EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING HARRY S TRUMAN'S BIRTHDAY, MAY 8TH

HON. KAREN McCARTHY

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 6, 1999

Ms. McCARTHY of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Harry S Truman, the thirty-third president of the United States of America and to celebrate his birthday, which is May 8th. I am proud to represent the fifth Congressional district of Missouri, where Harry Truman spent most of his life. He grew up in Independence, ran a haberdashery in Kansas City, and in his later life helped with the family farm in Grandview.

Harry Truman's first year as President, which he called a ''year of decisions,'' dealt with the end of World War II, the beginning of the Cold War, and the founding of the United Nations. As part of this critical time, Truman spearheaded the Truman Doctrine and the Marshall Plan to resist communist threats and revive the ailing economies of Europe. In addition, Harry Truman was a major player in the creation of NATO—an organization that guaranteed peace in a reunited Europe and remains crucial to our efforts to support democracies throughout the world.

These tough decisions were not immediately appreciated by all Americans. In 1948, Truman's defeat in his reelection campaign was widely assumed, in fact a prominent newspaper printed before the final ballots were counted featured the headline, ''Dewey Defeats Truman.'' Truman's ''whistle stop campaign'' brought his campaign to the people, and his willingness to confront issues and find solutions to the questions facing the country at that difficult time provided him the margin of victory for a second term as the Chief Executive of the United States. Harry Truman is a daily inspiration to me, and as I look at his picture hanging in my office, I draw strength from his courage and determination to take responsibility for the tough choices he had to make and to do the right thing for this country. I hope that our leaders today will also be inspired by Harry Truman and refuse to continue to be like the historic 1948 ''Do Nothing Congress.'' Let us shoulder our responsibility and rise to the challenges before us at this difficult time in our nation's and our world's history.

In my office is a replica of the motto that Truman kept on his desk in the Oval Office: ''The Buck Stops Here.'' Truman referred to this saying often, noting that ''when the decision is up before you . . . the decision has to be made,'' in an address before the National War College in December 1952. The motto inspires me and reminds me that I cannot shirk my responsibility as a Member of Congress. I must make the difficult decisions and cast my votes to do the right thing for this country, our allies, and my constituents. Truman carried his favorite prayer in his wallet, and this prayer is one that we, as Members of Congress, could also find comfort in today, Mr. Speaker.

Help me to be, to think, to act what is right, because it is right; make me truthful, honest and honorable in all things; make me intellectually honest for the sake of right and honor and without thought of reward to me. Give me the ability to be charitable, forgiving and patient with my fellowmen—help me to understand their motives and their shortcomings, even as Thou understandest mine!

Happy birthday, President Truman! Thank you for your service to our nation and the world.

RECOGNITION OF EVA McCLELLAN, GREEN THUMB 1999 PRIME TIME AWARD WINNER

HON. ROBERT A. WEYGAND

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 6, 1999

Mr. WEYGAND. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Eva McClellan, senior citizen from Providence, Rhode Island who was recently selected as a Green Thumb 1999 Prime Time Award Winner.

I am a firm believer that we are all responsible for working hard to accomplish our dreams, and Ms. McClellan is an excellent example of a someone who had done precisely that. As a youth, her goal was to become a telephone operator, but she was later discouraged from pursuing that ambition because of a physical disability caused by childhood polio.

Ms. McClellan persisted in her dream, however, taking advantage of training opportunities and computer classes and striving to improve her skills. Now 67 years old, Ms. McClellan works as an Accessible Communications Assistant for AT&T in Providence, Rhode Island, a position in which she supports the deaf community by relaying conversations between deaf and hearing customers. Her employers have called her ''a valued employee,'' and she herself says that her work is ''so rewarding'' and that she likes ''helping others.'' She has led, and continues to lead, an outstanding life, and serves as a role model to us all.

Part of Ms. McClellan's continuing education has been through initiatives of Green Thumb, Inc. This organization has earned its excellent reputation as an innovative national non-profit institution leading the field of older worker training and employment. Serving mature and other disadvantaged individuals in urban and rural areas, Green Thumb has been an important and valuable resource to communities around the country since opening its doors in 1965. Last year, through Green Thumb and its programs, more than 28,000 senior Americans living on limited incomes contributed an estimated 16 million hours of community service. I salute this organization for its role in improving the quality of life of tens of thousands of our senior citizens, as well as the untold numbers of people who have benefitted from the wisdom and experience of these older workers.

Please join with me in the recognition and appreciation of Eva McClellan and other senior citizens like her. We owe much to these individuals, and to organizations like Green Thumb, Inc., for their significant and continuing contributions to our communities and nation as a whole.

HONORING MADELEINE APPEL

HON. KEN BENTSEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 6, 1999

Mr. BENTSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Madeleine Appel, who is this year's recipient of the Houston Chapter of The American Jewish Committee's Helene Susman Woman of Prominence Award. Helene Susman was a widowed mother of two who became the first woman from Texas admitted to the bar of the Supreme Court of the United States. When she died in 1978, she left a legacy of a commitment to Judaism, a belief in the importance of contributing to the community, and the need for individuals to act responsibly and with integrity at all times.

Madeleine Appel has demonstrated her commitment to her profession, community, and family in such a manner as to distinguish herself as a role model for other women to follow.

Madeleine Appel presently serves as Administration Manager in the Comptroller's Office for the City of Houston. Her work experience with the City of Houston has included a number of positions: Administrator/Senior Council Aide, Mayor Pro-Tem Office; Houston City Council from 1996–1997; Senior Council Aide, Houston City Council Member Eleanor Tinsley 1980–1995; and Administrator, Election Central, ICSA. She has also worked for Rice University.

She began her career as a journalist working as an Assistant Women's Editor and Reporter at The Corpus Christi Caller and Times. Additionally, she worked as the Women's Editor and Assistant Editor for The Insider's Newsletter and as a reporter for The Houston Chronicle where she won the ''Headliners Award.'' She received her B.A. from Smith College in political science and graduated Magna Cum Laude.

Madeleine Appel's community involvement includes Scenic America, League of Women Voters of Texas, Houston Achievement Place, Jewish Family Service, League of Women Voters of Houston, Houston Congregation for Reform Judaism, Houston Architecture Foundation, American Jewish Committee, City of Houston Affirmative Action Committee, and Leadership Houston Class XII.

Madeleine Appel has been married for 36 years to Dr. Richard F. Appel and she is the proud mother of two sons and two daughters-in-law.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Madeleine Appel for her service to her community and to