



Calhoun: The NPS Institutional Archive
DSpace Repository

Others Look at NPS

Congressional Record Tributes

2010-05-19

Honoring Dan and Dee Devlin ; The Hon. Sam Farr of California in the House of Representatives

Farr, Sam

United States Government Printing Office 732 North Capitol Street, NW,
Washington, DC 20401-0018

Vol. 156 Congressional Record -- Extensions of Remarks ; E882
<http://hdl.handle.net/10945/24514>

Downloaded from NPS Archive: Calhoun



Calhoun is a project of the Dudley Knox Library at NPS, furthering the precepts and goals of open government and government transparency. All information contained herein has been approved for release by the NPS Public Affairs Officer.

Dudley Knox Library / Naval Postgraduate School
411 Dyer Road / 1 University Circle
Monterey, California USA 93943

<http://www.nps.edu/library>

for the Rotary Club, Better Business Bureau, Columbus Literacy Alliance, Columbus Chamber of Commerce, Columbus Partners in Education, Columbus Hospice and Columbus State University, her alma mater.

This award isn't presented annually because it's reserved for an individual whose career and leadership stands as the ultimate example for others. In that case, there is no better person to receive such an award than Janet Davis.

Because Janet embodies everything that's great about America and serves as an example of the kind of folks we need to keep our communities strong, I ask the House to join me in congratulating her on a distinguished career and sending best wishes for many more years of valuable contribution to the Columbus area.

HONORING EXCEPTIONAL
PARENTS UNLIMITED

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 19, 2010

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Exceptional Parents Unlimited upon the celebration of the 20th anniversary of their annual fundraiser "Fiesta! A Celebration of Children." The annual event will be held at the Clovis Memorial Building on Friday, May 7, 2010.

Exceptional Parents Unlimited, EPU, was founded in 1976, as a support group for the parents of children with Down's syndrome. The name Exceptional Parents Unlimited was chosen because EPU was designed to provide services to children with all different special needs. Since it was established, EPU has developed a wide range of programs and services in response to the expressed needs of the families in the community. EPU has become a national leader in providing and promoting comprehensive, family-centered services through five major programs including early intervention, family support, supporting the development of the parent-child relationship, providing parent education and training, as well as assisting in preventing child abuse. EPU has also created a successful Family Resource Center, providing training and support to families through the Parent Training and Information Center Grant and the Family Empowerment Center Grant.

Currently, EPU provides direct services to more than three thousand families. They provide services in English, Spanish and Hmong, reflecting the most common languages spoken in the Fresno area. The services provided by EPU include home visits as well as locations in urban and rural centers. The EPU staff has grown to one hundred employees including experienced management personnel, a Chief Financial Officer, a Human Resource Director, a Development Director, a Director of Evaluation and Data and five program managers.

EPU has been recognized by many organizations over the years. In 1998 EPU was honored with the Daily Points of Light Award by the Points of Light Foundation, a foundation that honors individuals and volunteer groups with a commitment to connect Americans through service to meet critical needs in their communities. In 2003, EPU was honored with

the Central Valley Excellence in Business Award by The Fresno Bee, the Fresno Economic Development Corporation and the Fresno Chamber of Commerce.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Exceptional Parents Unlimited. I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing EPU many years of continued success.

HONORING DAN AND DEE DEVLIN

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 19, 2010

Mr. FARR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Dan and Dee Devlin, who through their 42 year marriage embodied the deepest love for each other, their family, their community, and the greater world around them. Earlier this year, tragically, these two wonderful people died within weeks of each other.

It's not often that one meets a couple who are so completely one. I count it as a great honor to have known Dan and Dee Devlin and I extend to their family and many friends my deepest sympathies and those of the whole House of Representatives.

I first met these two wonderful people in 1996 when COL Dan Devlin came to Monterey, Calif., to assume command of the Defense Language Institute, our Nation's premier foreign language training center. Colonel Devlin personified DLI's thoughtful, disciplined, and cosmopolitan commitment to our Nation's defense. At DLI, he built a stronger and more vibrant academic and military institution. He boosted student achievement by enhancing the teaching environment for DLI's native speaker faculty, focusing on professional growth, curriculum development, and performance-based merit pay. These efforts positioned DLI for its rapid response to the post 9/11 wave of new language training demands.

Dee was born January 16, 1947, in Williston, ND, to Roman and Ardell Daniel. A few months later, on April 21, Dan was born to Robert and Marion Devlin in nearby Northwood, ND. They both graduated from Ray High School in 1965 and North Dakota State University in 1969. After dating for 6 years, the high school and college sweethearts married in Ray, ND on June 4, 1968.

Upon graduation, Dan began his military career as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army. His Army service included duty as an intelligence officer, a DLI student of Russian, commanding officer of the 6th Psychological Operations Battalion, Airborne, deputy commander of 4th Psychological Operations during the first Gulf War, and just prior to his DLI assignment, chief of Psychological Operations and Civil Affairs for the Joint Staff in the Pentagon.

Following a distinguished 31 year military career, Colonel Devlin retired from the Army in 2000 and became, once again, simply Dan. He continued to work in the language field as a DoD civilian employee.

Dee held numerous civil service positions as she accompanied Dan in his military career both at home and abroad: library technician in Garmisch, human resources specialist at the American Elementary/High School in Munich, and administrative officer at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey. Above all, Dee

was the light of a family that grew to include Daniel Devlin, Jr. and his wife, Tara, their daughters Reilly and Elliott, and son, Robert Devlin and his wife, Lara.

Madam Speaker, Dan and Dee Devlin represented the best of our Nation and humanity: family, faith, public service, and an appetite for life that made the world a better place for everyone they touched. May God bless them and their memory.

HONORING GERALD VIRGIL
MYERS, LAKE LAND, FL

HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 19, 2010

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Gerald Virgil Myers who, on July 6 of this year, will celebrate his 92nd birthday. Mr. Myers is a dedicated father, grandfather and veteran. Today, we celebrate his life, career and this momentous occasion.

Gerald Virgil Myers is part of our "Greatest Generation"; he served our country honorably in World War II earning both the silver and bronze stars for his service, as well as the Purple Heart.

He served in the 80th infantry division, which was responsible for discovering and liberating the Buchenwald concentration camp. He recently returned to Germany to attend the 65th anniversary celebration honoring this occasion.

Mr. Myers also served in the Battle of the Bulge. He returns to Luxembourg annually to participate in the festivities marking the end of the conflict. Mr. Myers has even been named an honorary citizen of Luxembourg.

In his post military career, Mr. Myers made a living as a sales manager for Quaker Oats and Allied Feeds. He retired to Lakeland, Florida where his son, Gary and daughter, Ronna live close by. He is a grandfather to literally dozens of grandchildren and great grandchildren; most of whom live nearby as well.

In his spare time, he does his part to keep our Nation's history alive. He frequently visits local school groups and shares with them stories of his service to our country. He also enjoys crafting his own stained glass.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating Mr. Myers on the occasion of his 92nd birthday and thanking him for his dedicated service to our great Nation.

ANTITRUST CRIMINAL PENALTY
ENHANCEMENT AND REFORM
ACT OF 2004 EXTENSION

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 19, 2010

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Madam Speaker, today, I introduce legislation that extends expiring provisions of the Antitrust Criminal Penalty Enhancement and Reform Act of 2004 and reviews its efficacy. I am pleased to have as cosponsor of this bill the Chairman of the Judiciary Committee, JOHN CONYERS, JR.