

TRIBUTE TO DR. THOMAS GORRIE
ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM
JOHNSON & JOHNSON

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 29, 2008

Mr. HOLT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Dr. Thomas Gorrie, Johnson & Johnson's Corporate Vice President for Government Affairs & Policy on his retirement from the company.

Johnson & Johnson has a long history as a New Jersey-based company, starting as it did making bandages and emerging over the years to become the world's largest health-care company. I am proud to represent many thousands of Johnson & Johnson's employees, including Dr. Gorrie, who is also a friend and neighbor. He has informed me of his plan to retire from Johnson & Johnson on March 1, 2008 after a productive 35 years of service, and I want to take a moment today to pay tribute to his lifetime of service and accomplishments.

My colleagues here in the House may be familiar with Dr. Gorrie's work, even if they have not personally met him. Under his leadership he brought Johnson & Johnson to Congress by establishing the Johnson & Johnson Day on the Hill, where new pharmaceuticals, breakthrough technology and medical devices are on display for Members and staff to learn about and in the case of the iBOT, a power wheelchair, take it out for a spin.

Born and raised in New Jersey, Dr. Gorrie received his bachelor of arts degree from Rutgers University and his masters and doctorate degrees in chemistry from Princeton University.

After completion of post-doctoral studies at the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Zurich, Dr. Gorrie began his career with Johnson & Johnson in 1972 as a senior research scientist in the medical device area. He subsequently held positions of increasing responsibility in marketing, sales, and general management, including Company Group Chairman and Worldwide Franchise Chairman of Johnson & Johnson Medical, Inc., and member of the Consumer Pharmaceuticals and Professional Operating Group. He then worked with the Johnson & Johnson Development Corporation before assuming his current position as world-wide head of government affairs and policy in 1999.

Tom is an active member of his community and currently serves on numerous non-profit boards. He is Chair of the Duke University Health System, a member of the Board of Directors of Duke University, and a Trustee Emeritus of the Board for the Hun School of Princeton. He is a member of the Board of the National Committee for U.S.-China Relations and Vice Chair of the China Association of Enterprises with Foreign Investment (CAEFI). Finally, he is an adjunct professor at one of our state's finest educational facilities, the Rutgers Business School.

The way that Dr. Gorrie imbues all of his work with admirable ethics is reflected in this book he edited a few years ago, "Ethics and the Pharmaceutical Industry." For the book Dr. Gorrie brought together representatives of industry, government, NGOs, and leading thinkers in medicine, health ethics and economics

to propose solutions and safeguards to the many ethical challenges facing the pharmaceutical industry. The book touched on such topics as the ethical demands and economic constraints of drug research, the right of patients to participate in clinical trials, the regulation of prescription drugs and intellectual property rights. I was pleased to write a chapter on how government should regulate stem-cell research. As Congress continues to debate many of the issues the book explores, I recommend its scholarship to my colleagues.

Madam Speaker, Johnson & Johnson is one of America's leading and most innovative pharmaceutical, biotech, medical device and consumer healthcare companies. I commend Dr. Gorrie's service at Johnson & Johnson. I know we have all benefited from Dr. Gorrie's leadership during the past 35 years, and as he continues to increase his civic participation, many will continue to benefit from Tom's vision and talents.

A TRIBUTE TO MR. RONEY
CHEERS

HON. MIKE McINTYRE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

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Mr. McINTYRE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mr. Roney Cheers of Shallotte, North Carolina, who recently passed away. The life of Mr. Cheers was diverse in experience and rich in success. The interests and endeavors of Mr. Cheers varied extensively. However, the common thread that wove all of his passions together was his devotion to and pride for his hometown of Shallotte.

Mr. Cheers was elected mayor of Shallotte at the age of 26, the youngest in the State of North Carolina at the time, and would return to the office again years later for nearly a decade. He also served as alderman for the town of Shallotte, first in 1947 and again from 1991 to 1999. Mr. Cheers would go on to serve his State as a justice of the peace as well as magistrate. A man with an expansive vision for the future, he was instrumental in helping establish the weekly publication that currently serves many of the coastal communities in North Carolina, The Brunswick Beacon.

Throughout his life, Mr. Cheers was also active in the non-political aspects of his community, for example, serving as chairman of the Shallotte Centennial Committee in 1998 and spearheading efforts to mark the town's 100th anniversary and celebrate its rich history. As Co-Chairman and Co-Founder of the Congressional Caucus on Youth Sports, I appreciate his dedication to the young athletes of his community. Through his work as a volunteer referee and umpire, Mr. Cheers clearly recognized the importance of serving as a positive role model and mentor for the next generation.

Individuals like Mr. Cheers serve as powerful inspirations for what can be accomplished with limitless energy and persistent drive. As a lifelong servant to the town of Shallotte as well as one of its most devoted visionaries, Mr. Cheers never forgot the traditions of the small town he grew up in while working simultaneously towards its growth and progress. May we never forget and always be grateful for the contributions and service of Mr. Cheers.

HONORING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF
ROSELAND, NEW JERSEY

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

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Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the people of the Borough of Roseland, County of Essex, New Jersey, as they commemorate the 100th anniversary of the incorporation of their community.

In 1908, the residents of the Roseland Community, displeased with the services they were receiving, took action to separate themselves and their town from the Township of Livingston. During this time, many communities throughout the State of New Jersey decided to separate from larger townships and the time was right for the residents of Roseland to make a change.

The completion of the Morristown and Erie Railroads in 1904-1905 had made it possible for residents of Roseland to work in neighboring cities, while enjoying life in the country. During this time, the Borough purchased water supply lines and installed electric home and street lighting which further enhanced life in Roseland. And by the 1920s, Henry Ford's methods of mass production of the automobile changed the development of Roseland forever.

After World War I, new houses went up, many residents now owned cars and Roseland flourished. At this time, the Borough outgrew its country-style living and joined the more urban society we know today. The Great Depression and World War II brought with them some hard times for the people of Roseland, but the residents proved that as a community they could survive. When called to serve their country, all residents accepted their responsibilities, in both military and civilian service, and did their part. After victory, the pride felt all over the Nation was especially strong in Roseland.

In the following decades, Roseland's development continued. During this time, great improvements in community services and facilities were made. Roseland is now thriving with a prosperous business and corporate center, excellent schools, recreational facilities and a strong sense of community.

Madam Speaker, for the past 100 years, the Borough of Roseland has prospered as a community and continues to flourish today. By all accounts, it will continue to thrive in the future, and I ask you, Madam Speaker, and my colleagues to congratulate all residents of Roseland on this special 100th anniversary year.

HONORING CHIEF GARY WESTPHAL FOR 35 YEARS OF SERVICE

HON. JEB HENSARLING

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HENSARLING. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize an outstanding citizen and public servant, Chief Gary Westphal, in honor of his retirement from 35 years of service at the Mesquite Police Department.