

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING JONATHAN OLIVITO

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 24, 2005

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas, Jonathan Olivito has devoted himself to serving others through his membership in the Boy Scouts of America; and

Whereas, Jonathan Olivito has shared his time and talent with the community in which he resides; and

Whereas, Jonathan Olivito has demonstrated a commitment to meet challenges with enthusiasm, confidence and outstanding service; and

Whereas, Jonathan Olivito must be commended for the hard work and dedication he put forth in earning the Eagle Scout Award.

Therefore, I join with the residents of Carrollton, the entire 18th Congressional District of Ohio, Jonathan's family and friends in congratulating Jonathan Olivito as he receives the Eagle Scout Award.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 24, 2005

Mr. POE. Mr. Speaker, due to other obligations in my district, I unfortunately missed the following votes on the House floor on Monday, May 23, 2005.

I ask that the RECORD reflect that had I been able to vote that day, I would have voted "yes" on rollcall vote No. 200 (On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended—the Internet Spyware (I-SPY) Prevention Act), and rollcall vote No. 201 (On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended—the Securely Protect Yourself Against Cyber Trespass Act). I strongly support these two bills because they take important steps to protect the identity and privacy of computer users.

I also ask that the RECORD reflect that had I been able to vote that day, I would have voted "yes" on rollcall vote No. 202 (On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended—Recognizing the 57th Anniversary of the Independence of the State of Israel). As a cosponsor of this legislation, H. Con. Res. 149, I congratulate Israel on its 57th Anniversary of Independence and their allegiance to the principles of freedom and democracy. Israel has consistently been a vital and strategic ally to the United States in the Middle East.

CELEBRATING ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

SPEECH OF

HON. TOM DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 23, 2005

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I introduced House Resolution 280 to honor the immeasurable contributions of Asian and Pacific Islander Americans to our Nation. I want to specifically thank our distinguished Majority Leader for scheduling this resolution during May, which the Congress has designated as "Asian Pacific American Heritage Month" since 1978.

The month of May is important to Asian and Pacific Islander Americans because of two key events. The first occurred on May 7, 1843, when the first Japanese immigrants to the United States arrived. The second important event took place on May 10, 1869, a day known as "Golden Spike Day," as the first North American transcontinental railroad was completed. The Central Pacific Railroad, which was built heading east from Sacramento, California, and the Union Pacific Railroad, built west from Omaha, Nebraska, met near the Great Salt Lake in Utah. Ever since, the country could be traversed by rail from coast to coast. This momentous accomplishment was made possible by thousands of rail workers, the majority of whom emigrated from China.

Like Black History Month in February, Asian Pacific American Heritage Month was established by an act of Congress. A former member of this body, Frank Horton of New York, led Congress to first establish "Asian/Pacific American Heritage Week" through Public Law 95-419 in 1978. Each year, the Week was to begin May 4 to include the important dates of May 7 and May 10. Then, in 1992, Congress expanded the commemoration to designate the entire month of May as "Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month." I am pleased the House is celebrating this significant designation today.

The Census Bureau revealed last year that 5 percent of the total U.S. population is of either Asian, native Hawaiian or other Pacific island heritage. As an example of their achievements, half of Asian-Americans over age 25 have earned a college degree, the highest proportion of college graduates of any ethnic group in the U.S. The corresponding rate for all American adults is 27 percent.

In addition, as the War on Terror continues, it is relevant to recognize the more than 300,000 Asian and Pacific Americans who have served our Nation in the armed forces. Asian and Pacific American service men and women are fighting on foreign soil today, and their sacrifices should be deeply respected. Indeed, they have performed with incredible valor during our Nation's history.

Asian Pacific American Heritage Month 2005 is being celebrated in numerous settings from community festivals to school events across the country. This year's theme—Freedom for All—A Nation We Call Our Own—is very appropriate to the more than 14 million U.S. residents of Asian and Pacific island heritage who call America home.

Mr. Speaker, I urge the adoption of House Resolution 280.

A PROCLAMATION IN MEMORY OF RUDY J. ZATEZALO

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 24, 2005

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas, I hereby offer my heartfelt condolences to the family, friends, and community of Rudy J. Zatezalo; and

Whereas, Rudy J. Zatezalo was a retired press operator with Wheeling Pittsburgh Steel Corporation; and

Whereas, Rudy J. Zatezalo was a member of St. John's Catholic Church in Bellaire, the Knights of Columbus, and the Bellaire Lions Club; and

Whereas, Rudy J. Zatezalo bravely defended our country in the Army during World War II; and

Whereas, the understanding and caring to which he gave to others will stand as a monument to a truly fine person. His life and example inspired all who knew him.

Therefore, while I understand how words cannot express our grief at this most trying of times, I offer this token of profound sympathy to the family, friends, and colleagues of Rudy J. Zatezalo.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 24, 2005

Mr. POE. Mr. Speaker, due to other obligations, I unfortunately missed a recorded vote on the House floor on Thursday, May 19, 2005.

I ask that the RECORD reflect that had I been able to vote that day, I would have voted "yes" on Rollcall vote No. 196 (On Agreeing to the Amendment—prohibiting the use of funds for the sale or slaughter of wild free-roaming horses and burros.)

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