

IAAS WALKS OF LIFE 1999 Terry Joyce

Your Irish forebears back in County Mayo would be proud of you. As all of us are here tonight.

Through your uncommon vision, your exemplary dedication, and all you have accomplished in your chosen field, you have enriched many lives, brought honor to your heritage, and made lasting contributions—both to the Irish community and to the human community.

In your life as a working man and as a leader, for many years, in the organized labor movement, you have upheld both the dignity of labor and the rights of working people to be treated fairly and with respect. But you never saw your own work as ending with what you did for a day's pay. Thanks to your tireless efforts, many a young man or woman found a summer job or other position that made it possible for them to go to college. And labor was provided for the building of desperately needed shelters on both the East and West sides.

You should take satisfaction, too, in the role you played in Washington, D.C., in helping lay the groundwork for a realistic peace in Northern Ireland...while back here in Cleveland, you have spent countless hours in behalf of the West Side Irish American Club and its many activities. You have been more than the "Voice" (for 24 years) of Cleveland's annual St. Patrick's Day Parade, you have been a voice for dignity, for caring, for good fellowship, for community—things we have much need of as we embark on the next millennium.

For these reasons—and for all you have done for the Irish people and for the Cleveland community—the Irish American Archives Society has selected you, Terry Joyce, to receive the Walks of Life Award. And we would be honored in your acceptance of it.

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