

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE 2006 CONGRESS-BUNDESTAG/BUNDESRAT EXCHANGE

HON. J. DENNIS HASTERT

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 8, 2006

Mr. HASTERT. Mr. Speaker, since 1983, the U.S. Congress and the German Bundestag and Bundesrat have conducted an annual exchange program for staff members from both countries. The program gives professional staff the opportunity to observe and learn about each other's political institutions and interact on issues of mutual interest.

A staff delegation from the U.S. Congress will be selected to visit Germany from May 21–June 3 of this year. During this two-week exchange, the delegation will attend meetings with Bundestag/Bundesrat Members, Bundestag and Bundesrat party staff members, and representatives of numerous political, business, academic, and media agencies. Participants also will be hosted by a Bundestag Member during a district visit.

A comparable delegation of German staff members will visit the United States for two weeks July 9–22. They will attend similar meetings here in Washington and visit the districts of Members of Congress. The U.S. delegation is expected to facilitate these meetings.

The Congress-Bundestag/Bundesrat Exchange is highly regarded in Germany and the United States, and is one of several exchange programs sponsored by public and private institutions in the United States and Germany to foster better understanding of the politics and policies of both countries. This exchange is funded by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs.

The U.S. delegation should consist of experienced and accomplished Hill staff who can contribute to the success of the exchange on both sides of the Atlantic. The Bundestag reciprocates by sending senior staff professionals to the United States.

Applicants should have a demonstrable interest in events in Europe. Applicants need not be working in the field of foreign affairs, although such a background can be helpful. The composite U.S. delegation should exhibit a range of expertise in issues of mutual concern to the United States and Germany such as, but not limited to, trade, security, the environment, economic development, health care, and other social policy issues. This year's delegation should be familiar with transatlantic relations within the context of recent world events.

In addition, U.S. participants are expected to help plan and implement the program for the Bundestag/Bundesrat staff members when they visit the United States. Participants are expected to assist in planning topical meetings in Washington, and are encouraged to host one or two staffers in their Member's district in

July, or to arrange for such a visit to another Member's district.

Participants are selected by a committee composed of personnel from the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the Department of State and past participants of the exchange.

Senators and Representatives who would like a member of their staff to apply for participation in this year's program should direct them to submit a resume and cover letter in which they state their qualifications, the contributions they can make to a successful program and some assurances of their ability to participate during the time stated.

Applications may be sent to the Office of Interparliamentary Affairs, HB-28, the Capitol, by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, March 15.

2006 ACHIEVING CAO EXCELLENCE AWARDS

HON. VERNON J. EHLERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 8, 2006

Mr. EHLERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Rob von Gogh, Charlene Best, Ron Carrico, Chantel Greene, Matt Guilfoyle, and Tina Hanonu on their extraordinary achievements in the Office of the Chief Administrative Officer, (CAO) supporting the United States House of Representatives and their receipt of the 2006 Achieving CAO Excellence (ACE) Awards. The 2006 CAO ACE Excellence Awards acknowledge the extraordinary efforts made by these members of the CAO team. These awards exemplify the goals, values, and mission of the organization. Considered to be among the highest honors awarded to CAO staff, at the heart of these awards are customer service, commitment to delivery solutions, and high standards of excellence.

Recipients of the 2006 CAO ACE Excellence Awards represent many areas of the CAO and perform a variety of jobs. Whether working directly with customers, supporting CAO internal operations, or ensuring the technical infrastructure is operational, each serves as an exemplary role model for the entire CAO community. Collectively and individually they delivered solutions that fulfilled the CAO customer experience, ensuring full satisfaction for their customers and colleagues.

Employees nominated for an award must be in full-time status, have received at least one PACE evaluation, and have a current performance rating of excelling. Nominations for the awards are submitted by managers, supervisors, deputies and associate administrators. The nominees are then reviewed by a committee comprised of the head of each CAO business unit, the deputy CAO for operations, the deputy CAO for strategy, the administrative counsel, and other members of the CAO team.

Rob von Gogh was selected for the "CAO Excellence" award. In his role directing the CAO client services team and serving on the CAO leadership group, he has been a role model CAO employee who lives the CAO mission, vision, values, and delivers the CAO customer experience to all his customers, colleagues and employees.

Charlene Best is the 2006 recipient of the "Knowledge" award for being an employee who is dependable and gets things done across the organization by leveraging a wide range of CAO resources. Her ability to set-up and establish office space for the new House Historian in a seamless manner demonstrates her unique understanding of the House community.

Ron Carrico was chosen for the "Personalized Solutions" award. He developed a product for the CAO that met current needs and incorporated the structure for future integrations with other enterprise system solutions that are being developed in the CAO for the House Community, specifically: MicroStrategy 8, Administrative Tools, Links and Solutions—Atlas, Lawson and the Customer Solution Delivery Model. This solution will provide the capability to report "near real time" performance measures. His consistently passionate customer service, effective communication, and problem solving enable customers to meet their professional and personal roles.

Chantel Greene was selected for the "Dedicated" award for exhibiting commitment to achieving the mission of the CAO. Through adversity, Chantel was able to lead others, build consensus and live the CAO customer experience. Her positive attitude is an inspiration to others and it is the key to her success.

Matt Guilfoyle is the recipient of the "One Team" award. He is relentless in his efforts and commitment to developing the CAO customer experience. The essence of his hard work and dedication to bring the CAO together was evidenced in the success of CAOne. He consistently and significantly contributes to the CAO team as a whole, bringing the CAO customer experience to life.

Tina Hanonu was chosen for the "Simplify the Day" award. Her ability to improve CAO client services procedures during Hurricanes Katrina and Rita enabled the CAO to provide reassurance and sustain service for district offices affected by the hurricanes. Tina's energy, drive, and enthusiasm enabled the House Recovery Operations Center to support and achieve results during such demanding times.

On behalf of the entire House community, I extend congratulations to Rob von Gogh, Charlene Best, Ron Carrico, Chantel Greene, Matt Guilfoyle, and Tina Hanonu for their tireless efforts and outstanding contributions to the U.S. House of Representatives. We wish them continued success in their job endeavors.

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HONORING WLTL: A RADIO STATION OWNED BY ILLINOIS DISTRICT 204 AND OPERATED BY THE STUDENTS OF LYONS TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 8, 2006

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor WLTL, the radio station operated by the students of Lyons Township High School.

WLTL is a noncommercial radio station located at Lyons Township High School in LaGrange, IL approximately 15 miles west of the Chicago Loop. The radio station is owned by Illinois School District 204 and is operated by the students of Lyons Township High School. For more than 100 years, LTHS has exhibited its motto of Vita Plena or the quest for the fulfilling life by servicing students from more than 10 communities.

The radio station was first established in 1922. However, it was not officially recognized until January 5, 1968. Each year, a team of student managers is selected to operate the station under the guidance of a general manager. All students attending Lyons Township High School are welcome to join the WLTL team. The various positions include on-air disc jockeys, engineers and news broadcasters. If a student has an interest in becoming an on air personality, he or she has to complete an audition.

As one of the largest academic clubs at Lyons Township High School, WLTL received numerous awards at the 2005 John Drury Awards Ceremony. In 2004, WLTL was again named the best high school radio station in the Nation by the John Drury Awards—the first award came in 2002. The radio station has also been the winner of the Crystal Award of Excellence by the Communicator Awards for the past 8 years, a major accomplishment for any radio station. Because of the student's diligence in providing quality journalism, WLTL continues to have an impressive reputation.

I ask my colleagues to join me in praising the many accomplishments of School District 204 and the faculty and students of Lyons Township High School for the professional manner in which they operate the programming of the WLTL radio. It is my honor to bestow best wishes for the continued success of WLTL programming.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE CITY OF GLENDALE'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 8, 2006

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the city of Glendale on its historic 100th anniversary.

Today, the city of Glendale fills a major portion of the geographical triangle formed by the Sierra Madre Foothills, the L.A. River, and the Arroyo Seco. It was these 36,400 acres of woodland, chaparral and grassland inhabited by Native Americans known as Gabrielinos that attracted the attention of CPL Jose Maria Verdugo of the Spanish army. In 1798, Cor-

poral Verdugo established title to the Rancho San Rafael. The Rancho included most of present day Glendale, Burbank, Eagle Rock, and Highland Park. In 1831, Mr. Verdugo died and passed Rancho San Rafael to his two children. It was not until 30 years later that the children divided the Rancho between them. In 1871, a court decision known as the "Great Partition" was made dissolving Rancho San Rafael into smaller parcels. Homes and businesses began to spring up, and in 1887, the County Recorder finally registered the "Town of Glendale."

In 1906, the city of Glendale was incorporated and consisted of 1,486 acres. The Grand Central Airport and Southern Pacific train depot connected Glendale to other communities. Civic organizations were organized and churches thrived. During the 1920s, Brand Boulevard grew into a modern commercial street lined with automobile showrooms, stores, and banks. The population increased from 13,756 in 1920 to 62,736 in 1930. In the 1970s a surge of development continued to make Glendale a bustling business center. During the 1980s and 1990s, the population grew dramatically with the arrival of thousands of immigrants from all over the world. In the year 2000, the city's population was about 195,000. Today, traditional neighborhood centers are flourishing and historic residential architecture and landmarks are increasingly appreciated.

Glendale is a true jewel in the State of California. I am proud of the unique privilege I have had to represent the city of Glendale in both the State Senate and now in the U.S. Congress. I ask all Members of Congress to join me today in congratulating the city of Glendale on its centennial celebration.

RECOGNIZING UAW LOCAL 1292 WALTER REUTHER DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD WINNERS

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 8, 2006

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing the accomplishments of 4 individuals selected by UAW Local 1292 to receive the Walter Reuther Distinguished Service Award.

The Walter Reuther Distinguished Service Award is one way the United Automobile Workers acknowledges the contributions made by its members, public officials and community leaders, to the advancement of working people and their families. The achievements of each recipient are registered with the Wayne State University Labor and Urban Affairs Archives at Wayne State University creating a permanent record.

UAW Local 1292 has selected four persons to receive this prestigious award. These people exemplify the attitude of Walter Reuther and strong commitment to serving their fellow UAW members.

Russell Cummins has served the membership for over 19 years. He has held the positions of Alternate Committeeman, Trustee and Veterans Representative.

Barbara J. Eastman has served as a Trustee, a Guide, Recording Secretary, on the Edu-

cation Committee, Women's Committee, the Building Committee, and the CSC for the past 19½ years.

For the past 20½ years, Ruth A. St. Pierre worked on the Women's Committee, Elections, Civil Rights, Citizenship and Legislation, Education, Union Label, and as the Retiree Recording Secretary.

Eva Thornton started her career as a Benefits Representative in 1988 and has continued in that position until the present day.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating these four individuals for their outstanding service to the UAW. They have exhibited the character to persevere in the fight for justice and human dignity. Working men and women have benefited by their generosity of time and courage.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF MORRIS W. KING

HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 8, 2006

Mr. CASTLE. Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect, admiration and much sorrow, that I rise today to remember the life of Morris W. King, the 52nd President of the Hartly Volunteer Fire Company. Mr. King, of Smyrna, Delaware, passed away at the age of 86. He made immeasurable contributions to the volunteer fire service in my home State of Delaware, as well as many of the surrounding States.

Morris King dedicated an amazing 68 years of service to various fire fighting causes during his life. For 35 years, he was a fire line officer in the Hartly Volunteer Fire Company before being elected Chief in 1971. Over the course of his service to the HVFC, Morris held every elected administrative office in the company; he was a man dedicated to protecting all members of his community. Morris oversaw the creation and implementation of the Hartly Fire Company Ambulance Corps, which he captained for many years.

After serving Hartly for so many years, Mr. King went on to hold many leadership positions within the Kent County Volunteer Firemen's Association and the Delaware Volunteer Firemen's Association. For his contributions, Morris was inducted into both the Delaware Firefighters Hall of Fame and the Del-Mar-Va Volunteer Firemen's Hall of Fame. In 1986, Mr. King was honored with the Delaware Fireman of the Year award. He was truly a man who was respected by all who knew him.

While Mr. King was a well-decorated firefighter, his contributions to his country and to local community organizations cannot be overlooked. Morris was a United States Army Air Corps veteran of World War II, serving as a member of the 17th Bomb Group. He also served as president of the Hartly town council.

Morris King's accomplishments are too numerous to name in this tribute. He was a treasure that our State and his family will miss greatly. I know that Morris' dedication to excellence and to public service will serve as an example to his family and friends that he leaves behind.