

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### TRIBUTE TO AMERICAN CANCER FUND FOR CHILDREN AND KIDS CANCER CONNECTION

**HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 7, 2005*

Mr. WAXMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate the American Cancer Fund for Children and Kids Cancer Connection, which are located in the 30th Congressional District, which I represent.

Los Angeles Mayor, Antonio Villaraigosa, proclaimed the week of October 2, 2005 "Childhood Cancer Awareness Week" in the City of Los Angeles. I am pleased to join Mayor Villaraigosa in thanking Steven Firestein, the founder of American Cancer Fund for Children and its sister organization, Kids Cancer Connection for his wonderful work in assisting children affected by cancer.

More than eleven years ago, Steven began the American Cancer Fund for Children to provide vital patient psychosocial services to children undergoing cancer treatment at the Skull Base Institute at the Cedars-Sinai Medical Office Towers in Los Angeles, Mattel Children's Hospital at UCLA Medical Center in Los Angeles as well as participating hospitals throughout the country.

One of the wonderful services provided through American Cancer Fund for Children is the Magical Caps for Kids program. Hand-made caps and decorated baseball caps are given to children who want to protect their heads following the trauma of chemotherapy, surgery and/or radiation. The American Cancer Fund for Children also sponsors Courageous Kid award ceremonies and hospital celebrations in recognition of a child's bravery and determination to fight the battle against childhood cancer.

As we know, cancer is the leading cause of death by disease among children in the United States. This tragic disease is detected in nearly 11,000 of our nation's children each year. Steven Firestein and the American Cancer Fund for Children and Kids Cancer Connection are providing critical services and comfort to young patients battling cancer and their families. I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking and recognizing Steven Firestein for his tremendous efforts.

### CONGRATULATING TO RECIPIENTS OF DIRECTOR AWARD FROM THE PARTNERSHIP FOR SAFE WATER

**HON. MELISSA A. HART**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 7, 2005*

Ms. HART. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Pennsylvania American Water, and the New Castle and Ellwood City Water Treatment Plants on re-

ceiving the Directors Award of recognition from the Partnership for Safe Water.

The Partnership for Safe Water was created by the Environmental Protection Agency, and is dedicated to providing communities with drinking water that exceeds the requirements set by the Federal Government. To receive the Directors Award, water systems must examine the capabilities of their plant operations and then create a plan to put into action the new improvements.

The Pennsylvania American Water has received the Directors Award for five consecutive years. Only 37 other water authorities have done the same. Among the 19 treatment facilities that were recognized in Pennsylvania, New Castle and Ellwood City were two.

I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in honoring Pennsylvania American Water on receiving the Directors Award. It is an honor to represent the Fourth Congressional District of Pennsylvania and a pleasure to salute such a principled authority like Pennsylvania American Water.

### CELEBRATING THE CAREER OF ANDREW A. MAZZARA

**HON. JOHN D. DINGELL**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 7, 2005*

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay respect to and celebrate the career of Andrew A. Mazzara. He has announced his retirement from the presidency of Henry Ford Community College, HFCC, after 34 years of service.

Mr. Mazzara's leadership and experience advanced HFCC's reputation through innovation and development. A lifelong resident of Dearborn and 1963 graduate of HFCC, Mr. Mazzara's earned respect and success through his hard work and determination. He can truly be called an educational pioneer and through his devotion to students, faculty and the community he served has had a lasting positive impact on Dearborn and the State of Michigan.

In 1966 he started his career at HFCC teaching engineering, apprentice training and drafting: Taking a short respite in 1972 as a technical consultant and administrator for the Michigan Department of Education, he returned in 1977 to become Dean of Career Education. As dean, he helped his areas of oversight, Business and Economics, Health Careers, Nursing, Industrial Technology, Apprentice Training, Management Development, and Customized Training Divisions, expand and develop into educationally rich and nationally respected programs. In 1982 he took a 1 year work leave to be the Interim Director of the UAW-Ford Motor Company National Education and Development Training Center, which was the nation's first joint labor-management hourly worker training program.

In 1987, Mr. Marazza was named the vice president/dean of career education at HFCC. Following the trend and recognizing his dedication and skill, in 1990, the HFCC Board named him president. Charged with running the fifth largest community college in Michigan, Mr. Mazzara immersed himself in the community creating bonds with businesses, organized labor, and government. During his tenure as president, eleven buildings were renovated and another six were built, all a part of a \$67 million campus improvement plan he has spearheaded. Under his leadership the school balanced its finances, improved its programs, and gained national respect. The UAW and Ford Motor Company recognized his achievements and awarded him the Distinguished Service Award in 1998. His other awards include the Dearborn Chamber of Commerce President of the Year, Detroit College of Business Citizen of the Year Award, and the Italian American Cultural Society Heritage Award.

Andrew A. Mazzara's continued commitment to Henry Ford Community College and Dearborn at large has helped to create a vibrant, outreaching educational community. Long after Mr. Mazzara's departure, the gateway he created to quality higher education will continue to benefit thousands. His legacy will not be forgotten.

### PRIVATE PROPERTY RIGHTS PROTECTION ACT OF 2005

SPEECH OF

**HON. MICHAEL E. CAPUANO**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 3, 2005*

The House in Committee of the White House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 4128) to protect private property rights.

Mr. CAPUANO. Mr. Chairman, I rise in opposition to H.R. 4128, The Private Property Right Protection Act of 2005. This bill is overbroad and unreasonably restricts States and municipalities from crafting practical legislation that addresses their specific needs.

H.R. 4128 is Congress' response to the Kelo v. City of New London decision. The Kelo decision allows local governments to take private property to build the tax base and promote economic development. H.R. 4128 prohibits government use of eminent domain where private property is taken for economic development purposes. It unduly restricts States and local governments from exercising their sovereign powers to eliminate abuses in eminent domain, while maintaining an ability to develop their community. As a former Mayor of Somerville, MA, I am very familiar with the issues surrounding municipalities exercising eminent domain for public use.

While I do not wish to see local government recklessly and irresponsibly take property from private owners, especially the low-income and

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