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EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE MOST REVEREND JAMES H. GARLAND ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF HIS EPISCOPAL ORDINATION AND PRIESTLY ORDINATION

HON. BART STUPAK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 8, 2009

Mr. STUPAK. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the Most Reverend James H. Garland on the 25th anniversary of his Episcopal ordination and the 50th anniversary of his priestly ordination. For 50 years Bishop Garland has served the Lord, the Catholic Church, and countless members in his parishes. For 13 years Bishop Garland served the Diocese of Marquette, which remains today a church that is intrinsically linked to the spirit of the Upper Peninsula.

Bishop Garland received his bachelor's degree in education from Ohio State University in 1953. During that year he began studies at the seminaries of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati and was ordained to the priesthood for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati on August 15, 1959. Following ordination, Bishop Garland served in several parishes and directed offices of Catholic Charities in Springfield and Dayton, Ohio, as well as the Archdiocesan Office of Catholic Charities. Bishop Garland also went on to receive a master's degree in philosophy from Mount Saint Mary's Seminary of the West in 1960, and a master's degree in social work from Catholic University of America in 1965.

On June 2, 1984, Bishop Garland was appointed to the Episcopacy by Pope John Paul II and ordained Titular Bishop of Garrana and Auxiliary to the Archbishop of Cincinnati on July 25, 1984. He has also directed the Archdiocesan Departments of Community Services and Pastoral Services of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati.

On November 11, 1992, Bishop Garland was installed as the eleventh Bishop of the Diocese of Marquette, Michigan—a diocese rich in history, rich in faith and rich in the Lord's spirit. During his tenure as Bishop of Marquette, Bishop Garland became known throughout the diocese for his service, his generosity, and the cookies he baked for volunteers. My hometown church, the Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Menominee, Michigan, resides in the Diocese of Marquette and I am personally grateful for Bishop Garland's steady leadership and strong commitment to the members of the diocese.

Bishop Garland implemented the Legacy of Faith endowment program to develop faith formation and to keep Catholic schools throughout our diocese on solid financial ground. My wife, Laurie, and I are proud to serve as two of the bishop's ambassadors, helping to preserve Catholic faith throughout the Upper Peninsula.

Bishop Garland's committed work ethic extended beyond the Diocese of Marquette as

well. He served on the Administrative Committee and Board of the United States Catholic Conference/National Conference of Catholic Bishops; he served as chairman of the United States Catholic Conference Committee for the Campaign for Human Development from 1992 to 1995; and he served as chairperson of the Bishops of Region VI of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops from 1995 to 1997.

Bishop Garland retired as Bishop of Marquette on December 13, 2005, but he remains active in spreading the Word of the Lord, serving as executive director of the Bishop Baraga Association and writing articles for the diocesan Catholic newspaper. He also continues to care for those in the Marquette community as a hospice volunteer and enjoys reading, music, and gardening in his retirement.

Madam Speaker, the story of Michigan's Upper Peninsula is deeply intertwined with the history of the Diocese of Marquette. Bishop Garland's years of service are now an important part of this history. In honor of the countless lives he has touched, his dedication to the Roman Catholic Church, and his unwavering faith in the Lord I would ask, Madam Speaker, that you and the entire U.S. House of Representatives join me in recognizing the Most Reverend Bishop James H. Garland on the 25th anniversary of his Episcopal ordination and the 50th anniversary of his priestly ordination.

HONORING DAVID BORUNDA

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 8, 2009

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, Mr. COSTA and I rise today to commend and congratulate David Borunda upon being named the "2009 Businessman of the Year" by the Central California Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Borunda will be recognized at the 21st Annual Central California Business Expo, to be held in Fresno, California on Friday, August 7, 2009.

Mr. Borunda has been treating his customers to, as he describes, "Mexican food with a passion" in Fresno since he established Plaza Ventana in 1977. Plaza Ventana remains one of the most awarded restaurants in Fresno and enjoys the distinction of receiving the "Best of Fresno" award by Fresno Magazine and receiving "The Central Valley's People's Choice Award" awarded to Mr. Borunda by the Fresno Bee. With two locations in Fresno, Plaza Ventana offers an extensive menu and is considered one of the top Mexican restaurants in the Central Valley by residents and visitors alike.

Mr. Borunda is one of the founding members of the Central California Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and he has served on the board of directors since the chamber was founded during a meeting in his restaurant at

the original Plaza Ventana location in 1983. He has been very active in the community serving on the board of the California Restaurant Association of Fresno and as a member of the Central California Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Toastmasters. Mr. Borunda's steadfast commitment to the community has set an example for other business owners to follow.

Through years of hard work and dedication, Mr. Borunda's investment in his business makes him worthy of this esteemed recognition. He has managed to stand alone as a family-run and operated business among many competitors and continues to put his customers first. It is for those reasons that we take great pride and honor in joining the Central California Hispanic Chamber of Commerce in recognizing David Borunda as "2009 Businessman of the Year" and we invite our colleagues to join in wishing Mr. Borunda much continued success and prosperity.

Mr. COSTA and I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing Mr. Borunda many years of continued success.

HONORING REAR ADMIRAL MICHAEL K. MAHON

HON. C.A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 8, 2009

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Madam Speaker, I rise before you today to honor Rear Admiral Michael K. Mahon upon his retirement from the position of Director of Surface Warfare for the United States Navy.

A 1979 graduate of the United States Naval Academy, Rear Admiral Mahon furthered his education as he earned a Master's degree in strategic planning from the Naval Postgraduate School and national security strategy from the National War College, where he graduated with distinction.

Rear Admiral Mahon's first sea tour was aboard the USS *Dewey* (DDG 45) where he served as Electronic Warfare Officer, Assistant CIC Officer and CIC Officer. Since then, he has served as the Operations Officer aboard USS *Gallery* and COMDESRON 24 in 1986 and 1987, respectively. In early 1990, he reported to the OPNAV staff and served as the Joint Strategic Planning System Officer for the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Plans, Policy, and Operations.

In 1992, Rear Admiral Mahon served as the Commissioning Executive Officer of USS *Cape St. George*. *Cape St. George* was selected as the first ship other than a battleship to ever win the Arizona Memorial Trophy. He went on to serve as the Flag Secretary to CINCUSNAVEUR from 1994 to 1996 and Deputy Executive Assistant to the Commander of the NATO Implementation Force (IFOR) in Sarajevo, Bosnia Herzegovina.

Rear Admiral Mahon's most recent assignment was as Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, Allied Maritime Component Command,

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Northwood United Kingdom. Additionally, he was the U.S. Naval Forces Europe representative from October 2005 to January 2007.

His awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit (with two gold stars), Bronze Star, Defense Meritorious Service Medal and the Meritorious Service Medal (with three gold stars), among many others.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you join me today to honor Rear Admiral Michael K. Mahon in his retirement from the position of Director of Surface Warfare. It is with great pride that I congratulate Admiral Mahon on his exemplary defense career.

A TRIBUTE TO THE BOWLING GREEN AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

HON. BRETT GUTHRIE

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 8, 2009

Mr. GUTHRIE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Bowling Green Area Chamber of Commerce for being recognized as Chamber of the Year. This acknowledgement was made during the American Chamber of Commerce Executives' annual conference.

Through the leadership of Chairman of the Board Todd Davis, President Jim Hizer, and the teamwork of the community, the Bowling Green Area Chamber of Commerce was recognized by their peers for their hard work and achievements.

Success in economic development efforts and community programs led to the Chamber being elevated as the top organization in its class. The region's business community has seen tremendous growth due to the leadership programs, educational initiatives, and other opportunities provided by the Chamber to its members.

The Bowling Green Area Chamber of Commerce has shown a strong commitment to bringing success and prosperity to the community. I commend the Board of Directors, staff, membership, and volunteers of the Chamber on receiving this prestigious honor.

RECOGNIZING THE SIXTH FLOOR MUSEUM AT DELANEY PLAZA

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 8, 2009

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to salute the Sixth Floor Museum at Delaney Plaza for being accepted into the prestigious Museum Assessment Program. The Sixth Floor Museum is located on the sixth and seventh floors of the Texas School Book Depository, the warehouse from which Lee Harvey Oswald assassinated President John F. Kennedy on November 22, 1963. The Sixth Floor Museum at Delaney Plaza opened in 1989 to commemorate the life and detail the events surrounding the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

The Museum Assessment Program is a highly selective program administered by the American Association of Museums through a

cooperative agreement with the Institute of Museum and Library Services that helps museums to improve their services through a rigorous evaluation process. Museums of all sizes and types apply for acceptance into the Management Assessment Program in hopes of becoming even stronger institutions. The program contains elements of peer review and self-study that enable museums to identify ways to allocate resources more efficiently, approach funders more successfully, and cater more directly to audiences of museum goers.

The Sixth Floor Museum at Delaney Plaza rightfully deserves its recent acceptance into the Museum Assessment Program, as it has serviced over 6 million visitors since its opening in 1989. The museum highlights the impacts of President John F. Kennedy's death on the nation and the world through films, photographs, artifacts and interpretive displays. The Sixth Floor Museum is one of only four museums in Texas to achieve this high honor in 2009.

I applaud the staff and volunteers at the Sixth Floor Museum at Delaney Plaza for their hard work and ability to operate a museum that has gained acceptance into such a widely respected assessment program. I ask my fellow colleagues to join me in recognizing the Sixth Floor Museum at Delaney Plaza for having received such a high honor.

HONORING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF TROUT UNLIMITED

HON. BART STUPAK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 8, 2009

Mr. STUPAK. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the national Trout Unlimited on the group's Anniversary celebration. Throughout the past 50 years, members of Trout Unlimited have shown continued dedication toward conserving, protecting and restoring North America's coldwater fisheries and their watersheds.

In 1955 former auto executive and conservationist George Mason approached George Griffith about starting an organization dedicated to fly-fishing and natural trout reproduction. In September 1959, 16 fishermen and conservationists gathered in Grayling, Michigan at Griffith's Fishing Lodge, "The Barbless Hook," to hold the first Trout Unlimited meeting.

The next year, 300 people attended an organizational meeting for Trout Unlimited at the American Legion Lounge and Lanes in Grayling. Over the past 50 years, membership in Trout Unlimited has grown to 140,000 members with more than 400 chapters around the country. The organization continues to be guided by the principle if we "take care of the fish, then the fishing will take care of itself."

Today, the education and conservation efforts of Trout Unlimited span from Southern California steelhead, to sockeye salmon in Alaska's Bristol Bay, to the headwater spring chinook streams of central Idaho, then east to Maine Atlantic salmon and south to Georgia brook trout. Trout Unlimited volunteers have done everything from installing habitat improvement structures, fencing out cattle, replacing stream banks and implementing educational campaigns. This work amounts to 125,000 volunteer hours and \$1,500,000 in restoration work each year.

Trout and salmon set the standard for the overall health of an eco-system—a standard that benefits all living creatures and plants that share it, including humans. From birth to death they serve as a critical part of the food chain that sustains us and wildlife far beyond the streams and rivers in which they live. They provide food for animals such as bald eagles, bear, and other fish and their carcasses contribute rich nutrients to the water and nearby trees and plants. Because of their actions, the continual conservation efforts of Trout Unlimited have positive repercussions for critical eco-systems far beyond the salmon and trout themselves.

During its 50-year history Trout Unlimited has carried out hundreds of local stream restoration projects; updated and reformed the use of hatcheries to recover imperiled fish populations; worked with landowners, government agencies, Native American tribes, and other conservation groups to repair damaged fish habitats; protected remaining health habitats; revised harvest practices to support sustainable trout and salmon populations; and, worked through the federal licensing process and negotiated with private landowners to ensure dams cause minimal harm to fish runs.

Madam Speaker, the determined efforts of all members of Trout Unlimited have shown that restoring a river can result in stronger local communities as well as stronger aquatic environments. For their work to preserve and protect not only trout and salmon, but coldwater fisheries and watersheds across North America, I would ask, Madam Speaker, that you and the entire U.S. House of Representatives join me in recognizing Trout Unlimited on its 50th Anniversary.

RECOGNIZING THE JANE ADDAMS RESOURCE CORPORATION

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 8, 2009

Mr. QUIGLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the outstanding impact that the Jane Addams Resource Corporation has had on the lives of Chicago's residents and the strength of its communities through their groundbreaking and exemplary job training and community building programs.

First created in 1985 to stem the flow of manufacturing jobs out of the Ravenswood Industrial corridor, the work of the Jane Addams Resource Corporation has been met with enthusiasm and success. Providing a variety of Education and Human Development Programs, excellent skills training and support services to low-income and unemployed workers, and Business and Real Estate Programs, the JARC has helped to transform and revitalize Chicago's neighborhoods by strengthening the local economy and putting people back to work. The Corporation's extraordinary efforts have been recognized both regionally and nationally, and its programs have become a model for community and economic development throughout the United States.

Over the past 24 years, JARC has emerged as an invaluable benefactor of communities and neighborhoods throughout the Chicagoland area. Recognizing that strong local communities are often a product of a vibrant local economy, the JARC has employed