expansion. An international exchange program began in 1968 with 16 students from Sakai, Japan whose visit was followed a year later by 16 students from Berkeley and Albany. In 1972, the YMCA became the grantee for a reorganized Head Start program, which it continues to operate, now in seven locations.

Today, with more than 30,000 members, the Berkeley-Albany YMCA is truly a community center for all. Opportunities for physical and mental advancement abound, whether in learning to swim, studying for a math test, or specialized aerobics programs for new mothers. The YMCA brings participants closer to a stronger physical, mental, and spiritual self.

Finally, as we honor the Berkeley-Albany YMCA today, I want to thank this organization for providing an endless stream of role models for our youth and teachers for our schools. I take great pride in joining the residents of Berkeley and Albany and all the alumni of the Berkeley-Albany YMCA to recognize and salute its accomplishments. I hope that the next 100 years are as exciting and gratifying.

HONORING THE LIFE OF BROTHER MICHAEL GAWORSKI

HON. MARK R. KENNEDY

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 14, 2003

Mr. KENNEDY of Minnesota. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Franciscan Brother Michael Gaworski, who died of complications from pneumonia on August 28, 2003. Brother Michael was born in Tulsa, Oklahoma and raised in Eagan, Minnesota. He attended St. Thomas Academy and St. Thomas College.

In 1982, with encouragement from Archbishop John Roach, Brother Michael founded the St. Paul archdiocese's first community of religious brothers, the Franciscan Brothers of Peace. Additionally, Brother Michael was well

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known for his involvement in the pro-life movement, founding the Pro-Life Action Ministries, a group that now has 20,000 members.

Brother Michael valued every life and dedicated his work to helping those that needed help the most. However, it was Brother Michael who was the recipient of tremendous support when, 12 years ago, he was left a quadriplegic as a result of a bout with pneumonia. His Franciscan Brothers worked out rotating shifts, so that one of them was with Brother Michael every day, taking care of all his needs.

The Brothers believe that their ministry has blossomed from this experience, teaching them to love and give unconditionally. While the Brothers mourn the loss of their founder, they celebrate his life and will continue his mission of service.

Mr. Speaker, Brother Michael and his brothers in the Franciscan Brothers of Peace exemplify what it means to give of yourself to others and to live life as an example.

HONORING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF DATA SYSTEMS ANALYSTS, INC.

HON. TOM DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 14, 2003

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I would like to honor the 40th Anniversary of Data Systems Analysts, Inc. (DSA).

In 1963, a team of software engineers aspired to provide people across the globe with sophisticated, technology-based, communication systems. Out of this objective, an information technology company, DSA, was born. Soon afterward, the company landed its first contract with the U.S. Department of Defense.

Since then, DSA has remained committed to providing innovative defense solutions. This commitment most recently was demonstrated during Operation Iraqi Freedom. Today, DSA provides secure information and communication systems for governments and businesses in over twenty countries around the world.

DSA is a major regional employer, continuously providing jobs for Virginia, Maryland, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania residents. Moreover, through one of the nation's longest running Employee Stock Ownership Plans, DSA is one hundred percent employee owned.

These employees have thrived in a corporate culture of integrity and trust, working together to strengthen DSA's customers' businesses and national security. For example, in an effort to protect our nation's children, DSA brought business, management, and information technology experts together to assist the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.

Committed to keeping the United States on the leading edge of technology, DSA has taken an active role in bridging the "digital divide," making it possible for those with limited resources to pursue an education in technology. In this endeavor, DSA is one of the founding members of the successful non-profit organization, the Open Door Foundation.

DSA also has been honored as developer of the award-winning U.S. Army Knowledge Center and recently was named a "2003 New Jersey Finest" by the newspaper NJBIZ.

I want to make a special note that Ms. Frances R. Pierce has been with DSA for 32 of its 40 years, serving the last 12 as chairman, president, and chief executive officer. I would like to recognize and thank Ms. Pierce for her contributions.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, I want to congratulate DSA on 40 years of success in providing information technology solutions and wish them my best for the years to come.

I call upon my colleagues to join me in saluting Data Systems Analysts, Inc. as it celebrates its 40th Anniversary.

IN RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL ADOPTION AWARENESS MONTH

HON. JAMES T. WALSH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 14, 2003

Mr. WALSH. Mr. Speaker, each year in November American families across the country gather together in thanksgiving to recognize the variety of blessings they have received. It is fitting that we also choose this month to recognize the importance of adoption in our society.

Currently, thousands of children across the country, freed for adoption, are waiting to be a part of a loving and caring family with a stable home and attentive parents. Many of these children have special physical, mental, or emotional needs and require special nurturing from devoted parents and families. Let it be known that their adoption by special people who elect to take full responsibility for their care, their upbringing, and their overall well-being is an important service not only to these children, but to our country at large.

Adoption not only provides obvious benefits to the affected child, but it has proven to be one of the most rewarding experiences for many adoptive parents. We all benefit when a needy child is adopted.

The County of Onondaga in New York's 25th Congressional District will be recognizing the importance of adoption on Friday, November 21, in ceremonies at Onondaga County Family Court. It is my privilege to recognize and thank all those families, caseworkers, and staff gathered for this important event who have dedicated themselves to improving the welfare of our community's children. It is my hope that this recognition further promotes the importance and benefits of adoption for all those involved. I thank all those responsible for organizing this special local observance of National Adoption Awareness Month.

TRIBUTE TO REVEREND CLEMENT CARDILLO

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 14, 2003

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call your attention to the life of an outstanding individual who I am honored to call my friend, Father Clement Cardillo. On Sunday, November 9, 2003, Father Cardillo was recognized by St. Gerard's Roman Catholic Church as the 2003 Man of the Year.

In his own unique way, Father Clement Cardillo has dedicated his life to guiding the spiritual and intellectual lives of the men and women of Paterson, New Jersey. His devoted commitment to serving the needs of others has left an indelible mark on the lives of all who have had the pleasure of knowing and working with him. It is only fitting that he be honored in this, the permanent record of the greatest freely elected body on earth.

Born in Portchester, New York, Clement Cardillo first studied with the Salesians of St. John Don Bosco at the seminary in Newton, New Jersey and made his Profession of Vows on September 8, 1944—the Feast of the Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Upon his graduation from Don Bosco College with a Bachelor's Degree in Philosophy and a minor in Education, he began his first year of theological study before being sent to the theologate in Bollengo, Italy for the remainder of his studies. It was here, in Bollengo, that Clement was ordained into the Salesian Order on July 1, 1954.

On returning to the United States, Father Cardillo began a long and distinguished career as an educator. Shortly after his ordination, Father Cardillo was assigned to the staff of the Salesian Minor Seminary in West Haverstraw, New York where he taught Geometry and French and headed up the music department. Subsequent years found him teaching at a Salesian Middle School in Goshen, New York, and later, at a minor seminary in Ipswich, Massachusetts. Most remarkable, however, is the fact that Father Cardillo was able to balance his teaching responsibilities with his studies, ultimately receiving his Masters of Education in Counseling Psychology from Boston College.

In 1965, Father Cardillo accepted the pastorate of St. Anthony Church in Paterson, New Jersey—a post that he retained for 15 years. While at St. Anthony's, Father Cardillo was appointed by Bishop Casey as the Director of the Consultation Center (a psychological office dedicated to assisting priests and nuns who are leaving their vocation) and as the diocesan director of the Pre-Cana Program. In 1980, he was reassigned to his present position at St. Gerard's Church in Paterson where he currently serves the Diocese of Paterson as a psychologist on the Diocesan Review Board.

Over the past twenty-five years, Father Cardillo has dedicated himself to tending the spiritual and emotional lives of each of his parishioners. As a New Jersey Licensed Psychologist and as an ordained priest, he has selflessly given of himself to improve the quality of life of all of the men and women in his care. It is no surprise, then, to learn that his work on behalf of the citizens of Paterson has been widely recognized. In 1982, Father Cardillo received Congressional Recognition from the U.S. House of Representatives and on September 27, 1998, he was awarded the Papal Medal Pro Ecclesia ET Pontifice (translation: on behalf of the church and Pope).

Mr. Speaker, the job of a United States Congressman involves so much that is rewarding, yet nothing compares to recognizing the life and work of an individual as devoted to ministering to the faith as Reverend Cardillo. Today, a little more than twenty years after first being recognized by Congress, I ask that you join our colleagues, the men and women of St. Gerard's Roman Catholic