

RECOGNIZING SILOAM SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL FOR ITS ACHIEVEMENTS IN SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT

HON. JOHN BOOZMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BOOZMAN. Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize Siloam Springs High School for its national recognition for outstanding achievement in school improvement.

Siloam Springs High School is one of only 10 schools to be named a Pacesetter School by the Southern Regional Education Board, an honor given to schools that exemplify the progress they can make when leaders embrace change and support improvement efforts.

Siloam Springs Hill School earned this recognition two years ago and continues to advance its curriculum and instruction to create an environment that encourages high achievement of its students.

School leaders attribute this success to block scheduling that allows teachers to work with a fewer number of students during longer class periods and provide students with more individual assistance as well as an increase in the number of Advanced Placement courses offered.

I am very proud to honor and congratulate the students and staff at Siloam Springs High School as well as the school district and the community for this innovative approach to education. I look forward to the academic excellence that will come from Siloam Springs High School in the years to come.

RECOGNIZING DON MARTENS ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT

HON. DARRELL E. ISSA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ISSA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the distinguished tenure of Mr. Don Martens, on the occasion of his retirement as Chair of the American Bar Association (ABA) Section of Intellectual Property Law. At the helm of this association, Mr. Martens has gained a wealth of knowledge, experience and leadership—leaving a profound impression on intellectual property law.

Mr. Martens will end his one-year term as Chair of the ABA Section of Intellectual Property Law in early August. With over forty years' experience as an intellectual property attorney, Mr. Martens is a leading voice in intellectual property matters.

Mr. Martens graduated with honors from the University of Wisconsin with a bachelor's degree in engineering followed by a juris doctor degree from George Washington University Law School where he was Patent Editor of the Law Review and graduated first in his class.

Among his many accomplishments, Mr. Martens has served as President of the American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIP) and three terms as a member of the Board of Appeals for the Federal Circuit's Advi-

sory Council. Prior to his current Chairmanship, Mr. Martens also served as Chair of the Section's Patent Law Reform Task Force.

Additionally, Mr. Martens' list of remarkable achievements include being named as one of "The Top 10 Patent Lawyers in the World" by PLC Global Counsel, as one of "the 20 Best Patent Lawyers in the World" in a comprehensive international survey by Euromoney Legal Media Group, one of two "Leading IP Lawyers" in the United States by the Global Counsel's Handbook and one of the "Best Lawyers in America" for both Alternative Dispute Resolution and Intellectual Property Law—all impressive distinctions.

In 2005, Mr. Martens and the IP Section of the ABA were asked to put together a Patent Law Reform Task Force to assist in the gathering of information for legislative reform efforts in Congress. As a result, the Task Force developed a White Paper which has since become a well-regarded source for objective and well-reasoned analysis and recommendations on patent reform issues, both in Congress and the private sector.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues please join me in recognizing the celebrated tenure of Mr. Don Martens and applaud his determined efforts as Chair of the ABA Section of Intellectual Property Law to improve the legal process and promote the rights of inventors across the country.

RECOGNIZING THE WORK OF DEANNA WEEKS

HON. DUNCAN HUNTER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HUNTER. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize the retirement of Ms. Deanna Weeks from the East County Economic Development Council (ECEDC), located in my congressional district in East San Diego County. For 25 years, Deanna has provided inexhaustible service and dedication to the people and businesses of San Diego's East County. Both as a person and a professional, Deanna will be sorely missed.

One does not have to search very long to find the positive results of Deanna's work, sacrifice and leadership in our community. Like the rest of the nation, our region is going through difficult economic times. I firmly believe, however, it could be much worse for East County if it were not for the significant contributions Deanna made during her time and leadership with the ECEDC. Prior to joining ECEDC Deanna worked at the Center on Aging at San Diego State University followed by Greenwald/McDonald commercial developers. In the early 1990s after joining the ECEDC, Deanna pioneered a grant effort from the Department of Defense that studied the needs of small defense-related firms in the East County, resulting in Connectory.com, an internet connectivity tool that allowed for many San Diego companies to gain business with the U.S. Federal Government and expand and grow into new and exciting areas.

Aside from creating Connectory.com and managing its development and growth from a sub-regional marketing tool into a nationally recognized asset, Deanna was also the leading force behind forming the San Diego Space

and Defense Consortium, which provided vital resources to local companies enabling them to compete with large defense contractors. She created and supported the East County Economic Development Foundation and the Supporting Education and Economic Development partnership, both of which work to create and strengthen career and technical education opportunities in our local high schools and community colleges. Deanna has served in other capacities such as the Boards of the Downtown El Cajon Partnership and the San Diego East County Chamber of Commerce and is currently serving on the Board of the Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District where she has been a key member of the East County K-16 Collaborative, a joint effort between community education and business that focuses on improving student transition between grade levels and curriculums.

Madam Speaker, in a time when the needs of our community usually score low on our list of priorities, I am always encouraged by the efforts of Deanna and her unending determination and sacrifice to make East San Diego County the special place it is to live. While she will be greatly missed, she has provided us all with a great example of service to the community. I urge all of my colleagues to join me in congratulating Deanna Weeks on her retirement, I wish her all the best in her future endeavors and thank her for her many years of unyielding dedication to guiding the economic prosperity of San Diego's East County. We will miss you Deanna, enjoy those grandkids!

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS' ROBERT J. DOLE INSTITUTE OF POLITICS ON COMPLETION OF THE INSTITUTIONAL ASSESSMENT PORTION OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF MUSEUMS' MUSEUM ASSESSMENT PROGRAM

HON. DENNIS MOORE

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 14, 2010

Mr. MOORE of Kansas. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to have this opportunity to congratulate the Robert J. Dole Institute of Politics on the campus of the University of Kansas for completion of the Institutional Assessment portion of the American Association of Museums' Museum Assessment Program, MAP.

Senior Archivist Morgan Davis led the MAP team which included Audio/Visual Archivist Judy Sweets and Assistant Archivists Catherine Riggs and Robert Lay. The team completed an extensive self-study survey which included exercises designed to help improve understanding of museum practices and broaden the scope of services offered in the Dole Archive.

Judith Endelman, Director of the Benson Ford Research Center at The Henry Ford Museum, was selected to assist the Dole Archive in the Museum Assessment Program. During her two-day visit to the Dole Institute, Ms. Endelman met with Dole Institute staff and Dole Archive Advisory Board members to get a better understanding of the programs and services currently offered.

The Dole Archive, which contains the collections of former Senator Bob Dole, is an invaluable research collection documenting Senator

Dole's 36 wonderful years in Congress and record setting 14 years of leadership in the Senate. The Dole Archive contains a significant collection of papers, images and objects, many of which are on display in public exhibits at the Dole Institute.

The Dole Institute of Politics is a bipartisan civic institution with a mission to promote civic engagement and public service. Led by Director Bill Lacy, this mission is carried out through public programming which regularly brings figures of national political prominence to speak at the Dole Institute, interpretive exhibits on the life and career of Senator Dole, and the maintenance of the Dole Archive research collections.

Participation in the MAP program was made possible at virtually no cost to the Dole Institute through assistance from the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Dole Institute's achievement.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. VERNON J. EHLERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 14, 2010

Mr. EHLERS. Madam Speaker, on rollcall Nos. 434, 435, and 436, I was absent for two reasons. First, my flights from GRR to DTW and from DTW to DCA were both delayed. Second, I had an important meeting related to my work on the aviation subcommittee and my role as co-chair of the GH caucus. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on all three votes.

RECOGNIZING THE OUTSTANDING SERVICE OF ANTHONY CERONE ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT

HON. DARRELL E. ISSA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 14, 2010

Mr. ISSA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the service of Anthony Cerone and his dedicated service to the people of the United States on the occasion of his retirement.

In February 1976 Mr. Cerone was hired by the Federal Bureau of Prisons and was assigned as a Correctional Officer at the Metropolitan Correctional Center in San Diego, California. He was promoted to the rank of Senior Officer Specialist in August of 1980.

In 1979, Americans were taken hostage at our Embassy in Tehran, Iran. Mr. Cerone responded by joining the U.S. Air Force Ready Reserve. He remained until 1985 and was honorably discharged as a Staff Sergeant.

With a desire to work in the field and within the community enforcing immigration law, Mr. Cerone pursued a career with the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) and was hired in November of 1980, assigned to the U.S. Border Patrol in San Ysidro, CA as an Immigration Detention Officer. He transferred to the San Diego District Downtown Office in May of 1983. He was promoted to Lead Detention Enforcement Officer in 1985 and Deportation Officer in 1987.

Mr. Cerone graduated from Miramar College, San Diego, CA in 1983 and earned a degree in the Administration of Justice.

In 1999, Mr. Cerone was promoted to Supervisory Detention and Deportation Officer where he formed and was the team leader of the newly created Alien Removal Unit. On June 30, 2001, Mr. Cerone voluntarily retired with over 29 years of federal service.

After September 11, 2001, Mr. Cerone desired to return to federal law enforcement to aid in the effort to protect the United States and its citizens from future terrorist attacks.

In March of 2002, he was hired as a Special Deputy U.S. Marshal to protect the U.S. Courts and its staff at the U.S. District Court of Southern California, in San Diego. During this time, he also applied to return to service with the INS.

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security and Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) hired Mr. Cerone as the Officer-in-Charge of the ICE Otay Detention Facility on June 12, 2005. After two years of overseeing this custodial operation that managed 1,000 ICE detainees and over 400 employees, Mr. Cerone transferred to the downtown ICE office on July 1, 2007, as an Assistant Field Office Director.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues please join me in recognizing the distinguished career of Anthony Cerone serving the People of the United States.

COMMEMORATING THE 15TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SREBRENICA GENOCIDE

HON. RUSS CARNAHAN

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 14, 2010

Mr. CARNAHAN. Madam Speaker, on Sunday, July 11, 2010 the world paused to solemnly commemorate the 15th Anniversary of the Srebrenica Genocide. This unconscionable act of cruelty and disregard for human life—Europe's worst massacre since World War II—has left a deep scar upon humanity.

An estimated 8,000 Muslim men and teenage boys were brutally slaughtered and approximately 30,000 refugees were forced from their homes.

United Nations peacekeepers protecting the Srebrenica "safe zone" were outmanned and outgunned with little ability to stop the atrocities. This, unfortunately, highlights the collective failure of nations to take sufficient, decisive, and timely action to prevent this horrific mass murder and ethnic cleansing. We must never forget the important lessons learned from this terrible chapter of Bosnian history, in particular that hatred must never be allowed to take root.

I represent one of the largest populations of Bosnians and Bosnian-Americans. Approximately 35,000 Bosnian-Americans reside in the St. Louis, Missouri, region, and of these, upwards of 5,000 are survivors of the Srebrenica massacre. This is an issue for which I feel strongly, as I have seen how profoundly it has affected individuals, families, and the community.

Last year, I met with several of these Missourians while attending the 14th anniversary remembrance ceremony in Srebrenica. I wit-

nessed the mass burial of the remains of over 500 victims recovered from the mass gravesites. It is important for us to remember those who were lost, and honor their memory as we move forward.

Fifteen years later there are still mass grave sites that remain undiscovered, families that have yet to be reunited, and remains of loved ones that have yet to be positively identified. The International Commission on Missing Persons (ICMP) has been doing remarkable forensic work in Bosnia, and training and employing local Bosnians, to help identify remains. Most of the families of survivors in my district have contributed DNA samples in the effort to help identify their missing family members. While they still face serious difficulties, to date they have positively identified two-thirds of the missing persons in Bosnia.

Fortunately, there have been significant efforts, overall, at apprehending war criminals and ensuring that they face justice. The International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY) has indicted a total of twenty-one individuals for crimes committed in Srebrenica, including seven senior officials who were convicted in June 2010, and former President Radovan Karadzic who is currently on trial.

It is imperative that war criminals be found and brought to justice. I strongly urge the United States, along with the international community, to continue its commitment to help find and bring to justice Bosnian Serb commander Ratko Mladic, who is still at large, for his central role in orchestrating the atrocities of the genocide.

These trials are critical to the social healing and reconciliation process that must take place in order to advance to goal of a lasting peace, prosperity, rule of law, and an effective unity government in Bosnia and Herzegovina. And it is critical to provide some closure to the families of the victims of the Srebrenica Genocide, so that their personal healing can also take place.

Additionally, in March, 2010, the Serbian Parliamentary official of Bosnia issued a formal apology for the 1995 massacre of Bosnian Muslim men and boys. This narrow majority vote cannot replace the losses suffered by the Bosnian people as a result of the genocide, but this signal of acknowledgement by the Serbian community was a necessary and hopefully meaningful step forward.

Bosnia and Herzegovina has taken great strides toward becoming a more stable nation and an international partner, yet increased stability in the region and stronger national institutions are still key priorities moving forward.

The United States can best honor the innocent lives lost by taking a moment of pause, today, to reflect upon the Srebrenica Genocide and recommit ourselves to the defense of human rights and freedoms wherever they are imperiled. We in Congress must also persist in ensuring that justice is served and freedom and democracy endure through our continued show of support for Bosnia and Herzegovina with respect to its constitutional reform, improvement of democratic institutions, strengthening of the rule of law, and increased political and economic stability.

Let us commemorate the tragedy of Srebrenica by delivering on the promise of peace.