

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

## TRIBUTE TO AID TO ARTISANS

**HON. NANCY L. JOHNSON**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 14, 1998*

Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, as Congress moves forward on consideration of the 1999 foreign operations budget, I would like to draw to your attention some of the highly successful international development programs of Aid to Artisans.

Aid to Artisans, headquartered in Norwalk, Connecticut, is a non-profit organization that offers practical assistance to artisans worldwide, working in partnerships to foster artistic traditions, cultural vitality, and community well-being. Through training and collaboration in product development, production and marketing, Aid to Artisans provides sustainable economic and social benefits for craftspeople in an environmentally sensitive and culturally respectful manner.

Over three years, Aid to Artisans developed with Armenia partners the Armenia Craft Enterprise Center (ACEC) under a USAID funded humanitarian assistance program. ATA product designers developed a line of children's sweaters, taught knitters how to create high quality products, and presented them to the U.S. market. Several U.S. businesses now have a reliable supplier and have benefited from importing beautiful new sweaters. Over 600 Armenia women, who were living on a \$5 per month pension, have home businesses and are earning \$50 per month. ACEC is now a sustainable for-profit business and has attracted outside capital.

In South America Aid to Artisans has had similar success. USAID's Microenterprise and Small Producer Support Project began investing in Peru's artisan sector in 1994. Aid to Artisans' role has been to train artisans in business skills, develop marketable products, and take the products to the New York International Gift Fair (NYIGF). At this trade show, ATA linked Peruvian businesses with American businesses. One New Hampshire company found a new supplier of hand-painted ceramics. Neiman-Marcus and Sundance catalogs ordered handmade pottery from Chulucanas, a northern Peruvian village where El Nifio flooded their homes and washed some roads away. In four years American businesses have been assisted by USAID's investment, and over 6,000 jobs have been created in Peru.

In Africa Aid to Artisans has worked hard to promote product development. In a small village named Krofofrom, where there is no electricity, artisans have a long tradition of making brass objects for the tribal leaders of their country. Their technique of using lost-wax casting and recycled brass goes back to the past century. As local demand for their work decreased, unemployment rose, and the youth began to leave Krofofrom for the cities. Aid to Artisans, under USAID's Trade and Investment Program, was invited to work with the ar-

tisans. Quickly, new product lines of candleholders, napkin rings, art objects and decorative components for wood products were developed. The products have been introduced into the American market and U.S. importers have added them to their lines. Gumps catalog featured one of the votive candleholders. Today, there is full employment in Krofofrom, and entrepreneurs from the village are travelling on their own to international markets.

The value of organizations like Aid to Artisans can not be emphasized enough. With the help of our federal funding, Aid to Artisans plays an integral role in creating income and ultimately a better quality of life for disadvantaged artisans in developing countries.

## IN HONOR OF RICHARD KOWALCHIK

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 14, 1998*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the achievements of Richard Kowalchik, who has dedicated thirty years to government service.

Mr. Kowalchik has been an Ohio resident since 1942 when his parents moved to the Cleveland, Ohio area from Pennsylvania. He was educated in the Cleveland Public School System and earned degrees from both Ohio University and Western Michigan University.

On April 1, 1968, Mr. Kowalchik was hired as an Immigration Inspector with the Department of Justice, United States Immigration and Naturalization Service, in Cleveland Ohio. In 1973, he was promoted to the position of a Deportation Officer, where he served for over four years until he was selected as a Special Agent. In that Investigations Program, Mr. Kowalchik advanced to positions of Supervisory Special Agent, Senior Special Agent and Assistant District Director for Investigations. In 1989, he was promoted to Deputy District Director for the Cleveland District.

Through time and experience, Mr. Kowalchik earned respect and dignity from his coworkers. This respect and dignity earned him the right to serve on the Organized Crime Strike Force, working with the Department of Justice and the U.S. Attorney's Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force. On August 31, 1998, Mr. Kowalchik retired as District Director and will be remembered in the workplace as a man of impeccable integrity and fairness.

My fellow colleagues, join me in honoring Mr. Kowalchik, a man who has benevolently dedicated and unselfishly given thirty years of service to the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service's Cleveland District.

## A TRIBUTE TO ROSE CIOTTA

**HON. JOHN J. LaFALCE**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 14, 1998*

Mr. LaFALCE. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call to the attention of our colleagues the extraordinary career of long-time Buffalo News reporter and columnist, Rose Ciotta, who will soon be departing for a new challenge, and I'm sure continued success, in Philadelphia. She will be receiving much-deserved recognition this weekend when the Buffalo Sailing Club honors her at its Last Chance Regatta.

Rose, a graduate of Bishop O'Hern High School and Syracuse University, began work for the News in June, 1977. Over the years she became one of the most highly regarded political and feature writers in Western New York. For the past eleven years, she has also written a weekly boating column that is a "must read" for all of the area's sailboat racers, in fact, for everyone who uses the great water resources of Lake Erie and Lake Ontario.

Rose Ciotta's contribution to the Buffalo waterfront cannot be overstated. Her columns have showcased the people and the events that make up our waterfront life and have served to make this great resource accessible and immediate to all of the residents of Western New York. Although an ardent sailboat racer herself, Rose's interests were eclectic, spanning two Great Lakes; two countries, the United States and Canada; and the Niagara River and Erie Canal, as well.

Rose Ciotta's special talent was in presenting the facts or history of an event in the words of those taking part. Her stories about boat races, lighthouse restoration, boating clubs, even legislation, always involved the people behind the operation. She brought glory to those who love the waterfront and never expected any recognition for their special contributions. These people are our neighbors and friends and Rose's interest in their accomplishments made the waterfront a place for all of us, in which we can all take pride.

Rose brought the waterfront to the people of Western New York in a way that no developer or policy maker could. She made it real; she made it fun; she made people care. Congratulations and thanks to Rose Ciotta as she leaves us for The Philadelphia Inquirer. She will be sorely missed.

## NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR METALWORKING SKILLS

**HON. DAVID L. HOBSON**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 14, 1998*

Mr. HOBSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the achievements of four individuals from my district and to support the work being

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done by the non-profit National Institute for Metalworking Skills, or NIMS.

Today, there are approximately 10,000 precision metalworking companies which provide key components for the global market and provide challenging and high-paying jobs for thousands of Americans. These Americans produce high-precision tools, dies, and moldings for industry, as well as the actual components for everything from automobiles to refrigerators.

NIMS has recognized the need for leadership in the development of a portable, measurable, and widely recognized skill standards curriculum to maintain the United States' international leadership in precision metalworking. At the same time, employees can continually improve their training and expertise, and in turn their marketability.

NIMS was founded in 1995 as a non-profit organization to support the development of a skilled workforce for the metalworking industry through the development of portable skill standards. These standards would be implemented by certifying training programs within the industry and within educational establishments to train employees and students to these new standards. NIMS is actively working with states, schools, and companies to form partnerships to implement this comprehensive employee training program.

I am especially proud that four constituents employed in Ohio's 7th Congressional District were the first in the nation to receive the National Skills Standards for Metal Stamping Level III certificates. I would like to recognize the achievements of George Anzek and Tim Conkel from Morgal Machine Tool Company, and Dave Buxton and Kevin Miller from Ohio Stamping and Machine Company. These individuals were recognized in an earlier ceremony in Ohio and were personally awarded these certificates by Ohio Governor George V. Voinovich. My sincere congratulations are extended to these four individuals.

I would like to enclose for the RECORD the following letter by the eight governors of the Great Lakes States. Metalworking is an important component of the economic life of the Great Lakes States, and they have agreed to work in partnership with NIMS to recognize the NIMS occupational standards.

Skill standards are really about unlocking the potential of employees, which makes sense for both employees and employers. The companies where these employees work, which are both based in my hometown of Springfield, Ohio, recognized the value of investing in their employees. Morgal Machine Tool Company and the Ohio Stamping Machine Company offer their employees skill training and performance related bonuses. By making significant and continuing investments in their employees training, they have demonstrated the value of these investments in human capital through consistent improvements in productivity.

I support these efforts to improve our nation's skilled workforce and look forward to the continued development and utilization of the NIMS skill standards model.

## A TRIBUTE TO PENN STATE UNIVERSITY FOOTBALL COACH JOE PATERNO

### HON. BUD SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 14, 1998*

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an old friend who has accomplished something that only five other collegiate football coaches have been able to do in their careers, win 300 games. As a native of Brooklyn, New York and a graduate of Brown University, Joe Paterno came to the Pennsylvania State University 48 years ago and has become synonymous with the university over this time. On Saturday, September 12, 1998, Joe won his 300th game in his thirty-third year as head coach of the Penn State Football team. Joe Paterno exemplifies everything that is good about collegiate athletics without overshadowing the importance of academics. Under this tutelage, Penn State Football has won two national titles and had 29 first-team All Americans and 20 first-team academic All Americans. In addition, 23 of Joe's student-athletes have been chosen in the first round of the National Football League draft and 16 have been chosen for National Collegiate Athletic Association postgraduate scholarships. Joe has made many generous donations to the university, and appropriately a wing of the library has been named in his honor. These noble achievements by such an exceptional and humble man are not surprising. I know that Penn State University is grateful to have Joe as a key member of the university, and so am I. I applaud Joe's accomplishments and wish him the best as he leads Penn State towards a sixth undefeated season and winning another national championship, a goal that is never too far from Joe's reach.

## HONORING THE MEMORY OF REVEREND DOCTOR RANDOLPH D. BROWN (1906-1998)

### HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 14, 1998*

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Reverend Doctor Randolph D. Brown. A man of vision, devotion and tireless service to others in the spirit of God. A man who gave a voice to those who could not speak for themselves.

While in Michigan, Reverend Brown was pastor of two churches. He was instrumental in building the First Baptist Church of Woodlawn Park, Michigan. He became pastor of the Mount Ollie Baptist Church in Brooklyn, New York on May 6, 1939. Pastor Brown has brought many people together in the family of God for the last forty-six years and six months. In the community he was known as the visionary and persuasive voice of the people.

Reverend Randolph D. Brown not only ministered from the pulpit, but also stood as a man of God that led by example. He served on the National Baptist Convention's Board of Directors for many years. He was one of the early members of the Board for the "Voice"

Publications, the newspaper that is circulated throughout the National Baptist Convention, Inc. He held various offices in the Eastern Baptist Association.

Always outgoing and full of life, Reverend Brown was the most prominent pastor in the Brownsville Community of Brooklyn, New York during his ministerial tenure. He was called upon numerous times to negotiate on the behalf of The Baptist Churches in matters of dispute and controversy. He was a steady constant in a sea of change, for the betterment of mankind. He was a strong voice in the transition of Bethel Hospital to Brookdale Hospital. His input in the community was vital in brining into reality the now present Nehemiah Homes, and other similar housing developments. He facilitated relationships with the 73rd precinct to bring about an era of mutual trust and partnership.

The Reverend Doctor Randolph D. Brown was a dedicated pastor, loving father, true friend and an innovator and doer within his community. Those who knew him personally are thankful to have been blessed to have known such a man as Reverend Brown. Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring the living memory of Reverend Doctor Randolph D. Brown.

## IN HONOR OF THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST. PROCOPIUS PARISH

### HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 14, 1998*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the St. Procop Parish for its year long celebration of serving in the Cleveland Community for 125 years.

After the large migration of Bohemian people to Cleveland in the late 1800's, St. Procop was established to serve Czech Catholics living on the west side of Cleveland. Throughout the decades, St. Procop has provided a rich atmosphere of spiritual, social and educational growth to its members.

As an urban parish, the parishioners have a healthy sense of respect for tradition, a commitment to faith, and a friendly welcoming atmosphere for all people. For over a century, the St. Procop Parish has been a viable Catholic presence in the city and today still continues to convey its mission of Christ.

As the St. Procop continues to be a Christ-centered, hope-filled community, the church perseveres to face the needs and challenges of the community through: celebrating, evangelizing, teaching, caring and participating.

My fellow colleagues, please join me in praising the St. Procop Parish, a diverse, charitable and caring parish dedicated to improving the community of Cleveland on their 125th anniversary.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 14, 1998*

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, due to official business in the