

TISHCON CORPORATION

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 26, 2005

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the gracious humanitarian efforts of the Tishcon Corporation, a company that manufactures vitamins and nutritional supplements. Throughout the years, this company has generously donated vitamins, nutritional supplements, money, and time to benefit those in need around the world.

Raj K. Chopra, Vipin Patel, and others established Tishcon Corporation in 1977. The company has consistently developed high quality products while always maintaining the high satisfaction of its customers. In conjunction with Vitamin Relief USA, Tishcon Corporation provides free multivitamins each day for more than 14,000 children at risk for malnutrition.

In addition to providing multivitamins for children, Tishcon Corporation has provided over 2,500 multivitamins to at-risk homebound adults and senior citizens every day. Not only does this company provide vitamins and supplements to those in need, they have also donated money to assist in the distribution of these as well.

I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in recognizing the outstanding humanitarian accomplishments of Tishcon Corporation, an exemplary model of corporate humanity and citizenship in today's world of business.

IN HONOR OF BRUCE HORACE
CARLSON AND MATT FRIDAY

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

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Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor two dear friends from the 17th Congressional District of California, Mr. Bruce Horace Carlson and Mr. Matt Friday. Both Matt and Bruce are devoted community activists whose volunteerism and generous spirits have enriched the Monterey Bay region through their work in education, social justice, politics, the environment, health and the arts. Matt and Bruce are soon leaving the Monterey Peninsula and moving to Oregon.

Bruce Horace Carlson was born on April 13, 1942 in Pittsburg, California. Bruce moved to the Monterey Peninsula in 1986 and as long as I have had the pleasure of knowing him, he has been a tireless advocate for Democratic politics and civil rights. In 1999 he became a founding board member of the Monterey County Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network (GLSEN). He was a founding member of the Monterey County Coalition for Fairness and was a founding board member of the Monterey County Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Task Force. He was the co-director of Monterey's first Gay Pride Parade in 1992 and has been involved in several annual Pride Days since then. To say Bruce has been active in local and national Democratic politics would not go nearly far enough in describing the level of his contributions. Bruce has played

a significant role in the 27th Assembly District since 1996 holding various offices and committee seats. He has been a Representative for the Bay Area Municipal Elections Committee in Monterey County since 1994 and has been a board member of that body since 1996. In addition to his many hours of organizing and volunteering locally, Bruce has been a delegate to the California State Convention as well as being a delegate to the Democratic National Convention held in Los Angeles in 2000.

Mr. Matt Friday was born on September 21, 1950 in Ottumwa, Iowa but has made his home on the Monterey Peninsula for over three decades. In those three decades, Matt has made an enormous and everlasting impact on this community in areas as diverse as education, the environment, health, the arts, as well as social justice and politics. I cannot think of any other individual in my district who has donated more time to these issues than Matt. Matt has tirelessly dedicated his efforts to the Monterey Bay community as a volunteer teacher, a co-founder of several environmental projects, a board member for the Monterey County AIDS Project (MCAP) and a frequent contributor to numerous local publications. Matt is also a respected and accomplished organizer in the area of human rights and has organized dozens of educational community forums on issues such as hate crimes, racism, and the PATRIOT Act.

In the area of politics, Matt will leave behind a legacy of thoughtful, energetic and strategic volunteering, planning and organizing from which this community continues to benefit. Matt Friday's name is synonymous with progressive politics on the Peninsula; to say he embodies politics does not overstate the level of his political activism in my district. It would be a futile effort to attempt to list all of Matt's contributions to local politics but some of his most notable achievements have been to co-organize a very successful precinct captains program with neighboring Santa Cruz County during the 2004 election, serving as Chair of the 27th Assembly District from 1999–2003, appointed to be a member of the California State Democratic Central Committee since 1996, serving as co-President of the Bay Area Municipal Elections Committee 2003–2004, and acting as an observer and commentator for KION-TV during the 2000 Los Angeles Democratic National Convention.

It is evident that Matt and Bruce will be missed for all of their contributions and volunteerism to the community, but Mr. Speaker I must also say that I will profoundly miss Matt and Bruce for their kind, warm, and generous spirits. I have spent many evenings in their wonderful home in Del Ray Oaks talking politics and human rights and admiring their gorgeous terraced garden which they lovingly cultivated over the years. I have always felt as if Matt and Bruce were a part of my extended family in my district. I will miss them both personally and professionally.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity on the floor of this great House to thank Matt Friday and Bruce Carlson for their generosity of spirit and for the everlasting contributions they have made to the Monterey Peninsula. I wish them all the best as they embark on a new chapter in their lives.

COMMEMORATING THE 90TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 90th anniversary of the horrific events that occurred in the Ottoman Empire from 1915 to 1923. The Armenian Genocide was a global tragedy. Over an eight year period, one and a half million Armenians were killed and about a half a million more were forced into exile. Every one of us, as citizens of the world, has a responsibility to ensure that the legacy of the Armenian Genocide is acknowledged and remembered so such human tragedies will not reoccur.

We debated for months, as systematic killings occurred in Darfur, about whether the actions there constituted acts of genocide. That is why I rise today to voice my disappointment at the administration's continued lack of clarity when referring to the genocide that occurred during the time of the Ottoman Empire. Falling well short of a declaration, the President referred to the tragedy in his April 24 statement as a "great calamity." Indeed, what occurred was a calamity of such dimensions that the Armenian people are still dealing with its consequences today. But genocide is more than calamity.

I share the opinion of the members of the Armenian Assembly of America who say the President's weak statement, "was a missed opportunity . . . to speak the truth plainly, to once and for all avoid using evasive terminology. . . ." Just as there is no reason to equivocate about what is happening to the people of Darfur, there is no reason to equivocate about what happened to the Armenians 90 years ago. Genocide is genocide.

RECOGNIZING AND HONORING THE
CAREER OF MR. LOUIS J.
DIFILIPPO

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to recognize and honor the career of Mr. Louis J. DiFilippo as he prepares to retire after 40 years of distinguished service in support of our Nation. Throughout his career, DiFilippo has lived the Navy's core values of Honor, Courage, and Commitment, and he has led the Navy and the Naval Facilities Engineering Command through a period of unprecedented challenges and change.

In November of 1965, DiFilippo began his service to the Navy at the Northern Division, Bureau of Yards and Docks in Boston, MA. He started as a GS-2 Clerk, and over the course of his career rose through the Civil Service ranks to become a GS-15 senior manager for the Naval Facilities Engineering Command. He leaves a record of service, professional development, and dedication to our Nation not commonly seen these days.

A native of Boston, and a dedicated member of Red Sox Nation, DiFilippo continued