EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ERNIE FLETCHER

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 22, 2003

Mr. FLETCHER. Mr. Speaker, on Friday, July 18, 2003, had I been present for Rollcall Votes #395, #396, and #397, I would have voted the following way:

Rollcall vote No. 395—''aye''; Rollcall vote No. 396—''nay''; Rollcall vote No. 397—''aye''.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 22, 2003

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask that the RECORD show that on Thursday, July 17, 2003, during consideration of the FY04 Appropriations bill for the Department of the Interior, I inadvertently voted ''no'' on the Gallegly-Moran ''Don't Feed the Bears'' Amendment, to stop the dangerous and unsporting practice of bear-baiting on federal lands, when it was my intention to support the amendment.

This amendment, had it passed, would have banned the unsporting practice of using food to attract bears for slaughter on federal lands. I am a cosponsor of H.R. 1472 because of my strong opposition to the practice of bear-baiting. I will continue to actively support enactment of H.R. 1472.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ELTON GALLEGLY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 22, 2003

Mr. GALLEGLY. Mr. Speaker, on Friday, July 18, 2003, I was unable to vote on the amendments to and final passage of H.R. 2754, the FY04 Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act. Had I been present I would have voted ''no'' on the Andrews amendment (rollcall 391); ''no'' on the Udall amendment (rollcall 392); ''no'' on the Hefley amendment (rollcall 393); ''no'' on the motion to recommit (rollcall 394); ''yea'' on final passage of H.R. 2754, the FY04 Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act (rollcall 395). Additionally, I was unable to vote on the Bell motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 1308, the All-American Tax Relief Act of 2003 (rollcall 396); I would have voted ''nay''; and would have voted ''aye'' on the Motion to Table H. Res. 324, a Resolution Raising a Question of the Privileges of the House.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROSCOE G. BARTLETT

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 22, 2003

Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, July 15, I was unable to cast my vote on rollcall number 364, the Paul amendment to the Foreign Relations Authorization Act. Had I been present, I would have voted ''aye.''

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ERNIE FLETCHER

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 22, 2003

Mr. FLETCHER. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, July 21, 2003, had I been present for rollcall votes Nos. 398, 399, and 400, I would have voted the following way: rollcall vote No. 398—''nay'', rollcall vote No. 399—''aye'', and rollcall vote No. 400—''aye''.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 22, 2003

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, July 21, I was unavoidably detained due to a prior obligation in my district.

I request that the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD reflect that had I been present and voting, I would have voted ''yes'' on rollcall No. 398, ''yes'' on rollcall No. 399, and ''yes'' on rollcall No. 400.

IN HONOR OF THE RECIPIENTS OF THE 2003 NEW HAMPSHIRE CONGRESSIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AWARDS

HON. CHARLES F. BASS

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 22, 2003

Mr. BASS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the men and women of the New Hampshire enforcement community who have gone beyond the call of duty and exemplified themselves through distinctive service to the citizens of New Hampshire.

In 1998, my friend and colleague and now Senator, JOHN SUNUNU, and I first established the New Hampshire Congressional Law Enforcement Awards at the request of current and retired New Hampshire law enforcement personnel. These awards honor the men and women of New Hampshire whose service and professionalism is truly heroic and extraordinary. This Sunday, July 27, a ceremony will be held at the New Hampshire Police Standards and Training facility in Concord to honor the 54 recipients of this year's awards.

Nominations for the award are based on exceptional achievement in any police endeavor, including: extraordinary valor; crime prevention; drug control and prevention; investigative work; community policing; community service; traffic safety; search and rescue; and juvenile training, programs. Individual officers are nominated for the award by citizens, an officer's department, his or her co-workers, a city or town official, or a government agency. All duty-sworn officers of the law, including local, county, State, and Federal law enforcement agencies—and professionals from other States who distinguish themselves in serving the people of New Hampshire—are eligible.

The awards honor law enforcement personnel in one of five separate categories: Career Service Award, Unit Citation Award, Dedication and Professionalism Award, Above and Beyond the Call of Duty Award, and Associate Service Award.

The men and women of law enforcement work every day to protect the interests of our communities, families, and children. As the first responders to emergency situations in New Hampshire, these brave men and women often put their lives on the line to protect the greater good of the community. These awards have been a fitting tribute to our officers and a reminder to all of us of the important role they play in our lives and in our communities.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I offer our appreciation for the service and the dedication of our law enforcement personnel. I congratulate the following recipients of the 2003 New Hampshire Congressional Law Enforcement Awards, and thank the people with whom they work and the citizens they serve for nominating such outstanding individuals:

Career Service Award: Sheriff Walter A. Morse, Hillsborough County Sheriffs Department; Sheriff Robert ''Butch'' Loven, Coos County Sheriff's Department.

Unit Citation Award: Detective Stephen J. Arnold, Portsmouth Police Department; Detective Mark D. Newport, Portsmouth Police Department; Sergeant Michael J. Ronchi, Portsmouth Police Department; Special Agent Norman J. Houle, U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration; Special Agent Edward F. Bals, U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration; Special Agent Steven C. Story, U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration; Special Agent Glen C. Coletti, U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration; Deputy April A. Clarizia, Essex Country, MA, Sheriff's Department; Deputy Tessa M. St. Cyr, Essex Country, MA, Sheriff's Department; Special Agent John A. Mercer, U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms; Special Agent Timothy J. Wyse, U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms.

Above and Beyond the Call of Duty: Trooper Thomas Lencki, New Hampshire State Police; Officer Jeffrey Buskey, Sandbornton Police Department; Officer William H. Wright, Belmont Police Department; Officer

Mike Cote, Gorham Police Department; Officer Jefferey Pangburn, Nashua Police Department; Officer John Newell, Nashua Police Department; Officer John Murphy, Nashua Police Department; Officer Kerry Baxter, Nashua Police Department; Officer Michael Sullivan, Nashua Police Department; Officer Anthony Pivero, Nashua Police Department; Sergeant Michael Smith, Hudson Police Department; Officer Michael Niven, Hudson Police Department; Sergeant John Galvin, Hampton Police Department; Sergeant Joe Galvin, Hampton Police Department; Officer Steven Henderson, Hampton Police Department; Officer John Donaldson, Hampton Police Department; Officer Charles Karpenko, Hampton Police Department; Conservation Officer Brian Abrams, New Hampshire Fish & Game; Conservation Officer Sam Sprague, New Hampshire Fish & Game; Officer Matt Larochelle, Manchester Police Department; Sergeant Timothy Goulden, Nashua Police Department; Officer Mark Fidler, Nashua Police Department; Officer Matthew McNulty, Nashua Police Department; Officer Daniel Donahue, Nashua Police Department.

Dedication and Professionalism: Officer Christopher Hutcheson, Manchester Police Department; Sergeant Bob Therrien, Lebanon Police Department; Sergeant Franklin W. Knowles, Hampton Police Department; Officer William Cronin, Hampton Police Department; Officer Scott Bates, Hampton Police Department; Officer Robert Sparkes, Hampton Police Department.

Associate Service Award: Chief Warrant Officer 3 Peter Cartmel, New Hampshire Army National Guard; Chief Warrant Officer 5 Bruce Gokey, New Hampshire Army National Guard; Staff Sergeant James Ward, New Hampshire Army National Guard; Sergeant Andrew Shannon, New Hampshire Army National Guard.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ERNIE FLETCHER

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 22, 2003

Mr. FLETCHER. Mr. Speaker, on Thursday, July 10, 2003, I was unavoidably detained due to weather grounding my commercial flight. Had I been present for Rollcall votes No. 348, No. 349, No. 350, No. 351, and No. 352, I would have voted the following way:

Rollcall vote No. 348—''nay''; Rollcall vote No. 349—''nay''; Rollcall vote No. 350—''nay''; Rollcall vote No. 351—''nay''; Rollcall vote No. 352—''nay.''

HONORING KGPE–TV

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 22, 2003

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor KGPE–TV in Fresno, CA for their impressive support for our community. In 2002, KGPE–TV donated a total of 2148 spots of valuable airtime towards Ad Council public service announcements.

Throughout the Ad Council's 60-year history, stations like KGPE–TV have helped to address the most pressing social issues of the day. Each year, the Ad Council receives approximately $1.3 billion in donated media for over 40 campaigns to promote awareness about topics ranging from high-school drop-out prevention to AIDS awareness.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to honor KGPE–TV for their ongoing dedication to informing the 19th district of current and socially important issues that improve the lives of our constituents and our nation.

CONGRATULATING DETROIT REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

HON. THADDEUS G. McCOTTER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 22, 2003

Mr. McCOTTER. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to congratulate the Detroit Regional Chamber of Commerce on its 100th Anniversary which it celebrated last week. It is a pleasure and a privilege to commemorate this milestone and celebrate everyone who has contributed to the Chamber's success.

Remaining true to the original slogan ''For the general good of Detroit,'' the organization's 253 charter members and numerous successors have been a cornerstone of the Detroit area's commercial, industrial and municipal advancement for the past 100 years.

Truly, they are rightly proud of their past accomplishments in and future commitment to our community.

It has been an honor to be associated with its members and all their endeavors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JIM RYUN

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 22, 2003

Mr. RYUN of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, unfortunately, I missed three votes in the House of Representatives on July 21, 2003. Had I been in attendance I would have made the following votes:

The Van Hollen Motion to Instruct Conferees on H.R. 1308, All-American Tax Relief Act of 2003. Had I been in attendance, I would have voted ''no.''

Passage of H.R. 1516, the National Cemetery Expansion Act of 2003. Had I been in attendance, I would have voted ''yea.''

Passage of H. Con. Res. 212, Recognizing and supporting the goals and ideals of the Year of the Korean War Veteran. Had I been in attendance, I would have voted ''yea.''

THE PRESIDENT'S TRIP TO AFRICA

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 22, 2003

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to share an editorial written by C. Payne Lucas, president emeritus of Africare, a Washington-based nonprofit organization that operates development programs in 26 African countries. ''Bush Should Listen Closely in Africa'' was published in Newsday earlier this month.

As President George W. Bush leaves on his first trip to Africa Monday, I am reminded of a trip I made to the continent in 1985 with his father, then-Vice President George H.W. Bush. Massive drought and famine were raging in the Sahel region of West Africa at the time. Thousands of people and farm animals were dying, and most men, women and children were spending their waking moments desperately searching for food and water.

Africans were calling for help, and then-President Ronald Reagan sent Bush on a fact-finding mission to West Africa. I was one of a number of development specialists who accompanied him. On this visit, the vice president did not just rely on briefings from U.S. diplomats and highly placed local officials. He went out of his way to engage with—and learn from—people from all walks of life. He spoke with the people at the local level in an effort to get a firsthand account of the enormous odds they faced. Bush listened, and inspired hope. Eventually the U.S. government brought substantive emergency and development assistance to the Sahel nations.

Today, Africa still faces many challenges. Some of these are as familiar as the famine we saw in the Sahel nearly 20 years ago. Others are problems that were barely on anyone's radar screen in 1985, such as the AIDS crisis. But, as it was in 1985, so it is today: In helping Africa's people cope with the problems they face, the United States and the rest of the world need to seek ideas from the people on the ground. On his trip to Nigeria, Senegal, Uganda, Botswana and South Africa, President George W. Bush will seek to build a better partnership, not just with the people of these five countries, but with the continent as a whole. He will be aiming to counter the long-standing complaint that the United States pays little attention to African countries beyond the desire for access to natural resources such as oil.

As someone who has lived and worked in Africa, and focused nearly four decades of work on the continent, my suggestion to the president is very simple: Listen closely and learn a lot. Often, we Americans tend to think of how different sub-Saharan African countries are from ours. But those differences are minor. Africa's people want the same things we want: peace and security, a decent education for their children, health care—a better future. But, unlike those of us in the United States, Africans have far fewer means to achieve these everyday goals.

This is where the United States can make a big difference. People in Africa have faith in America because they realize that we have plenty of experience in managing diversity, getting people from different racial, religious and ethnic backgrounds to work for the common good. Although we don't always realize it, Africans need these same skills in dealing with the challenges of nation-building. An active engagement by the United States can help make this happen in such countries as Sudan, Congo, Liberia and Sierra Leone. For decades, we have remained committed to helping bring peace in the Mideast.

We have engaged in ending bloodshed in Bosnia and Northern Ireland. Africans deserve no less. And, in this present reality, that means the United States should put troops on the ground in Liberia to prevent the continuation of bloodshed. But this issue should not overshadow other aspects of Bush's trip.