

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN HONOR OF LOU "THE TOE"
GROZA

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 6, 2000

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, today I honor Lou "the Toe" Groza for his years of involvement in the Cleveland area.

Mr. Groza was born in Martins Ferry, Ohio and remained in state attending Ohio State University in 1942. Just one year into his college education, Mr. Groza was drafted by the U.S. Army for service in World War II. In the Army he served as a surgical technician in a medical battalion.

In 1946, after his service had ended, Lou Groza returned home to Ohio and promptly tried out for the Cleveland Browns. Just one year after joining the team, Groza was promoted to starting tackle and helped guide the Browns to a perfect (14-0) season and the All-America Football Conference title.

During his extraordinary twenty-one year career, Mr. Groza helped steer the Cleveland Browns to eight championships and led them into another five championship games. In addition to the team glory that Mr. Groza promoted, he also earned individual honors being named to six All-National Football League (NFL) teams, nine Pro Bowl squads and left the league as the all time points and games played leader with 1,349 and 216 respectively. In fact, so impressive was his kicking ability that he still ranks in the top fifteen points leaders in NFL history.

In 1968 the Cleveland Browns showed their respects towards the incredible talents of Mr. Groza by retiring his number (76) in a ceremony at Cleveland Municipal Stadium. The National Football League also paid homage to Mr. Groza by inducting him into their Hall of Fame in 1974.

With his football career over, Mr. Groza did not disappear from public life, instead he remained a fixture in the Berea, Ohio community for more than three decades. The city recognized him by renaming the street of the Cleveland Browns training camp "Lou Groza Way" and assigning the Browns' headquarters the street address 76.

Lou Groza was a patriot, football legend and a city treasure. He will be missed by the entire Northeast Ohio Community. My fellow colleagues, let us recognize Mr. Groza for his years of achievement.

IN HONOR OF COLUMBIA
LIGHTHOUSE FOR THE BLIND

HON. MARTIN FROST

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 6, 2000

Mr. FROST. Mr. Speaker, today I wish to honor Columbia Lighthouse for the Blind and

its sister organizations across the country. Founded 100 years ago, the Columbia Lighthouse is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to providing education, training, and rehabilitation services to individuals who are blind or visually impaired.

Seventy percent of blind adults are unemployed. The Lighthouse organizations are fighting to change that statistic. Since 1931, the Dallas Lighthouse for the Blind has been serving my home district employing blind individuals. Operating for the first several years in borrowed buildings, the organization employed the blind in weaving, sewing, and broom manufacturing. The Dallas Lighthouse has come a long way, now employing over 100 individuals in manufacturing various products, and offering rehabilitation programs for those with vision disabilities.

Today, the Lighthouses are evolving to meet today's changing business environment, emerging in the world of technology and e-commerce. The Columbia Lighthouse recently launched ReelBooks.com, a Web site that retails more than 16,000 audio books, while providing the visually impaired with valuable training in an industry sorely lacking trained employees.

The work of the Lighthouses is changing the face of blind America. Those with vision disabilities have the right to be active, assimilated and contributing members of society. I am proud of the services provided by the Columbia Lighthouse for the Blind and its sister organizations throughout America. The opportunities these organizations can provide for people with vision disabilities are immeasurable. I salute the Lighthouses and the people they serve today.

TRIBUTE IN MEMORY OF FORMER
CONGRESSMAN HENRY B. GONZALEZ

SPEECH OF

HON. JAMES A. TRAFICANT, JR.

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 5, 2000

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, I was deeply saddened to hear of the passing of Henry B. Gonzalez.

As the first Hispanic Congressman from Texas, he was very active in the fight for civil rights for all Americans.

Henry was a close friend of mine before I came to Congress. When he was Chairman of the Subcommittee on Housing and Community Development, he asked me to testify before the subcommittee. At that time I was Sheriff of Mahoning County and had refused to sign transfer deeds for foreclosures on homes in my district. He also helped me to pass legislation that provides counseling to homeowners who are in danger of losing their homes.

Henry B. Gonzalez was truly a great American with a lot of guts, who will be greatly missed. I extend my deepest sympathy to his family.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 6, 2000

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained in my district on Friday, November 3, and I would like the RECORD to indicate how I would have voted had I been present.

For rollcall vote No. 593, I would have voted "yea."

For rollcall vote No. 594, I would have voted "yea."

Mr. Speaker, I was also unavoidably detained in my district on Monday and Tuesday, November 13-14, and I would like the RECORD to indicate how I would have voted had I been present.

For rollcall vote No. 595, I would have voted "nay."

For rollcall vote No. 596, I would have voted "nay."

For rollcall vote No. 597, I would have voted "yea."

THE TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE MOST REVEREND
ANTHONY M. PILLA AS BISHOP OF
CLEVELAND

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 6, 2000

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, today I honor Reverend Anthony Michael Pilla. He will be celebrating the twentieth anniversary of his position as Bishop of Cleveland on January 7, 2001.

Born in Cleveland, Reverend Pilla was educated in a combination of both public and private schools. He was ordained into the priesthood on May 23, 1959. Throughout his life he has shown commendable dedication to the promotion of religion and harmony within the Cleveland community. Bishop Pilla began his life in the priesthood as Associate Pastor of St. Bartholomew Parish, Middleburg Heights. Pope John Paul II announced his choice of Father Pilla as Auxiliary Bishop of Cleveland on June 30, 1979. The following year he was named the Ninth Bishop of Cleveland.

The Reverend Pilla was well schooled in Philosophy and History. He has also taken a wide variety of positions of responsibility. He was appointed a member of the United States Catholic Conference 1985-1987. His appointment as Vice President of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops in 1992 is a testament to the respect he has earned as a religious leader.

Bishop Pilla has always demonstrated the importance of using faith to transcend religious division, and to address the needs of the whole community. As a result, his work has a

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universal appeal. His pastorals, such as "World Peace" and "A Call for One Another" demonstrate this. Bishop Pilla has been outstanding as a unifying force in the Cleveland community.

I feel blessed to consider Bishop Pilla as one of my personal friends. I have had the opportunity to work with him on a variety of issues for the benefit of the people of Cleveland. Both as a community leader and as a friend, Bishop Pilla has always shown the utmost integrity and honesty. In his work and his life he has shown the highest order of caring for others.

My fellow colleagues, today I speak in recognition of the twentieth anniversary of The Most Reverend Anthony M. Pilla as Bishop of Cleveland.

RECOGNIZING THE PASSING OF
JAMES L. HAIR

HON. MARTIN FROST

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 6, 2000

Mr. FROST. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to recognize the passing of Mr. James L. Hair. Jim Hair was a Navy veteran of the Korean War and faithfully served his country as a civil servant for over 30 years with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. He was recognized throughout the Corps for his depth of knowledge of the organization, his caring disposition, and his wise counsel.

During his career he accomplished a number of firsts for the Corps. On the Sam Rayburn/Town Bluff hydropower project, he developed the agreements with the local sponsors whereby the sponsors paid 100 percent of the total project costs up front, the first of its kind in the Corps. After the passage of the Water Resources Development Act of 1986, he worked on one of the first cost sharing agreements with the city of Austin, Texas. He was the first executive assistant in the Southwestern Division of the Corps of Engineers, a very demanding position that provides a valuable liaison between the Corps and this august body. This is a position he retired from in 1989.

There are several members here today who have benefited from his assistance in developing authorization and appropriation legislation for much needed civil works projects and programs throughout our great nation. For his outstanding service, he was recognized with the Superior Civilian Service Award from the Secretary of the Army, and most recently, he was selected to the Gallery of Distinguished Civilian Employees of the Southwestern Division Corps of Engineers. He was the epitome of the invaluable civil servant.

Additionally, he was a pillar of his community; the first mayor of the city of Briar Oaks Texas; Chairman of the Board of Directors for a multimillion-dollar credit union; and an active participant on the board of many other civic and private organizations. He was devoted to his wife, Wanda, his family, the Corps, and his country. He passed away on November 26, 2000, in Fort Worth, Texas, at the age of 68. Jim Hair, a truly great American, will be sorely missed by his family, friends and the nation.

CONGRATULATING NICK ROWE OF
MORAVIA, NEW YORK

HON. AMO HOUGHTON

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 6, 2000

Mr. HOUGHTON. Mr. Speaker, today I congratulate Nick Rowe, a star soccer player from the 31st.

On September 12 of this year, Nick, the varsity goalkeeper for the Moravia High School Soccer team, broke a 21-year-old national record for accumulating 1,130 saves. The previous record of 936 saves was set by Brian Siebrasse of Malta, Illinois in 1979—three years before Nick was even born.

Nick was featured in the September 25th edition of Sports Illustrated, and on ESPN in celebration of his record-breaking performance.

So, Mr. Speaker, I just wanted to join Nick's family, friends, and teammates in congratulating him on this outstanding achievement. We all wish him well on his future endeavors.

IN RECOGNITION OF
CONGRESSMAN CHARLES CANADY

HON. MICHAEL BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 6, 2000

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take the opportunity to recognize the service and accomplishment of one of our colleagues, Congressman CHARLES CANADY. As the representative for the people of the 12th district of Florida, CHARLES CANADY has made significant contributions to the legislative debate on a number of important issues facing both the state of Florida, as well as the nation as a whole. The people of Florida, and his colleagues in the House, will miss his presence and leadership.

As a result of his service and diligent efforts, Congressman CANADY has been able to achieve significant legislative accomplishments. He introduced and worked to secure passage of the Lobbying Disclosure Act, the first significant reform of lobbying regulations in over a generation. To accomplish this difficult goal, CHARLES took a bipartisan approach and reached across party lines to pass this important legislation without amendments that would have diluted the bill's effectiveness.

Congressman CANADY has also been an active proponent for the freedom of religious expression. To that end, he introduced the Religious Liberty Protection Act, which protects against government encroachment on free religious expression in public places, and that bill was subsequently passed by the House of Representatives.

More recently, I had the pleasure to work with CHARLES and the other members of the Florida Delegation on one of the most significant pieces of environmental legislation this nation has ever passed, the Everglades Restoration bill. As a member of the Florida Delegation, Congressman CANADY can take pride in knowing that his work will contribute to the economic, environmental, and cultural vitality of the state, saving this precious national treasure for generations to come.

We will all miss the contributions and camaraderie CHARLES has shared with us. This will be an exciting time in the lives of the Canady family, as they await the birth of their second child. As a friend and fellow Floridian, I wish CHARLES, his wife Jennifer, his daughter Julie Grace, and the newest addition to the Canady family, the best as they embark upon a new chapter in their lives. I look forward to working with CHARLES in other capacities in the future as he continues his service to the people of Florida.

IN HONOR OF SENATOR GRACE L.
DRAKE

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 6, 2000

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, today I honor Ohio State Senator Grace L. Drake. As senator she held a most distinguished political career, marked by numerous accomplishments and awards. Today, as her 17 years of service to the Ohio State Legislature is coming to a close, I offer my recognition and admiration for her exalted work.

Appointed to the office of State senator in May 1984, Senator Drake was re-elected handily in November of the same year. She has served on numerous committees throughout her tenure. Most recently, she served as chair of the Senate Health Committee since 1989, and as a member of the committees on Rules, Reference, and Ways and Means.

Widely recognized as one of Ohio's outstanding legislators, she has introduced over 146 pieces of legislation, passing over 60 of them. This remains a record unmatched by any current member of the Ohio General Assembly. Recognizing Senator Drake's hard work and dedication to the people of Ohio, Ohio Governors, and Senate Presidents have rewarded her with key State appointments to the powerful State Controlling Board, chairman of the Retirement Study Committee, and the first chairman of the Women's Policy and Research Commission, among numerous others. Senator Drake has also served as chairman of the Senate Economic Development and Small Business Committee, and has used her knowledge of Ohio's economy to hold economic development seminars in Cuyahoga and Medina Counties. Credited with stimulating economic growth in Northeast Ohio, she was recently appointed to serve on the Ohio Development Financing Advisory Council.

Senator Drake has played key roles in forming and building three major statewide organizations, namely, the Ohio Dairy Strategic Planning Task Force, to address the needs of the Ohio Dairy industry; the Ohio Higher Education Business Council, in cooperation with the Ohio Board of Regents and all of Ohio's public and private universities; and the Ohio Farmland Preservation Task Force, which addresses the issues of farmland loss and the need for preservation.

Due to all of Senator Drake's commitment, she has been the recipient of many awards and honors. The United Conservatives of Ohio chose her to receive the Watchdog of the Treasury Award four times, for her commitment to keeping the costs of government down. She has also been awarded three Outstanding Legislator of the Year Awards from