

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO WILLIAM J.
BOARMAN, 26TH PUBLIC PRINTER
OF THE UNITED STATES

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 21, 2012

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, today I urge all Members to join in commending William J. "Bill" Boarman, who honorably and skillfully led the Government Printing Office, GPO, as the 26th Public Printer from January 3, 2011, to January 3, 2012.

Bill slashed agency spending dramatically by eliminating nonessential hires, cutting needless travel, restricting use of overtime and reducing the GPO's annual spending plan for 2011 by 15 percent. He held the line on salary increases consistently with the President's government-wide pay freeze. Bill created a specialized task force to collect funds owed to GPO and within months collected over a third of the money due, some outstanding for seven years.

To avoid potential lay-offs in the future, Bill authorized a buyout of up to 15 percent of his workforce, but excluding from eligibility employees in mission-critical positions. Together with his restrictions on new hires, the buyout plan achieved 94 percent of its goal and reduced the GPO's staffing to its lowest level in a century. This achievement will save GPO and taxpayers tens of millions of dollars in future years.

Bill also worked with the two appropriations committees to provide GPO with funding 15 percent below the prior year but which nonetheless assures GPO's ability to perform its essential functions. To address questions about the work GPO performs for Congress, Bill provided persuasive testimony on the value of the printing services that the GPO performs while at the same time ordering the first-ever survey of Congress's printing requirements. This precedent-setting work, which was commended by the House Appropriations Committee, resulted in the largest single-year percentage reduction in the number of printed CONGRESSIONAL RECORDS delivered to Congress since the GPO began to transition to online versions in 1994.

As a result of these and other efforts, Bill's annual report to Congress reported that the GPO ended the year with a net income of \$5.6 million, a positive result validated by an external auditor. Yet Bill's leadership at the GPO was about more than cutting costs and improving financial returns. He made customer service GPO's primary strategic goal, a direction that earned the agency applause in a government-wide agency survey. He put GPO on Facebook and ordered the development and release of the GPO's first mobile Web application. While continuing the development of GPO's online Federal Digital System and the GPO's plan for a new automated composition system, he emphasized efficiency and agency control over the GPO's digital systems rather

than ceding operations to contractors. He devised and won approval for a new annual investment and spending plan for the GPO that is 6 percent less than his previous year's plan, and which puts the GPO on a path finally to begin retiring several presses that are more than 30 years old.

In other areas of the GPO, Bill's achievements were equally impressive. For example, he pushed forward with aggressive plans to make more GPO space available for lease to other agencies, and at the end of the year the GPO was in active negotiations with several organizations. As a former proofreader at the GPO, his return to the agency restored confidence and bolstered employee morale. Under his watch the GPO observed its 150th anniversary, opening an exhibit of its history to the public and issuing a new book on its past, *Keeping America Informed*. Last month Bill made GPO history by appointing a highly qualified senior manager, Ms. Davita Vance-Cooks, as Deputy Public Printer, the first woman ever to hold that post, and with Bill's departure, she is today the first woman ever to head the agency.

Mr. Speaker, Bill Boarman's tenure as Public Printer set a new standard of achievement for his successors to emulate. In my judgment, the actions of a handful of Senators to block an up-or-down vote on the President's nomination of Bill Boarman deprived Congress, Federal agencies, and the American public of his faithful service during this time of difficult transition when most needed.

Regardless what may come next, Bill Boarman can leave the Government Printing Office confident that GPO is better than when he found it, and that he has left it in good and capable hands. Please join me in offering the thanks of a grateful Nation to a dedicated public servant. We wish Bill only the best.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 113, had I been present, I would have voted, "yea."

HONORING KEVIN KOPP

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Kevin Kopp. Kevin is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1412, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Kevin has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Kevin has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned 31 merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Kevin served as his troop's Patrol Leader and Bugler. Kevin also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Kevin restored a walking trail around St. Luke's Northland Hospital in Smithville, Missouri.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Kevin Kopp for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

IN MEMORY OF FREDERICK J.
GIORGI

HON. TIM HOLDEN

OF PENNSYLVANIA

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Mr. HOLDEN. Mr. Speaker, it is with great sadness that I rise today to remember and honor the life of my good friend, Frederick J. Giorgi. Fred died on February 18, 2012, of natural causes at St. Joseph Medical Center in Reading, Pennsylvania.

Frederick Giorgi was born on December 3, 1930. He was the son of the late Pietro and Elvira Giorgi, natives of Ascoli Piceno, Italy. Fred was a proud 1948 graduate of Reading Central Catholic High School and received a Bachelor of Science degree in 1952 from Villanova University where he majored in Pre-Law/Accounting. He later received a Juris Doctor degree from Dickinson School of Law in 1955.

After earning his law degree, Fred served two years in the U.S. Navy before becoming a founding partner in the law firm of Austin, Boland, Connor, & Giorgi in Reading. During this time he worked part-time at the family business, Giorgio Foods Inc., and its related companies. In 1975, he left public practice to fully dedicate his time to the family business.

Until his passing, Fred was the chairman of F&P Holding Company with subsidiaries Giorgio Foods, Inc., Giorgi Mushroom, Co., Can Corporation of America, Maidencreak Plaza Co., and other companies in the U.S.A. and Can Pack S.A., with operations in Poland, the United Kingdom, Russia, Ukraine, India, UAE, Spain, France, Morocco, Romania, the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Turkey, and Brazil.

Fred's many personal and professional accomplishments were recognized with a number of awards, including a Career Achievement Award from Dickinson School of Law, an Award of Merit from Penn State University Department of Mushroom Science, and a 2005 Officer's Cross of the Order of Merit by the President of the Republic of Poland for outstanding contribution to the development of the Polish economy. In 2008, he was presented with a 50-year Membership Award by the Berks County Bar Association.

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