

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN RECOGNITION OF JOANNA
SACCONE

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 30, 2010

Mrs. MALONEY. Madam Speaker, I rise to acknowledge the achievements of Joanna Saccone, an outstanding New Yorker who has distinguished herself through years of service to New York City and New York State. A respected, highly successful presence in New York politics for over thirty years, Joanna Saccone has worked tirelessly on behalf of the people of New York her entire adult life. Ms. Saccone is known for her indefatigable advocacy, her love of politics and her uncanny political sense.

A lifelong resident of Greenwich Village, Joanna Saccone has been deeply active in the political life of her community and her city. She first became active in politics during her time at the prestigious Maxwell School of Syracuse University in 1969. While earning a degree in International Relations, Ms. Saccone distinguished herself as a leader on campus, organizing her fellow students to protest the war in Vietnam. She cut her political teeth working on the successful Syracuse mayoral campaign of Lee Alexander, the first Democrat to win the mayoralty of Syracuse in fifty years.

Upon graduating in 1972, Ms. Saccone returned home to New York City, and joined the Village Independent Democrats, where she worked under the guidance of District Leader John LoCicero and worked to elect Village politician Ed Koch as Mayor of the City of New York. In 1983, along with Mayor Koch and others, she broke away from the Village Independent Democrats and helped establish the Village Reform Democratic Club, which continues to play an important role in New York City politics today.

In her professional life, Ms. Saccone worked in the New York City Economic Development Administration, focusing primarily on the City's budget and human resources. By 1976, she had transitioned to a position in the office of New York State Assembly Speaker Stanley Steingut. This began a 34-year career as an Assembly staffer, working under four Speakers in a variety of roles. Under Speaker Stanley Fink, she worked with House Operations, where she advised Democratic Assembly members on legislation, staffing, creation of newsletters and pamphlets, and media relations. She also assisted constituents who were having difficulty getting benefits to which they were entitled from State government. Speaker Fink appointed her the first Sexual Harassment Officer for the New York City region, an appointment he reportedly called "the greatest political appointment of his career." Under Speaker Mel Miller, she coordinated the first Employee Assistance Program, which aids employees on matters relating to alcohol and drug abuse and psychological ailments. She has continued her significant involvement in all

aspects of State government under current Speaker Sheldon Silver.

While government may have been her career, Ms. Saccone's passion has been politics. She has made a name for herself as a relentless campaigner, a resourceful networker, and an extraordinary strategist. As a sounding board, an adviser, and as a friend, there are few as adept as Ms. Saccone in navigating the complex path to victory. She has worked on many important city, state, and federal elections, including numerous judicial races. Indeed, few have her track record of success in helping judicial candidates navigate the intricacies of running a judicial race.

Throughout her busy career and political activism, Joanna has been a devoted and dedicated mother to her son, Phillip Anthony Saccone, whom she considers her greatest accomplishment.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my distinguished colleagues join me in recognizing the enormous contributions to our civic and political life made by Joanna Saccone, and congratulate her on the occasion of her retirement.

RECOGNIZING NEXTEER
AUTOMOTIVE

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the workers, management and owners of Nexteer Automotive as the company transitions to its new partnership with Pacific Century Motors.

In 1906 the machining firm of Jackson, Church, and Wilcox developed a better quality steering gear for Buick Motors and began manufacturing the steering gear in Saginaw that same year. Four years later General Motors purchased Jackson, Church and Wilcox and renamed the company Saginaw Steering Gear Division. Over the years, Saginaw Steering Gear Division became Saginaw County's largest employer as the sole supplier of steering mechanisms to General Motors. The first power steering system, the first energy-absorbing steering column and the first adjustable steering wheel were developed and built by Saginaw Steering Gear Division. Saginaw Steering Gear became the Saginaw Division and later Delphi Saginaw Steering Systems. As Nexteer Automotive they persist in innovation, recently designing QuadraSteer and Active Steering drive train technology. Nexteer Automotive and Pacific Century Motors are starting a "New Beginning" that will allow Nexteer to advance its products in the global marketplace.

Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating the employees and management of Nexteer Automotive for their past achievements and as they embark upon a new international partnership with Pacific Century Motors. I welcome

this collaboration of ideas, diligence and enthusiasm and I hope their success in technological development will continue for many, many years to come.

HONORING THE LIFE OF GEORGE
BALTZER OSBORNE

HON. JIM MATHESON

OF UTAH

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Mr. MATHESON. Madam Speaker, today I would like to honor an exemplary individual. As a young man, Mr. George Baltzer Osborne of the State of Utah valiantly sacrificed to serve his country during World War II. Born in 1920, we commemorated his 90th birthday on November 7. At this time, I'd like to recognize him and his comrades as members of "The Greatest Generation" and thank them most sincerely for their brave and selfless service.

Mr. Osborne joined the Marines during WWII and began an eventful history in the service as a CB operator. He trained at Camp Pendleton, where he was assigned to the 4th division and stationed in Hawaii. From there, he was sent to Iwo Jima. When his division landed, Mr. Osborne was an integral part of a group of eight Marines whose mission was to find high ground in order to radio ship's bombing orders. During his service, Mr. Osborne consistently put his life on the line. At one point, a grenade was launched into a foxhole he had just evacuated. Fittingly, Mr. Osborne was present on February 23, 1945, when the American flag was raised atop Mount Suribachi during the Battle of Iwo Jima. This timeless symbol represents our country's strength and more personally, Mr. Osborne's dedication.

Even after active military service, Mr. Osborne continued to serve his country. After being discharged, he worked three jobs so his wife could stay home and raise their 12 children. Mr. Osborne spent many years devoted to his work as an administrator at the VA hospital. He loves his family, which has grown to 21 children, 36 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren, and 3 great-great-grandchildren.

George Baltzer Osborne's sacrifice, bravery, and service to family, career, and country serve as hallmarks of a noble American life. We recognize him today and express our gratitude for his contributions to this great country, the United States of America.

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SAWYER, SR.

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay homage to the memory of a much-beloved

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