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September 6, 1984



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A TRIBUTE TO MONSIGNOR GENO BARONI

Mr. Speaker, I would like to join my colleagues today in paying tribute to Monsignor Geno Baroni -- a man who spent his life working toward a more equitable society.

As legislators, we take individual problems and try to solve them by developing legislation to combat them on a broad scale. Monsignor Baroni spent part of his time in Washington working in the Carter Administration as an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development. In that capacity, he created a national program to encourage local organizations to develop their own neighborhoods.

But Monsignor Baroni never lost sight of individuals. He worked on the local level, person to person. Priest, professor, organizer, civil rights activist, coalition-builder -- he worked in all capacities to improve the lives of the urban poor. Toward that goal he built coalitions between different minority groups, asserting that for any group to advance all must work together.

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Even at the most difficult time of his life he reached out to help those around him. Afflicted with mesothelioma and faced with a difficult death, he joined other cancer victims in an effort to combat the inevitable.

Monsignor Baroni had a strong social conscience, and he spent his whole life following that conscience. On all levels, he worked with and for those who have the most to gain in our society -- the poor and those who are discriminated against. He never gave up, never lost sight of the more equitable society he worked toward. He set an example for all of us, showing us all the true meaning of religion in public and private life.

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September 4, 1984

SPECIAL ORDER FOR MONSIGNOR GENO BARONI

Dear Colleague:

A Special Order will be held on Thursday, September 6th, to honor the Memory of Monsignor Geno Baroni.

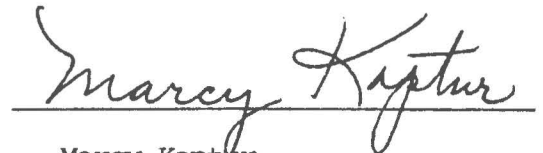
Monsignor Baroni will be remembered for his dedication to principle and his determination to work for the people of this country. He worked in our neighborhoods to bring together diverse groups. He worked with our committees on issues affecting the day-to-day lives of people, and he worked for our country as an Assistant Secretary of H.U.D. on housing and neighborhood concerns. His memory will not be forgotten.

We invite you to join with us to honor the Memory of Monsignor Baroni. Contact Graham Newson (#54016) to participate.

Sincerely,



Barbara A. Mikulski  
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