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TRIBUTE TO ANDREA ALLEMON

HON. SANDER M. LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 28, 1999

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Andrea Allemon who will be named Troy's Distinguished Citizen of the Year by Leadership Troy at their annual community awards banquet on November 4, 1999.

Andrea Allemon's dedication to her community has been extraordinary. As a result of her leadership in the Boys and Girls Club's Taste of Troy to the Troy Daze Festival, almost every event I attend in Troy has Andrea's presence.

As a dedicated parent, Andrea founded the Parent Teacher Organization at Smith Middle School and served as its president. She was also responsible for initiating the school clinics at Smith Middle and Athens High. The Athens All-Night Party was another one of Andrea's start-up events which she supervised for five years.

In her neighborhood, Andrea Allemon has served as an officer, member of the Board of Directors and New Members Chair for the Emerald lakes Village Homeowners Association. She personally welcomes each new family to the neighborhood. Serving as a "foster mom" to an individual who lives in adult foster care, she has opened her home sharing holiday feasts for the past 25 years.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing a remarkable woman for her energy and enthusiasm during her 31 years of dedication and devotion to the people of her community. Andrea Allemon is indeed a distinguished citizen.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LUIS V. GUTIERREZ

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 28, 1999

Mr. GUTIERREZ. Mr. Speaker, on Wednesday, October 20, 1999 I was unavoidably absent from this Chamber and therefore missed rollcall vote 515 (a Journal vote) and rollcall vote 519 (Mink amendment to H.R. 2). I want the record to show that had I been present in this Chamber I would have voted "yea" on each of these recorded votes.

I also missed rollcall vote 516 (Motion to order the previous question on H.R. 2670), rollcall vote 517 (Adoption of the rule for H.R. 2670) and rollcall vote 518 (Conference Report on H.R. 2670).

I want the record to show that if I had been able to be present in this Chamber when these votes were cast, I would have voted "no" on rollcall vote 516, rollcall vote 517, and rollcall vote 518.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JIM NUSSLE

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 28, 1999

Mr. NUSSLE. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, October 25, I was unavoidably detained and missed rollcall votes Nos. 533–536. Had my vote been recorded, it would have been in the following manner: Rollcall vote No. 533 (on approving the journal), "aye"; rollcall vote No. 534 (to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 754), "aye"; rollcall vote No. 535 (to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 2303), "aye"; rollcall vote No. 536 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Con. Res. 194), "aye".

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RAY LaHOOD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 28, 1999

Mr. LAHOOD. Mr. Speaker, on August 5, 1999, I asked unanimous consent on the House floor to remove my name as a cosponsor of H.R. 850, the Security and Freedom through Encryption (SAFE) Act. However, as a result of House Report 106–117 being filed with the House Clerk, House rules prohibited further action on the bill. Consequently, my name was not removed as a cosponsor. Please let the RECORD show that it was my intent to no longer be listed as a cosponsor of H.R. 850.

IN TRIBUTE TO JOHN J. INGHAM, DISTRICT DIRECTOR, BUFFALO OFFICE, UNITED STATES IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE

HON. JACK QUINN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 28, 1999

Mr. QUINN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to submit for the RECORD a proclamation, which I offer with the distinguished members of the New York Congressional Delegation: Senator DANIEL PATRICK MOYNIHAN; Senator CHARLES E. SCHUMER; Congressman JOHN LAFALCE; Congressman AMO HOUGHTON and Congressman THOMAS REYNOLDS on the occasion of the retirement of John J. Ingham from his numerous years of government service with the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service.

PROCLAMATION

Whereas, On November 2, 1999, John J. Ingham will complete 40 years and 9 months of government service with the U.S. Immigration & Naturalization Service, including military time, with his last 10 years as District Director of Buffalo, New York; and

Whereas, During Mr. Ingham's government career he rose through the ranks at the INS Buffalo District as Immigration Inspector, Immigration Examiner, Supervisory Examiner, Assistant District Director for Examinations, Deputy District Director to his present position as District Director; and

Whereas, No District Director has been more proactive and more vocal at promoting his district's agenda. Mr. Ingham ushered in a golden age for the Buffalo District of the INS during the 1990's; and

Whereas, Under Mr. Ingham's guidance the Buffalo District developed a national reputation for excellence. Through his direction the INS moved its local operations into a brand new state of the art facility in 1995. In 1998 the Batavia Federal Detention Facility was completed with over four hundred beds to increase the ability of the District to deal with immigration detainees. Furthermore, one immigration Judgeship was reestablished and two more added to the Buffalo District allowing it to be more efficient. Other noteworthy projects came to fruition under Mr. Ingham's direction, including remodeled or newly constructed inspection facilities at Niagara Falls, Toronto, Ottawa, and Montreal; and

Whereas, Under Mr. Ingham's leadership the Buffalo District has become commonly referred to as the "District that works." INS Buffalo is noteworthy for the operational achievements developed during Mr. Ingham's tenure. His employees will be his legacy as they lead the Service into the next millennium as intuitive, responsible, and productive members of the U.S. Immigration & Naturalization Service.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Members of the 106th Congress of the United States of America on this the twenty-ninth day of October in the year of nineteen hundred and ninety-nine proclaim their gratitude and admiration to John J. Ingham for his forty years of commitment and dedication to the United States of America. Proclaimed by: Senator DANIEL PATRICK MOYNIHAN; Senator CHARLES E. SCHUMER; Congressman JACK QUINN; Congressman AMO HOUGHTON; Congressman JOHN J. LAFALCE; Congressman THOMAS REYNOLDS.

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF 4–H CLUBS

SPEECH OF

HON. HENRY BONILLA

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 25, 1999

Mr. BONILLA. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of this legislation "recognizing the contributions of 4–H clubs and their members to voluntary community service."

4–H clubs serve as outstanding youth development programs for the youngsters of rural and urban America. They give our young people great opportunities and skills. They provide a sense of accomplishment through a job well done. 4–H provides career-oriented education and after-school safe havens.

But in a larger sense, participation in 4–H has effects far beyond the students participating. By instilling in the youth of today, values and morals which will give them the power to make ethical decisions. 4–H helps develop the leaders of this nation's tomorrow. The ability to recognize and participate, voluntarily, in community service activities is perhaps one of the greatest ethics we can teach our youth.

Volunteering to help others is a part of the American culture. American history is full of people who not only recognized that the world is full of need, but also did something about it. They decided to make their communities better places. In today's seemingly self-oriented society it is refreshing to see young people recognize the needs of others and volunteer their time to benefit those who need help.

The young people of 4–H programs across the nation have set an example of unwavering cheerful service to benefitting the welfare of others. These youth are truly displaying leadership through service to their fellow man and I take great pride in recognizing their contributions to building better communities. We

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