

IN RECOGNITION OF THE FORT TICONDEROGA ASSOCIATION ON THE OCCASION OF THE GRAND OPENING OF THE DEBORAH CLARKE MARS EDUCATION CENTER

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 8, 2008

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today along with my colleague, the Honorable KIRSTEN GILLIBRAND to pay tribute to the Fort Ticonderoga Association, the non-profit organization chartered by the State University of New York Regents to administer the great National Historic Landmark at Fort Ticonderoga. This July, the Association will open the Deborah Clarke Mars Education Center, which will house an authentic re-creation of the *magasin du Roi*, or "King's Warehouse", that stood on the Fort's parade ground from 1756 to 1759, as well as facilities for educational programs, lectures, and symposia. This month, the Fort Ticonderoga Association also observed the 250th anniversary of one of the bloodiest conflicts of the French and Indian War, the Battle of Carillon, by staging a two-day re-enactment of the conflict.

The Fort Ticonderoga Association was organized in 1931. It has carried on the stewardship of the historic site by the Pell family, whose members have maintained the Fort since the early 19th century. William Ferris Pell, a noted businessman and preservationist, originally purchased Fort Ticonderoga and the surrounding lands to prevent the stripping of precious materials from the legendary stone forts that rest on the site. He established his summer home-turned-hotel, the Pavillion, on the beautiful grounds, offering affordable accommodations to travelers visiting the historic ruins for nearly six decades. Stephen Pell, his great-grandson, began restoration of the Fort and the Pavillion in 1908; subsequently, the site became a popular tourist destination and was added to the National Register of Historic Places.

Fort Ticonderoga and the surrounding grounds have a rich history. Its site was originally chosen for its strategic location on the Ticonderoga peninsula on the shore of Lake Champlain that protected the portage to nearby Lake George. At the time, it was the French Empire's southernmost fort in the New World and a sensitive and strategic military installation coveted by the world's two largest empires, the British and the French. This July will mark the 250th anniversary of the Battle of Carillon, a major battle in the French and Indian War in which outnumbered French troops led by Louis-Joseph le Marquis de Montcalm successfully and valiantly defeated a British attacking force. On July 8, 1758, British General James Abercromby led a British and colonial army of 16,000 men against a small French force of 3,200 entrenched at Fort Carillon (the original name of Fort Ticonderoga). Despite being outnumbered by more than 4 to 1, the French forces prevailed and forced the British to retreat. In honor of their victory, the French erected a cross on the battle site, of which a reproduction still stands at the "French Lines" even today. A year later, British forces under Lord Jefferey Amherst successfully conquered the Fort.

Fort Ticonderoga retained its strategic significance during the American Revolution. On May 10, 1775, American soldiers won their first victory in the Revolution when they captured Fort Ticonderoga in a surprise attack at dawn. The cannons from Ticonderoga were then hauled all the way across the Commonwealth of Massachusetts by troops led by Henry Knox, and used to successfully prosecute the Siege of Boston, driving the Redcoats away from the Massachusetts Bay.

Today, the Fort Ticonderoga Association strives to engage, educate, and entertain visitors by sharing the authentic stories of diverse cultures that met at the Ticonderoga peninsula in war and peace over the last 250 years. Its members achieve this goal through accurate historical interpretations, high standards of preservation, and able management of the Fort's world-class collections of scholarly works, through innovative educational offerings, and with operational excellence.

Under the diligent care of the Association, Fort Ticonderoga has earned numerous awards, including the Upstate History Alliance Award of Excellence, the Adirondack Architectural Heritage Award of Excellence for the Kings' Garden Restoration, and the Preservation League of New York State Award of Excellence. Fort Ticonderoga also received a State and Local History Certificate of Commendation from the American Association for "America's First Victory." Clearly, its role in American history left an important legacy for Fort Ticonderoga that resonates even today.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my distinguished colleagues join me in recognizing the enormous contributions to the preservation and stewardship of American history performed by the Fort Ticonderoga Association.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO FATHER
JOSEPH P. ANNESE

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 8, 2008

Mr. PORTER. Madam Speaker, it is my distinct pleasure to rise today to honor my friend Father Joseph P. Annese by entering his name in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, the official record of the proceedings and debates of the United States Congress since 1873. Today I pay tribute to Father Joseph P. Annese for his years of dedicated service to the Boulder City community.

Father Joe has dedicated himself to the St. Andrew Catholic Community for thirty years. His passion for helping the community and his dedication to his calling has made Father Joe an essential part of the community.

Father Joe started his seminary years in the Divine World Seminary and was ordained in 1962. He then taught high school seminary in Erie, Pa., then in Bordertown, New Jersey, and finally in Verbum Dei High School in Watts, California. Before coming to Boulder City, Father Joe joined the Diocese of Reno/Las Vegas in 1971. He then became an associate pastor at St. James Parish in Las Vegas in 1971, where he served for one year, and was named an associate pastor at St. Christopher's Parish in North Las Vegas for five years. In 1978, Bishop McFarland assigned Father Joe as Pastor of the St. Andrew Catho-

lic Community in Boulder City, Nevada to build an entirely new complex of church offices, parish halls, multi-purpose classrooms, and a pastor's residence. The entire parish center was built and dedicated in 1981.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor Father Joe for his thirty years of service. Words cannot express how much Father Joe has done for the people and the city of Boulder City. His quest to touch the lives of and help as many people as possible, his devotion to his work, and his zeal to better the community are truly commendable and I applaud all his efforts.

FAIRFAX COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION MARKS ITS 70TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. TOM DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 8, 2008

Mr. DAVIS of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the Fairfax County Planning Commission.

The Fairfax County Planning Commission's goal has been to advise the Board of Supervisors on all matters related to the orderly growth and development of Fairfax County. This includes the preparation of a comprehensive plan for the physical development of the county in addition to amending zoning and subdivision ordinances. The Commission provides citizens with an opportunity to voice their support for or opinion on developments in and around their community.

The Fairfax County Planning Commission was founded on Wednesday, July 6, 1938. Throughout the past 70 years, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors has appointed a total of 121 citizens to serve as commissioners. The Planning Commission consists of two standing committees, the Personnel and Budget Committee and Policy and Procedure Committee. Additionally, there are seven subcommittees honing their focus towards capital improvement, the environment, parks, redevelopment and housing, land use process review, school facilities, transportation, and Fort Belvoir. The Planning Commission and staff have held thousands of public hearings, hundreds of committee meetings, and have forwarded thousands of recommendations to promote orderly, balanced and equitable growth.

Fairfax County is a thriving, urban county with a population that exceeds that of seven States. The median household income is one of the highest in the Nation. Over half of the adult population has at least a bachelor's degree. His also home to George Mason University. With an enrollment of over 30,000 students, GMU is a leader in science, technology and a variety of other fields. These are all signs of the county's strength. This strength has been nurtured and spurred along by the Planning Commission's foresight and vision.

Their work is not done, however; they have set an ambitious 2009 agenda. This year they will address green building, recycling and issues related to Fort Belvoir in addition to their regular duties. The actions this group takes today will continue to shape and direct this county in the years to come.

Madam Speaker, in closing, I would like to thank and send appreciation to the Fairfax

County Planning Commission and their staff for their hard work and dedication to Fairfax County. Their untiring, dynamic efforts have made Fairfax County a wonderful place to live and raise a family. I call upon my colleagues to join me in commending and congratulating the Fairfax County Planning Commission on 70 years of excellence.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TIM MURPHY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 8, 2008

Mr. TIM MURPHY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, on rollcall no. 470, H. Res. 1098, Supporting the goals and ideals of the Year of the American Veteran, had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

HONORING THE FRATERNAL
ORDER OF EAGLES AERIE #1801

HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 8, 2008

Mr. SHUSTER. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I offer my congratulations to the members and leadership of the Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie #1801 in Somerset, Pennsylvania, who will celebrate their 100th anniversary on July 30, 2008.

Originally founded in 1898 by a group of theatre owners, the Fraternal Order of Eagles was created to act as a social haven for the like-minded. As the Fraternal Order of Eagles spread throughout the United States, they sought, as they continue to do so today, to establish a fraternal system to encourage and provide assistance to members and their families through a system of mutual insurance which provided death benefits. In 1908, the citizens of Somerset organized the Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie #1801. Over the past one hundred years Aerie #1801 has focused on achieving their original objective, to "make human life more desirable by lessening its ills and promoting peace, prosperity, gladness, and hope." They have truly succeeded in their quest.

Throughout its history, the Fraternal Order of Eagles has sought to leave a truly memorable past on the pages of history. Not only does the Eagles' historical participation consist of seven U.S. presidents, including Theodore Roosevelt, Franklin Roosevelt, Jimmy Carter and Ronald Reagan, but they have also been incredibly charitable. Across the United States the Eagles donate more than \$100 million every year to charities. Members of Aerie #1801 lift up their community as well as surrounding communities by raising funds for a multitude of local and national charities. These charities include the Golden Eagles Fund, Robert Hansen Diabetes Fund, and the Jimmy Durante Children's Fund. Through actively pursuing lifting up those around them, the Eagles Aerie #1801 has truly been an integral part of Somerset, Pennsylvania. The leadership and members of Aerie #1801 have continuously provided Somerset with examples of civic leadership, charitable giving, and improv-

ing the borough in ways great and small. The Eagles have made Somerset an immeasurably enhanced place to live, work, and raise families.

The Somerset Fraternal Order of Eagles has provided a trustworthy atmosphere which has worked to help a multitude of men, women, and children throughout its history. I would like to congratulate the members and leadership of Aerie #1801 and Eagles who have assembled from across the country to be in Somerset on this occasion. I look forward to celebrating the one hundredth anniversary of such a wonderful organization, as it has brought a greater appreciation to our area and has surely been an asset to the community.

COMMENDING LIEUTENANT ANDREW PATE FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 8, 2008

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Lieutenant Andrew Pate for his service to the U.S. House of Representatives and the United States Coast Guard.

As some of you may know, Lieutenant Pate was detailed to the Coast Guard's House Liaison office in July of 2006, and I am proud to have had the opportunity to work closely with him over the past two years. My colleagues, staff, and I have valued his knowledge and understanding of the Coast Guard's operational missions, day-to-day challenges, and roles and responsibilities.

Lieutenant Andrew Leigh Pate is a native of Wesley Chapel, Florida. In the summer of 1998 he enrolled at the United States Coast Guard Academy, with summer duty assignments onboard Coast Guard cutters *Northland*, *Eagle* and *Drummond*. First elected as Treasurer of his Academy Class in 1998, Lieutenant Pate has served continuously as President of his Academy Class since the spring of 2000.

In May of 2002, Lieutenant Pate graduated from the Academy with a Bachelor's degree in Government. His first assignment was onboard the High Endurance Cutter USCGC *Gallatin* (WHEC 721) home ported in Charleston, South Carolina. While onboard *Gallatin*, Lieutenant Pate served in a variety of positions including Assistant Operations Officer, Combat Information Center Officer, and Maritime Law Enforcement Boarding Officer. His tour highlights include the interdiction and repatriation of over 570 Haitian migrants during Operations Able Manner and Able Sentry.

In June of 2004, Lieutenant Pate transferred to Fort Myers Beach, Florida as the fourth Commanding Officer of the 87-foot Coastal Patrol Boat USCGC *Marlin* (WPB 87304). From June 2004 to July 2006, *Marlin* successfully conducted over 250 law enforcement boardings in an operational area covering more than 108,000 square miles. These efforts resulted in the apprehension of 10 wanted fugitives, the voyage termination of 18 commercial fishing vessels for hazardous safety conditions and the interdiction and re-

patriation of over 150 Cuban migrants attempting to illegally enter the United States. Under Lieutenant Pate's command, *Marlin* safely evaded six major Hurricanes and conducted a total of 21 Search and Rescue cases saving the lives of 50 people.

Two years ago, Lieutenant Pate reported to the Hill as an Assistant House Liaison Officer for the Coast Guard. Since arriving in 2006, Lieutenant Pate has worked tirelessly to provide Members of Congress and their staff with timely, accurate, and detailed information needed to fulfill their duties. Through his careful planning and execution of dozens of Congressional Delegation trips and hundreds of briefings, Lieutenant Pate clearly articulated Coast Guard views in support of needed authorities and appropriations, working constructively with the Congress to ensure careful stewardship of resources.

On July 14, 2008, Lieutenant Pate will leave his post in the House Liaison Office and report to the Office of Senator ROGER WICKER (MS) for a one-year assignment as a Military Fellow.

I am proud to know and pay tribute to him in the United States Congress. On behalf of the Representatives and staff who have been fortunate enough to know and work with Andrew, I wish him, his wife Kristen, and their son Aidan, clear skies and following seas.

NISEI BASEBALL

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 8, 2008

Ms. MATSUI. Madam Speaker, I rise today in tribute of Nisei Pioneer Day and the past generations of Japanese American baseball players, coaches, and teams. For over a century, Japanese American baseball has been a strong bond that brought communities and cultures together while also teaching good sportsmanship. As the Japanese American community and baseball fans gather to celebrate the Nisei Pioneer Day Program in Sacramento, I ask that all my colleagues join me in honoring Nisei baseball.

Baseball has been an important sport in the Japanese community since it was first introduced in Japan in 1872 by American school teacher Horace Wilson. By the turn of the century baseball had become the Nation's most popular sport and in 1905 Japan's national champion Waseda University team toured the United States competing against various American colleges. Unfortunately, during this same time, anti-Japanese movements were on the rise in the United States. During this difficult time, Nisei baseball was able to bring Japanese Americans into the Nation's mainstream.

The 1920s and 1930s are often referred to as the "Golden Age" of Japanese American baseball. During this time many Japanese American communities across the West Coast were organizing teams and leagues. This brought the Japanese American community together in the wake of increasing anti-Japanese legislation. While laws such as the Immigration Act of 1924 were effectively ending Japanese immigration into the United States, baseball was providing a valuable bridge between the East and West Coast cultures for Issei and