

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN RECOGNITION OF CAPTAIN
HENRY OSBORNE

HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 7, 1998

Mr. HALL of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to one of the greatest men and finest Americans I have ever known—Navy Captain Henry Osborne.

He was born in Ladonia, Texas, January 17, 1924, to Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Osborne. Henry enlisted as a Seaman Second Class in the Navy May 8, 1942. He was designated a Naval Aviator and received a commission as Ensign, April 16, 1943. After a long and distinguished military career Henry retired June 30, 1973, as Captain, United States Navy.

Seeing Captain Osborne on Sundays at First United Methodist Church of Rockwall, I had the pleasure of getting to know him personally. Besides exchanging pleasantries, I had the opportunity to share old World War II stories with Captain Osborne on many occasions.

During these memorable conversations, Captain Osborne told me about the combat he saw in the Pacific during World War II and in Korea. He was a Prisoner of War in Korea from May 23, 1951 to September 2, 1953. Captain Osborne was awarded the Legion of Merit, the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal (12), the Joint Service Commendation, the Purple Heart, the Presidential Unit Citation and the Navy Unit Commendation. As shown by these many symbols of accomplishment and bravery, Henry fought for this country, he was imprisoned for this country, he bled for this country—and, yes, he lived for this country.

Captain Henry Osborne passed away last week on October 1, 1998. Henry is survived by his wife, the former Muriel Kathryn Ogden, whom he married at the Naval Air Station Chapel, Corpus Christi, Texas, October 31, 1947. Muriel knew the pains of fear as her husband was shot down in combat and imprisoned. She served side by side with Henry during the dark days of war and enjoyed the bright aftermath of armistice. Muriel is a lovely and talented lady who has shared her talents with our church choir. She has always been a wonderful wife, friend and partner to a great, great man. Henry is also survived by his three daughters: Kathryn, Henri and Zelma.

Mr. Speaker, I have rarely been as impressed by any one man, as I was by Henry Osborne. Henry was a "man's man." When I looked him in the eye I saw a man who bore the brunt of war. Henry Osborne was the epitome of a Naval Captain. Mr. Speaker, when we adjourn today, let us do so in honor and respect for this great American hero—the late Captain Henry Osborne.

TRIBUTE TO CAROLYN MOORE OF
MUNSTER, IN.

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

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Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is truly my distinct honor to congratulate one of Northwest Indiana's hidden treasures: Carolyn Moore, of Munster, Indiana. The Owner and President of Laughing Cat Productions, Carol's work, "Citizens Financial Services History," has been recognized with a Telly Finalist Award. Since 1986, when she founded Laughing Cat Productions, Carol has been serving businesses, schools, and individuals who wish to have a video produced. Winning a Telly Award is a significant honor, and raises Carol to the top of her field, not only in Northwest Indiana, but across the entire United States. The Telly Awards are a national competition for people and companies who create videos, commercials, and films; Carol earned a Finalist Award in the category of corporate image. The Telly Awards Organization was founded in 1980 to showcase and offer recognition to outstanding non-network and cable television commercials. Past winners include the Ford Motor Company, the American Medical Society, and Pepsi. Carol's Award and Recognition places her among the best in the advertising business.

When I think of Carol, however, the first image which comes to my mind is not her successful professional career, but her extraordinary community activism. Whenever a project has needed a leader or an issue has needed to be addressed, Carol has stepped forward to accept the challenge. I cannot emphasize how much her involvement in the community means to me, and to our region. Well before her career in advertising and production, Carol served our community as one of its most dedicated and successful activists. Beginning in 1978, she helped lead Northwest Indiana's endeavor to create a local television station. Her vision was realized in 1985, with a federal grant of one million dollars for a local television station from the Development of Commerce's National Telecommunications and Information Administration. Today, the residents of Northwest Indiana enjoy the fruit of Carol's labors: WYIN Channel 56, the region's only local broadcast station. Carol's community activism did not stop in 1985, however. For over a decade, she has worked with the Northwest Indiana Literacy Coalition, and today serves as a member of the Board of Directors. She is a member of both the Munster and Gary Chambers of Commerce, serves as the President of the Communicators of Northwest Indiana, and is currently the Vice President of Marketing for the Northwest Indiana World Trade Council.

Though Carol is dedicated to her career and community, she has never limited her time and love for her family. Longtime residents of Munster, Carol and her husband Dave have

raised three children; Jillian, 27; Douglas, 23; and Owen, 21. Outside of her work and volunteer service, Carol enjoys spending her time reading, sailing, and golfing. She plans to continue her work as President of Laughing Cat Productions, and hopes to slowly expand the company. In addition, she intends to maintain her high levels of community service and involvement in the local media.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my distinguished colleagues join me in congratulating Carolyn Moore for her truly well-earned honor, and, though often unrecognized, for her exemplary efforts to improve our region. Carol's community activism and desire to improve our community is commendable and praiseworthy. Whether through advancing the public's literacy awareness, championing the cause of local and public television in Northwest Indiana, or pursuing the economic re-vitalization of Northwest Indiana, Carol's actions have left an indelible mark on Indiana's First Congressional District. We are indeed fortunate to have such a dedicated and self-sacrificing citizen.

TAIWAN TO CELEBRATE NATIONAL
DAY

HON. SILVESTRE REYES

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 7, 1998

Mr. REYES. Mr. Speaker, I rise to join in celebration with the Republic of China on Taiwan on the occasion of their upcoming National Day and to discuss Taiwan's status in the international community and with the United States.

The Republic of China was founded early in this century, and despite a history of struggle, they have been a strong ally and partner of the United States. They have developed a dynamic economy and industrial base with ties around the world. As a result, they are a valued trading partner. Moreover, they share our economic principles and with their economic success are a tremendous example of free market capitalism.

Additionally, they have shown themselves to be a stabilizing economic force. All of us have heard of the financial devastation and recessionary conditions plaguing various nations in Asia, yet Taiwan remains economically strong. They have assisted neighboring countries and used their financial strength to ease the Asian economic crisis and act as a valuable resource.

Taiwan has been able to take this leadership role, despite remaining isolated without a seat in the United Nations nor in the major international organizations. Moreover, despite a lack of formal diplomatic relations with the United States, Taiwan has consistently worked in conjunction with the United States in support of our various interests. With their important strategic geographic and economic position in the world, they are an important ally.

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