

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

SAN MATEO COUNTY SHERIFF DON
HORSLEY—A DISTINGUISHED
LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIAL

HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 5, 2006

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Sheriff Donald Horsley on his long and distinguished law enforcement service for the County of San Mateo, and cities of East Palo Alto and Daly City, California, in my congressional district. As a patrol officer and as Sheriff, Don Horsley has dedicated thirty-eight years to law enforcement and has a proven record of combating the community's most vexing criminal challenges with effective strategies.

Under Sheriff Horsley's professional and dedicated leadership, the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office has developed an extensive number of innovative programs to ensure a safer community. These include the Graffiti Abatement Program, Community Policing Program, Vehicle Theft Task Force, Gang Intelligence/Investigative Unit, Sexual Habitual Offender Program, an expanded DARE Program, an identity theft and computer related crime task force, and a School Resource Officer Program as well as the Sheriff's Activity League to help kids become successful in school and keep at-risk kids out of gangs.

Sheriff Horsley has also exhibited a great talent in working with other public officials in coordinating cohesion among municipalities within San Mateo County, neighboring counties in the San Francisco Bay Area, and working with federal law enforcement. Sheriff Horsley has been actively involved in coordinating with the FBI and other Bay Area Sheriffs' Departments as part of a regional Joint Terrorism Task Force and has established a regional information sharing network.

Sheriff Horsley has proven instrumental in obtaining the necessary funds for enhancing law enforcement in San Mateo County. He has been integral in directing the Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services to obtain federal grants from the Department of Homeland Security to secure equipment and training for first responders and public health workers. Additionally, Sheriff Horsley successfully worked with Congresswoman ESHOO and me to obtain federal funds for San Mateo County to build a state of the art crime laboratory.

In performing the many responsibilities of his job, Sheriff Horsley has not lost sight of the goal of attempting to rehabilitate and treat prisoners humanely. Under his leadership, Sheriff Horsley has brought educational, religious and substance abuse programs to the county jail. He has also ensured medical and mental health services for prisoners as well as instituting Critical Incident Training for officers in the field to more effectively communicate with mentally ill individuals.

Mr. Speaker, I invite my colleagues to join me in thanking Sheriff Donald Horsley for his

contribution to the protection and improvement of our community in San Mateo County. I am truly delighted and inspired by Sheriff Horsley's dedication to law enforcement and public service and wish him continued success in his future endeavors.

50TH BUSINESS ANNIVERSARY OF MR. JOSEPH H. BALL

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 5, 2006

Mr. GERLACH. Mr. Speaker, I would like the below article to be included in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. Mr. Ball is an outstanding constituent and I am honored to help him celebrate his fifty years of service to his family, community, and business. This article, "LM Honors Joe Ball for Five Decades in a Business He Loves", by Melissa Steven, appeared in the Main Line Times on November 9, 2006.

LM HONORS JOE BALL FOR FIVE DECADES IN A BUSINESS HE LOVES

Although he has been working for a half-century as founder and CEO of American Advertising Services, Joseph Ball said he feels like he hasn't worked at all. "I didn't work a day in 50 years because I loved every minute of it," said Ball of Penn Valley. "I believe in advertising. I sincerely do." This past August, the Lower Merion Township Board of Commissioners recognized Ball and his American Advertising Services with an "Official Commendation" plaque for the company's 50th anniversary. Throughout five decades, Ball has spawned numerous other businesses in the communications area, including ACT (Advertising/Communications Times), the longest established marketing and business-to-business monthly journal for the Philadelphia region. And just a few weeks ago, Ball created yet another new business, American Business Development, which "marries businesses," said Ball.

"I don't live in yesterday," said Ball. "I look ahead and live in today." Ball was just 26 when he launched American Advertising Services in 1956. Working since 17 for The Philadelphia Inquirer, where he started as a copy boy, Ball volunteered to do just about anything his managers would let him do to learn, including writing and editing. He left the newspaper business because he wanted to take a chance and start his own company.

He started American Advertising Services company with a \$35 Royal typewriter on a desk in a room he shared with his 10-year-old sister. The company grew and moved to Philadelphia, where he rented a space in a basement on South 22nd Street for \$50 a month. Two more relocations later, Ball settled for the next 40 years at Second and Chestnut streets in Old City, Philadelphia. Two years ago, he moved the business to a new home in Bala Cynwyd.

Ball and his wife of 48 years, Sandy, have made Penn Valley their home for the past 40 years. They raised their three children there and sent all through Lower Merion School District schools. Now, with eight grand-

children, Ball still shows no signs of slowing down.

Melinda Williams, managing partner of the Williams Group, an ad agency, started her communications career as an account executive at American Advertising Services after graduating from Syracuse University. She had trouble finding a job, she said, because "you come out of college with a lot of knowledge, but yet no one would hire you because you didn't have any experience. Joe took a chance on me and on a lot of other people when they were young," said Williams. "And you never forget the first person who takes a chance on you."

Williams spent a year and a half with Ball's company, working with different companies as an account executive. She said the experience provided an education second to none. "It gave me a unique perch on the market. It allowed me to figure out which areas in communications I wanted to go into."

Including Williams, Ball has helped launch the careers of many other communications professionals who have walked through the doors of his businesses. Ball gave Warren Conely his start as an artist in the late '70s. Conely, now working at the Philadelphia Inquirer in advertising art, started as an artist for ACT. "He did give me my start in the business," said Conely. "He gave you a true taste of the ad industry." Ball believes so many former employees have succeeded because they learned very essential techniques from working with him. He teaches employees to "persevere, persevere, persevere" and "In sales, never hear the first 'no,' just give another idea."

"You just smile your way through the day and never see a problem," said Ball. "[but] see a challenge and think 'How can I overcome it?'" "Any facet in the ad industry, whether it be radio, television or print, you learned it all from Joe because he did it all," said Conely. "He got everybody involved in every aspect of the business." Williams said Ball's dedication to his job and love for it really showed every day. "He was always the first one in and last one out," she said. One key ingredient to Ball's success, said Williams, was his knack for hiring the right people for the job. "He always hired nice people who were smart, innovative, creative and who had a lot of potential."

In the '60s, at a time when women were going on interviews in white gloves, pumps at a reasonable height, and pearls, Ball was basing his hiring decisions on talent, not gender. "It was very hard for women to get positions because you needed experience to get hired, and Joe hired me without experience," said Jane Stark, who was hired by Ball in 1965 as a copywriter. Stark went on to be promoted to a public relations position at American Advertising Services. "Joe was responsible for opening a lot of doors and was very open to promoting employees within his business," said Stark, who later became the general manager of NBC TV-40 in South Jersey for 21 years. "He gave women lots of opportunities. From little acorns, big trees grow."

Williams agreed that Ball gave many women opportunities to start their careers

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when there were not too many opportunities to be had. Williams said that the amount of people who have come through Ball's businesses, then moved on to bigger and better things—as well as the employees who have stayed over the years—is a testament to Ball. "The students are doing better today than the teacher," said Ball, "and that's the way it should be in America."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CHARLIE NORWOOD

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 5, 2006

Mr. NORWOOD. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 522, H.R. 5585, the Financial Netting Improvements Act, had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

L.D. BELL HIGH SCHOOL'S BLUE
RAIDER MARCHING BAND
PLACES 2ND AT THE BANDS OF
AMERICA GRAND NATIONAL
COMPETITION

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 5, 2006

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the superior performance of the L.D. Bell High School's Blue Raider Marching Band of the 26th District of Texas. L.D. Bell placed second at the Bands of America Grand National Competition in Indianapolis.

The Grand Nationals Competition is considered to be the most elite marching band contest in the nation. L.D. Bell's Band of 300 students was also recognized with the National Outstanding Music Award. Earlier in the week, the band received second place at the rigorous UIL 5A State Marching Band Contest in San Antonio, Texas.

The Blue Raiders' achievements are the combined efforts of many extremely talented students, dedicated school administrators, the H-E-B School District, and a support network of parents and community. The students have excelled under the capable direction of Directors Jeremy Earnhart, Jolette Wine, Nick Thomas, Brandon Holt, and Wes Cartwright.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to recognize the achievements of the L.D. Bell High School Blue Raider Marching Band. I extend my sincere congratulations to these hard-working students, and I look forward to their future successes.

TRIBUTE TO PATRICK McCARTY

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 5, 2006

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Patrick McCarty on his retirement as Executive Director of the Michigan Community Action Program. Patrick will be honored at a dinner on November 30th in Livonia Michigan.

Patrick began his career with the UAW in 1973 at Ford Motor Company. After serving as

a bargaining committee representative for Local 723, Patrick was appointed by Stephen P. Yokich to be his plant's Quality Liaison Representative. During this time he was responsible for implementing the "Working Together for Quality Program" working with both management and employees at the Monroe, Michigan Ford Plant. In February 1992 his efforts were recognized and the Monroe Plant received the first National Recognition of Innovation, Support and Excellence Award for the "Customer Commitment Quality Team" created at the plant.

As a result of his leadership Stephen Yokich appointed Patrick as the Executive Director of the Michigan Community Action Program in 1995. In this capacity, Patrick was the head of the political and legislative arm in Michigan for the UAW. He has served in this position until his retirement.

Active in the Democratic Party, Patrick is an officer of the Michigan Democratic Party, a member of the Democratic State Central Committee, the 11th Congressional District Democratic Party, and a precinct delegate. He is also a lifetime member of the NAACP and the Detroit NAACP.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Patrick McCarty on his retirement from the UAW. I wish him, and his wife Dr. Rhonda Hennessy, the best as they embark on a new chapter in their lives.

HONORING G. JESSE FLYNN

HON. RON LEWIS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 5, 2006

Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay public tribute to Jesse Flynn, a public servant, businessman and citizen from my congressional district. Jesse is stepping down this month as President of the Bullitt County Chamber of Commerce after a year of exemplary service.

Raised in Anderson County, Jesse earned a college degree in business administration from Bellarmine College in 1971. Following service in the U.S. Army Medical Corp, Jesse formed Flynn Brothers Paving in 1973. Two decades later, Flynn Brothers Contracting, Inc. employs 250 personnel in the Greater Louisville area, generating strong annual revenues.

Jesse has distinguished himself as a business leader, serving as chairman at Flynn Brothers and as a board member of various organizations including the National and Kentucky Associated Builders & Contractors, de Paul School, First Citizens Bank in Elizabethtown and the Bullitt County Advisory Economic Advisory Board. His vast knowledge and strong work ethic led to his selection as Kentucky delegate to the White House Conference for Small Business during the early 1990's.

In addition to his many contributions to the business community, Jesse Flynn has remained actively involved in numerous community and charitable organizations. For his consistent generosity, Jesse was recently awarded the March of Dimes REACH Award and was named "Citizen of the Year" by the Kentucky Nurses Association. He was also selected to be a member of the U.S. International Cultural Center.

It is my great privilege to recognize Jesse Flynn today, before the entire U.S. House of

Representatives, for his leadership and service. His unique achievements make him an outstanding American worthy of our collective honor and appreciation.

TRIBUTE TO JELKA JANKOVIC

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 5, 2006

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mrs. Jelka Jankovic on her 100th birthday, which she celebrated on November 25, 2006. Since her immigration to the United States over fifty years ago, Mrs. Jankovic has been a model citizen, contributing to her community and bringing joy to the lives of family members and friends.

Mrs. Jankovic married Janko N. Jankovic, a lawyer, on October 4, 1925 in Serbia. Their son, Miodrag, was born in 1926. For the first part of her married life, Mrs. Jankovic concentrated on raising her son and running her household. In 1942 her son joined the army to fight the Germans and later the Communists. Tragically, he was lost in the war. Meanwhile, her husband who was serving in the Royal Yugoslav Reserve Forces, was captured by the Germans and spent the war years in a POW camp in Germany. Mr. Jankovic immigrated to the United States in 1950 and settled in Washington, D.C. where Mrs. Jankovic joined him in 1953.

Mrs. Jankovic has been an active and productive member of her community for over fifty years. She has worked as a private tailor, a baker at a French restaurant, and a beautician at a local salon. After retiring, Mrs. Jankovic moved to Bethesda, Maryland where she is well-known and loved for her generosity and kindness.

Mr. Speaker, I extend my heartfelt congratulations to Mrs. Jankovic as she celebrates her 100th birthday and I wish her good health and happiness. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Mrs. Jankovic.

HONORING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HAYWARD AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 5, 2006

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, December 2006 marks the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Hayward Area Historical Society in Hayward, California. I rise to pay tribute to the Society's significant anniversary.

On an autumn night in 1956, 25 Hayward Area residents met at Bret Harte School to discuss a growing concern in the community. Amidst the progress and prosperity of the post World War II boom, the history of the area once known as Eden Township seemed to be missing from the cultural landscape.

The Hayward Chamber of Commerce Post-war Planning Committee first recommended the formation of a historical society in 1944. With so much happening at the conclusion of World War II and the community experiencing unprecedented growth in the following years,