

me in wishing the Baumann family and Cathey's Valley continued success for the years to come.

A TRIBUTE TO DUANE ROHMALLER

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 18, 1999

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this time to honor Duane Rohmaller of Christ Lutheran Church and School in Costa Mesa, California upon the announcement of his retirement following forty-one years as a valued Lutheran educator, administrator and friend.

Mr. Rohmaller's friends and admirers are planning a weekend celebration to honor his many contributions to our children, our communities, our faith and our future.

I know Mr. Rohmaller best from his service as my eighth grade teacher at Holy Cross Lutheran School in Collinsville, Illinois. When I reflect on all that he taught me, I am reminded of Proverbs 22:6 "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it."

Thank you Mr. Rohmaller for your teachings, your values, your commitment and your love of our faith. Your life's work will continue to make a difference for generations to come.

PENALTIES FOR EXPOSING THE IDENTITIES OF INTELLIGENCE AGENTS

HON. TOM DeLAY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, I insert the following speech for the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

MANDATORY PENALTIES FOR EXPOSING THE IDENTITIES OF U.S. INTELLIGENCE AGENTS

Mr. Speaker, I commend Congressman Sweeney for bringing this subject to our attention. The nation is being confronted every day it seems with graver and more alarming revelations about breaches of our national security at our weapons labs and other facilities. It should not be overlooked that it was due in large part to the efforts of our intelligence agents that these breaches were first suspected and then subsequently investigated by the FBI and others.

So, it is appropriate at this time to increase the protection for both current and former covert intelligence officers around the world by increasing the criminal penalties for those who willfully divulge their identities to the world. Anyone who deliberately puts American agents' lives, those of their families, and America's security at risk should face a minimum sentence in prison as well. Mr. Sweeney's amendment does that by establishing mandatory minimum sentences for willfully identifying covert agents.

As many of us recall, the current law, the Intelligence Identities Protection Act, was passed after the CIA Station Chief in Greece, Richard Welch, was assassinated after Counter Spy exposed his identity. Ex-CIA agent Phillip Agee was also responsible for repeated disclosures of the names of intel-

ligence personnel and the Supreme Court held that such disclosures are not protected under the First Amendment.

The amendment also addresses the absurdity in the law that allows people to obtain information about former U.S. intelligence activities under the Freedom of Information Act, but does not prohibit people from turning around and identifying intelligence agents who have retired.

To address this shortcoming, the amendment expands the law to include former covert agents under its protections because identifying former agents, their activities and locations not only compromises on-going intelligence efforts, but exposes the former agents and their families to danger and retaliation from our nation's adversaries.

Any individual who has served our country at considerable risk to themselves and their families deserves all the protection we can provide under the law—not only while they serve, but when they retire as well. In this day of vicious, global terrorism, exposing current or former intelligence agents should be subject to severe and mandatory criminal penalties.

The amendment does that and I urge members to vote for it.

TRIBUTE TO RUSSELL "RUSTY" BERRY

HON. MARION BERRY

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 18, 1999

Mr. BERRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a great Arkansan and great American.

He is my wonderful brother Russell (Rusty) Berry. Rusty was the last of four children born to Eleanor and Lloyd Berry in the Bayou Meto community of Arkansas County, Arkansas. They would be filled with pride to see him today, successful and responsible.

Since he was ten years younger than his siblings the opportunity to be spoiled was great. He managed to overcome the influence of his siblings to become an accomplished attorney and stepfather.

The loss of both parents before he finished high school presented a situation that could have been quite negative, but because of strong character passed on to him from our wonderful parents, he managed to successfully negotiate the treacherous waters of the seventies.

As a country lawyer he continues to serve all the people with great skill and not just the ones that can pay. He is a credit to his profession, community, and family.

He is one of the Berry Brothers. This means that he is always there when needed and never questions the need. It also means he has shared many pleasurable days in the field or woods with these same brothers.

He is admired and loved by his nieces and nephews along with his step children. Uncle Rusty being around always brings excitement and anticipation for the children.

He is a part of a vanishing group that came from the Bayou Meto-One Horse Store community where being neighbors and helping each other was a way of life.

The world is a better place for his having been here, and we are all richer because he is part of our family.

I am proud to call him my brother, and think of him with great love and affection.

HONORING CHABAD OF THE FIVE TOWNS ON THEIR SECOND ANNUAL DINNER TO "CELEBRATE THE DREAM"

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 18, 1999

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Chabad of the Five Towns on the occasion of its Second Annual Dinner to "Celebrate the Dream," on May 25th, 1999 and their honorees Mr. and Mrs. Simon Eisdorfer, Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Mark, Dr. and Mrs. Stanley Nussbaum and Dr. and Mrs. Justin Cohen.

I would also like to pay tribute to their spiritual leader, Rabbi Shneur Wolowik, who guidance, dedication, compassion and spirituality has helped Charbad of the Five Towns reach this milestone.

Chabad of the Five Towns opened its doors four years ago with the mission of translating deeply-rooted Jewish concepts into a practical foundation of life, just as the Chabad Jubavitch movement has done for over two centuries.

Chabad reaches out to fellow Jews on a global scale with over 2,300 centers worldwide. In the Five Towns, they have helped hundreds of families both spiritually and materially, whether it be a new immigrant, someone in need, a youth in trouble, or a family or individual who wants to learn more about their heritage, Chabad is there to help. In addition, they believe Judaism should be celebrated with joy, excitement, and enthusiasm, whether it be a holiday celebration, a Passover Seder, a Shabbaton Dinner, a family barbecue, or an outing.

Most importantly, Chabad sees its children as proud Americans, knowledgeable of our country's rich history and democratic ideals, and is pleased with the special relationship between Israel and the United States.

I commend Chabad for its philosophy of inclusion and acceptance, treating every human being as special and worthy, deserving of attention and support, regardless of their religious affiliation or background. It is this embracing of all, without expecting anything in return, that has given impetus to the impressive growth of the Chabad of the Five Towns. After only four years, they are now "Celebrating the Dream" of a beautiful new expanded facility in which they can continue to serve the community. I wish to thank them for their tireless efforts and outstanding contributions that have bettered the lives of so many.

INTRODUCTION OF H.R. 1789

HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 18, 1999

Mr. PAUL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to enlist support for a bill I have introduced to repeal statutes which have now resulted in more than one hundred years of government intervention in the marketplace. In 1890, at the behest of Senator Sherman, the Sherman Antitrust Act was passed allowing the federal government

to intervene in the process of competition, inter alia, whenever a firm captured market share by offering a better product at a lower price. The Market Process Restoration Act of 1999, H.R. 1789, will preclude such intervention.

Antitrust statutes governmentally facilitate interference in the voluntary market transactions of individuals. Evaluation of the antitrust laws has not proceeded from an analysis of their nature or of their necessary consequences, but from an impressionistic reaction to their announced gain.

Alan Greenspan, now Chairman of the Federal Reserve, described the "world of antitrust" as "reminiscent of Alice's Wonderland: Everything seemingly is, yet apparently isn't, simultaneously." Antitrust is, according to Greenspan "a world in which competition is lauded as the basic axiom and guiding principle, yet, 'too much' competition is condemned as 'cutthroat'. * * * A world in which actions designed to limit competition are branded as criminal when taken by businessmen, yet praised as 'enlightened' when initiated by government. A world in which the law is so vague that businessmen have no way of knowing whether specific actions will be declared illegal until they hear the judge's verdict—after the fact." And, of course, obscure, incoherent, and vague legislation can make legality unattainable by anyone, or at least unattainable without an unauthorized revision which itself impairs legality.

The Sherman Act was a tool used to regulate some of the most competitive industries in America, which were rapidly expanding their output and reducing their prices, much to the dismay of their less efficient (but politically influential) competitors. The Sherman Act, moreover, was used as a political fig leaf to shield the real cause of monopoly in the late 1880's—protectionism. The chief sponsor of the 1890 tariff bill, passed just three months after the Sherman Act, was none other than Senator Sherman himself.

One function of the Sherman Act was to divert public attention from the certain source of monopoly—Government's grant of exclusive privilege. But, as George Reisman, Professor of Economics at Pepperdine University's Graziadio School of Business and Management in Los Angeles, explains "everyone, it seems, took for granted the prevailing belief that the essential feature of monopoly is that a given product or service is provided by just one supplier. On this view of things, Microsoft, like Alcoa and Standard Oil before it, belongs in the same category as the old British East India Company or such more recent instances of companies with exclusive government franchises as the local gas or electric company or the U.S. Postal Service with respect to the delivery of first class mail. What all of these cases have in common, and which is considered essential to the existence of monopoly, according to the prevailing view, is that they all represent instances in which there is only one seller. By the same token, what is not considered essential, according to the prevailing view of monopoly, is whether the seller's position depends on the initiation of physical force or, to the contrary, is achieved as the result of freedom of competition and the choice of the market."

Microsoft, Alcoa, and Standard Oil represent cases of a sole supplier, or at least come close to such a case. However, totally unlike

the cases of exclusive government franchises, their position in the market is not (or was not) the result of the initiation of physical force but rather the result of their successful free competition. That is, they became sole suppliers by virtue of being able to produce products profitably at prices too low for other suppliers to remain in or enter the market, or to produce products whose performance and quality others simply could not match.

Even proponents of antitrust prosecution acknowledge this. In the Standard Oil case, the U.S. Supreme Court declared in its 1911 decision breaking up the company: "Much has been said in favor of the objects of the Standard Oil Trust, and what it has accomplished. It may be true that it has improved the quality and cheapened the costs of petroleum and its products to the consumer."

It is the dynamic model of competition under which only "free" entry is required that insures maximization of consumer welfare within the nature-given condition of scarcity and reconciles the ideal of pure liberty with that of economic efficiency. The free market in the world of production may be termed "free competition" or "free entry", meaning that in a free society anyone is free to compete and produce in any field he chooses. "Free competition" is the application of liberty to the sphere of production: the freedom to buy, sell, and transform one's property without violent interference by an external power.

As argued by Alan Greenspan, "the ultimate regulator of competition in a free economy is the capital market. So long as capital is free to flow, it will tend to seek those areas which offer the maximum rate of return."

The purpose of my bill is to restore the inherent benefits of the market economy by repealing the Federal body of statutory law which currently prevents efficiency-maximizing voluntary exchange.

IN HONOR OF REVEREND
MONSIGNOR GERARD LA CERRA

HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 18, 1999

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to recognize a man for whom the South Florida Community has the utmost respect, esteem and admiration, Reverend Monsignor Gerard La Cerra, who will celebrate 30 years in the priesthood on May 24th.

Monsignor La Cerra was ordained into the priesthood in Miami in 1969 and has been indispensable to our community from that moment on.

He has been a driving force in our city, possessing a truly "God-given" ability to bring people together from different cultures, religions and walks of life, for a greater good, both encompassing and dispensing brotherhood, fellowship and most of all, love.

He was instrumental in the very inception of the Archbishop Coleman F. Carroll High School and involved in every step of its formulation from the initial groundbreaking to the final ribbon cutting ceremony.

In 1995, this extraordinary man was designated Prelate of Honor with the title of Reverend Monsignor by His Holiness, Pope John Paul, II.

In addition to the many honors and accolades that Monsignor La Cerra received, he has been a tireless worker and advocate for the people of Miami and has served selflessly.

I would like all my colleagues to join me in honoring someone who is truly an inspiration and role model to everyone in the way that he has lived every single day of his life.

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF JONATHAN P. CURTIS ON HIS APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND THE UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY

HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 18, 1999

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to an outstanding young man from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am happy to announce that Jonathan P. Curtis, of Edon, Ohio, has been offered an appointment to attend the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York.

Mr. Speaker, Jonathan has accepted his offer of appointment and will be attending West Point this fall with the incoming cadet class of 2003. Attending one of our nation's military academies is an invaluable experience that offers a world-class education and demands the very best that these young men and women have to offer. Truly, it is one of the most challenging and rewarding undertakings of their lives.

Jonathan brings a great deal of leadership and dedication to the incoming West Point class of 2003. While attending Edon High School, Jonathan has attained a grade point average of 3.732, which currently places him third in his class of forty-six students. Jonathan is a member of the National Honor Society, and has participated in the United States Air Force Academy Summer Science Academy and the Invitational Academic Workshop at West Point.

Outside the classroom, Jonathan has excelled as a fine student-athlete. On the fields of competition, Jonathan has earned letters in Varsity Track, Cross Country, and Golf. He has also been active in the Edon High School marching band, pep band, concert band, Spanish club, and the D.A.R.E. program.

Mr. Speaker, at this point, I would ask my colleagues to stand and join me in paying special tribute to Jonathan P. Curtis. Our service academies offer the finest education and military training available anywhere in the world. I am sure that Jonathan will do very well during his career at West Point, and I wish him the very best in all of his future endeavors.

MARY ANN MEYER OF
COLLINSVILLE, ILLINOIS CELEBRATED HER 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. JOHN M. SKIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 18, 1999

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this time to honor Mary Ann Meyer of Collinsville, Illinois who turned 100 on March 22, 1999.