

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY VALOR AWARD WINNERS

HON. CONSTANCE A. MORELLA

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 12, 2000

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure today to rise and bring to the attention of my colleagues some very special public safety personnel in Montgomery County, Maryland. Every year, the Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce honors police officers and fire fighters who have shown the highest level of dedication to their noble duties. These individuals are being honored on April 14, 2000 at the 1999 Public Safety Awards Luncheon.

The Valor Awards honor public service officials who have demonstrated extreme self-sacrifice, personal bravery, and ingenuity in the performance of their duty. There are five categories: The Gold Medal of Valor; The Silver Medal of Valor; The Bronze Medal of Valor; The Honorable Mention Award; and The Bernard D. Crooke, Jr. (Police) and Leslie B. Thompson (Fire and Rescue) Community Service Award.

The Silver Medal of Valor is awarded in recognition of acts involving great personal risk. The Silver Medal of Valor Award Winners for 1999 are: Police Officer 1 Valentine Schiller, Police Officer 1 Peter Sheng, Police Officer 3 Stephen Matthews, and Police Officer 3 Curtis Jacobs.

The Bronze Medal of Valor is awarded in recognition of acts of bravery involving unusual personal risk beyond that which should be expected while performing the usual responsibility of the member. The Bronze Medal of Valor Award Winners for 1999 are: Police Officer 3 Brian Dillman, Police Officer 3 Claude Onley, Sergeant Dom Fazio, Lieutenant Daniel Irvine, Firefighter/Paramedic 3 Sherry Hohl, Firefighter/Rescuer 3 Ernest Farkas, and Firefighter/Rescuer 3 Jody Nightengale.

The Honorable Mention Award is awarded for acts that involve personal risk and/or demonstration of judgment, zeal, or ingenuity not normally involved in the performance of duties. The Honorable Mention Award Winners for 1999 are: Lieutenant Michael Garvey, Sergeant Robert Phillips, Police Officer 3 Edward Tarney, Police Officer 3 Robert Hunt, Police Officer 1 Theresa Durham, Police Officer 3 Robin M. Dyer, Firefighter/Rescuer 3 Kirk Risinger, Firefighter/Rescuer 2 Stephen Batdorff, Firefighter/Rescuer 3 Anthony Veith, firefighter/Rescuer Larry Lewis, and Firefighter/Rescuer 3 Douglas Hinkle.

The Community Service Award is awarded for dedication and initiative above and beyond the call of duty over a period of time without compensation, that has affected and benefited the citizens of Montgomery County. The Bernard D. Crooke, Jr. Community Service Award Winner for 1999 is Police Officer 2 Charles J. Welter. The Leslie B. Thompson

Community Service Award Winner for 1999 is Fire and Rescue Department Communications Manager Mary Marchone.

Due to the dedicated efforts of these public servants who place the safety and well-being of others above their own, Montgomery County is a better place to live. They have rightfully earned the highest appreciation and respect from myself, the members of the Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce, and from all the people of our community whose lives they have touched. I know my colleagues will join me in thanking these heroes for a job well done.

COMMEMORATION OF THE CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED STATES NAVY SUBMARINE FORCE

HON. FRANK A. LOBIONDO

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 12, 2000

Mr. LOBIONDO. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, April 11, 2000, marked the centennial anniversary of the United States Navy Submarine Force. To commemorate this unique event, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the thousands of sailors who have gallantly served our nation as members of this elite group.

April 11, 1900 ushered in the birth of this outstanding American Naval Force, which has proven its undeniable worth through every major military endeavor our country has asked the Navy to address. In World War II alone, the Navy Submarine Force scored the most complete victory of any force in any theater of war by destroying 1,314 ships between 1939 and 1945. Out of 16,000 submariners, the force lost 375 officers and 3,131 enlisted men in fifty-two submarines, the lowest casualty rate of any combatant submarine service on any side in the conflict.

Now capable of firing missiles from a vertical launch system, the Navy's Los Angeles class SSNs have proven very useful in the more restricted spaces of modern littoral war at sea. Submarine launched Tomahawks have proven extraordinarily effective in a variety of combat operations starting with Desert Storm.

With a drastically reduced force, submariners still manage to conduct both independent tactical and strategic patrols, as well as renewed joint operations with carrier battle groups. Without a doubt, the United States Navy Submarine force continues to be one of the most valuable components to our nation's well-being and security.

Thank you for your tireless effort, dedication, and contribution to America's continued prosperity and happy anniversary.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON MEDICAL SCHOOL

HON. JAY INSLEE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 12, 2000

Mr. INSLEE. Mr. Speaker, today I commend the fine folks at the University of Washington Medical School for doing an exemplary job of preparing doctors and medical personnel for our future.

This year, The U.S. News and World Report rated the University of Washington Medical School as the TOP primary care medical school in our country. This Medical School has been their top choice for the past seven years. In choosing to recognize the University of Washington, The U.S. News and World Report looked at the school's excellent reputation, the quality of the research conducted by its students and faculty, and the low faculty to student ratio among other criteria. I would like to add to this that the University of Washington Medical School is also the leading teaching hospital in the five-state northwestern region of our country.

I am particularly impressed by the specific programs within the Medical School that The U.S. News and World Report recognized for excellence. The University of Washington Medical School has the best family medicine program and the best rural medicine program in our country. Its programs for women's health, AIDS, Pediatrics and Geriatrics are rated in the top five in our country. It also boasts leading nursing, physician assistant and dental programs.

To me, this means that the facility and administration at the University of Washington Medical School is producing the very best of the doctors who will care for our families, our parents and our children. I know that the students who attend the Medical School will spread out across our country bringing the wisdom and the skills that they learned at the University. Like all doctors, the graduates of the University of Washington Medical School maintain the gift of life. Unlike most, they have had the privilege of attending the best Medical School in the nation. I am proud that this institution graces the state that I represent and I commend all who have made the Medical School into what it is today.

HONORING THE 138TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA EMANCIPATION ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 12, 2000

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I thank my distinguished colleague, Representative DON MANZULLO, for joining me in our annual observance of Emancipation Day, and for his

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generous and continued attention to the District of Columbia.

One hundred thirty-eight years ago, President Lincoln ended slavery in the District, nine months before the Emancipation Proclamation was signed. In 1862, the existence of slavery and denial of human rights in the Nation's Capital was a contradiction in terms. Today, we use this occasion to draw attention to a continuing contradiction. District of Columbia citizens are still denied basic rights in the Capital of the free world. The District is the only jurisdiction in America whose citizens pay taxes, but are denied full representation in Congress. D.C. residents are the only Americans whose laws can be overturned by Congress, in violation of American principles of local self-government.

I am pleased to note that this year the D.C. Council has passed a bill designating April 16th as District of Columbia Emancipation Day. How much more would District residents rejoice if they had the full representation and freedom enjoyed by other Americans. How much more joyously would they celebrate if the right to vote in this House and in the Senate were their basic right.

Because of a historic court case, we believe this right is within our reach. Two lawsuits on their way to the U.S. Supreme Court, *Adams v. Clinton* and *Alexander v. Daley*, have been consolidated to challenge the denial of basic democratic rights. We are indebted to the attorneys, John Ferren, former D.C. Corporation Counsel; Charles Miller and Thomas Williamson, of Covington & Burling; Jamin Raskin, Professor of Law, American University; and George LaRoche, who handled this case before a three-judge court. And we are indebted to the 75 citizens who are the plaintiffs in these suits and who, therefore, represent all the citizens of the District of Columbia.

Judge Oberdorfer, the distinguished, dissenting jurist in the case, wrote, "Under established constitutional principles, neither the . . . people of the District nor their posterity forfeited [their] constitutional right when the District became the seat of government." In the District, we have a history of recognizing April 16th as a day of celebration. We do so this year with special determination to gain and enjoy all the benefits that American citizenship provides—full representation in Congress.

I salute D.C. Reading is Fundamental for its continued efforts to promote Emancipation Day in the District. Its work inspires our children to read, to learn the history of this city, and to insist, as Americans, upon their full rights.

HONORING JO ANNE DARCY OF CALIFORNIA

HON. HOWARD P. "BUCK" McKEON OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 12, 2000

Mr. McKEON. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize Jo Anne Darcy on the occasion of her retirement as Senior Field Deputy for Los Angeles County Supervisor Mike Antonovich, in the county's Fifth Supervisorial District.

Mrs. Darcy has served as Senior Field Deputy for Los Angeles County Supervisor Mike Antonovich, serving the unincorporated areas

of the Santa Clarita Valley, ever since Supervisor Antonovich was elected in 1980. She has diligently served the citizens of the Santa Clarita Valley in a wide variety of roles, from case work to law enforcement to parks, as well as representing the Supervisor at events in the district. She has performed her job with great dedication, energy, skill and obvious love for the people of Santa Clarita Valley.

Mrs. Darcy is also the Mayor of Santa Clarita. I had the honor of serving with Mrs. Darcy on Santa Clarita's first elected City Council when the city was incorporated in 1987. She has served continuously on the City Council since then, having been re-elected to another four-year term in April 1998. She served as Mayor in 1990, 1994, 1999 and 2000.

Mrs. Darcy has been a tireless and dedicated public servant, both in her elected and appointed positions, and in the many volunteer activities in which she has been engaged. These activities are too numerous to mention fully. However, some of them include serving on the California State Film Commission, chairing the film committee of the Newhall-Saugus-Valencia Chamber of Commerce; serving as Founding Officer of the Friends of the Libraries of SCV; co-chairing and serving as Executive Director of the Western Walk of Fame and Newhall Walk of Western Stars; Founding the Zonta Club of SCV; serving as Founding Member of the SCV Historical Society; Founding Officer to the Association to Aid Victims of Domestic Violence; President of the Santa Clarita Valley American Heart Association; Chairing an annual wine auction that Benefits the SCV Senior Center's Meals on Wheels Program.

Mrs. Darcy has been named the Woman of the Year by the SCV Chamber of Commerce; the Outstanding Woman from the Soroptomists, the Citizen of the Year from the Santa Clarita Elks Lodge, and many, many other honors from community groups.

Mr. Speaker, I look forward to continuing to work with Mrs. Darcy in her role as Mayor and City Council member of Santa Clarita. I wish her all the best in her retirement from Supervisor Antonovich's office.

CONGRATULATING UND'S FIGHTING SIOUX

HON. EARL POMEROY

OF NORTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 12, 2000

Mr. POMEROY. Mr. Speaker, I want to commend the University of North Dakota's Fighting Sioux hockey team for their exciting win Saturday night over Boston College to clinch the NCAA Division I National Championship for Hockey. Congratulations to UND President Charles Kupchella and UND Hockey Coach Dean Blais and, of course, to the entire Fighting Sioux team.

This is the seventh time that the University of North Dakota hockey team has won the NCAA Division I hockey championship. The last time the team won the title was in 1997.

This team out of Grand Forks, North Dakota exemplifies the very best features of our great state. They work hard, support each other, rally behind one another, and, through teamwork, they get the job done. These players are

true champions on the ice, and, like all true champions, they share the glory.

The efforts of these young men are reflected not only in their collective win, but in the honors that some of the individual earned this year. Lee Goren, otherwise known as "Scorin' Goren," earned the tournament's Most Outstanding Player award and led the league in scoring while goalie Karl Goehring, had eight shut-outs during the season. Their accomplishments reflect well on the team, their coach and the spirit at UND.

Just, as they are examples of the best of UND athletics, these athletes are also stellar performers in the classroom. Combined, the team has a cumulative grade point average of 3.12; stand-out goalie Karl Goehring has a 4.0 gpa. To me, one of the most exciting statistics about the team this year is that twelve members of the team were named to the WCHA All-American Academic Team.

North Dakota has much to be proud of at the University of North Dakota. UND's John D. Odegard School of Aerospace Sciences is one of, if not THE, best non-military aviation program in the world. UND's Energy and Environmental Research Center has clients all over the world and UND's School of Medicine and Health Sciences is a national leader in educating doctors for rural medicine and family practice, and has educated about 20 percent of the Native American doctors currently practicing in the United States.

There is no shortage of outstanding programs at the University of North Dakota, but this week, the work of the UND hockey team justifiably takes center ice. They are true champions, and North Dakotans—especially UND alumni such as myself—are proud of their accomplishments.

These men are role models both on and off of the ice. They are skilled athletically, academically and are known for their good sportsmanship.

I want to commend them for their achievement today. These young men represent North Dakota well. I wish them continued success in all of their future endeavors.

TAXPAYER BILL OF RIGHTS 2000

SPEECH OF

HON. MAX SANDLIN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 11, 2000

Mr. SANDLIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of the Taxpayer Bill of Rights 2000. This legislation offers strong protections of taxpayers, including much-needed safeguards on personal information. This bill recognizes the importance of protecting taxpayers' privacy and would help prevent the illegal disclosure of personal information.

The Taxpayer Bill of Rights, however, fulfills only a small part of our obligation to protect individual privacy. Last year, I voted for legislation, the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Financial Services Modernization bill, that contained new federal protections of consumers' financial privacy. This legislation, which passed Congress and was signed into law by the President, allows consumers to protect their privacy by choosing to opt-out of information sharing by their financial institutions.

The protections included in the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act are an important beginning