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HONORING PAUL T. MCCARTHY

HON. MARK STEVEN KIRK

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 23, 2004

Mr. KIRK. Mr. Speaker, over 22 years ago, Paul T. McCarthy became the Village Manager of Glenview, IL, located in my Congressional District. Since that time, Mr. McCarthy has played the leading role in the development of one of suburban Chicago's most prosperous communities.

Upon arriving in Glenview, Mr. McCarthy embarked upon an ambitious program to attract businesses and residents to the community. One of his first projects was to improve the bond rating of the Village as an incentive to investors and capital. Within 8 years, Glenview had achieved Moody's highest bond rating of AAA. It has maintained that rating ever since.

With this strong financial foundation, Mr. McCarthy began to implement his vision for the Village. In 1990, he negotiated the Willow Road Corridor Agreement between Glenview and Northbrook. In 1997, he negotiated the purchase of the privately-owned water company, North Suburban Public Utilities. He also oversaw the closing of the Lutter/Krohn landfill and its redevelopment as a golf course. These 3 initiatives, along with numerous other projects, had tangible, beneficial affects upon Glenview residents and were the direct result of Mr. McCarthy's leadership and vision.

Mr. McCarthy's biggest challenge was ahead of him. In the second or third round of military base closings, the massive Glenview Naval Air Station was shut down, opening up thousands of prime real estate acres for development. Mr. McCarthy led the development of this area with extraordinary success. The Glen, as the area is now known, has become a nationally recognized and award winning mixed use development, representing \$1 billion in public and private investment.

In his 22 years of service, Mr. McCarthy has led the Village of Glenview with tremendous foresight and success. When he entered city hall as Village Manager, Glenview had a budget of \$15.4 million and 180 employees. As Mr. McCarthy retires, the Glenview budget is \$80.7 million and the Village employs 320 individuals. Mr. McCarthy's leadership as Village Manager of Glenview, IL, is worthy of the highest commendation. I wish him and his wife much happiness in retirement. Mr. Speaker, I hope my colleagues will join me in recognizing this extraordinary individual.

CONGRATULATIONS TO
FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE

HON. RANDY "DUKE" CUNNINGHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 23, 2004

Mr. CUNNINGHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Fraternal Order of

Police on their outstanding victory today on the passage of the Law Enforcement Officer's Safety Act (H.R. 218).

This afternoon, H.R. 218 passed the House by a voice vote, affirming this body's support for police officers across America. H.R. 218 is the number one priority for law enforcement across the country and allows qualified off-duty and retired law enforcement officers to carry concealed weapons in any jurisdiction. The bill has broad bipartisan support with 296 cosponsors.

The F.O.P. has been absolutely instrumental in working with Members of Congress to bring this legislation to the floor. The F.O.P. is an outstanding organization that has served their membership well in their tireless work to bring their number one legislative priority to the House Floor. Many of us know the long history of H.R. 218 and I can safely say that were it not for the efforts of the F.O.P., their current President Chuck Canterbury, and former President Steve Young, this bill may have never seen the light of day.

The benefits of H.R. 218 are two-fold—officer safety and improved public safety. Many jurisdictions do not allow off-duty officers to carry concealed weapons. Due to the unique responsibilities and dangers that come with law enforcement, off-duty officers are at a greater risk than most Americans. It is not uncommon for off-duty officers to run into people they have arrested or helped to incarcerate. There have been documented instances where felons have sought retribution against officers who helped to put them in jail or prison. It is only right that the men and women who put their lives on the line everyday when they go to work be afforded to right to protect their families and themselves while they are off-duty.

These concerns apply not only to off-duty officers, but to retired officers as well. A criminal who is seeking retribution does not care that the officer who put them away is retired. It is a disservice to those men and women who risked their lives to perform a public service to be deprived of the right to defend themselves and their families simply because they retired.

Mr. Speaker, I am grateful to the F.O.P. for all their efforts on behalf of H.R. 218 and for cops across the country. Today, I am happy to join with them in celebrating House passage of this crucial legislation and look forward to working with the F.O.P. in the future to see H.R. 218 signed into law.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO ROB
JOHNSON

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 23, 2004

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to the life and legacy of Rob Johnson of Redmond, Oregon. Rob bravely battled the Storm King Mountain Fire outside the town of Glenwood Springs, Colorado in 1994, but succumbed to the blaze along with thirteen fellow firefighters while working to protect the City. I personally served as a firefighter and understand the risks they face each and every day. Witnessing the awful inferno that fateful July day,

I know Rob and his comrades battled the fire with the utmost courage and valor. With the tenth anniversary of the Storm King Fire approaching, I believe it appropriate to recognize the sacrifice Rob and the Storm King Firefighters made on behalf of a grateful community, state and nation.

Rob grew up in Roseburg, Oregon, and graduated from high school in the top ten percent of his class. He attended Oregon State University and graduated with a Bachelor of Science in business administration with honors in 1991, and passed the Certified Public Accounting Exam on his first attempt. He began working as a firefighter in 1987 to help pay for his education and joined the Prineville Hotshots in 1992, an elite group of firefighters who specialize in wildland fire suppression. An avid outdoorsman, Rob enjoyed skiing, hunting, fishing, water skiing, golf, and soccer. He was a hard worker and dedicated member of his crew. Above all, he was devoted to his family and friends.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to rise before this body of Congress and this nation to pay tribute to the life and memory of Firefighter Rob Johnson. Rob personified the Hotshots credo of Safety, Teamwork, and Professionalism; putting himself in harm's way for unfamiliar people and places. He made the ultimate sacrifice doing what he loved, and I, along with the Glenwood Springs community and the State of Colorado are eternally grateful to this brave young man.

RECOGNIZING KAREN HIRAI OLEN

HON. HILDA L. SOLIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 23, 2004

Ms. SOLIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a true champion and extraordinary public servant, Karen Hirai Olen. Karen has provided an array of services throughout Los Angeles County as an advocate for the physically challenged, impoverished families, and senior citizens. After 35 years of service to the residents of Los Angeles County, she will retire today.

I have personally known Karen and consider her to be a dear friend and advocate of social change. Karen began her career in 1968 as a Social Worker for the Los Angeles County Department of Public Social Services. Karen's passion to ensure the rights of children led her to become a Children's Services Worker from 1969 to 1979. From 1982 to 1986, Karen served as the Director of the Carson/Samoan center where she brought a new approach and innovative concepts to providing extensive quality services, such as the Peace Corps funded Samoan Youth Employment Project which she directed and implemented.

From 1986 to 1988, Karen also served as Project Director for Foodnet where she led a grassroots effort in organizing faith-based organizations and social service agencies to join forces to provide nutritious food to impoverished families.

Karen was later named Director of Centro Maravilla Service Center by the Department of Community and Senior Services for the County of Los Angeles. Through her leadership, residents from Los Angeles County have received direct services such as emergency