

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN HONOR AND RECOGNITION OF THE COUNCIL ON AMERICAN-ISLAMIC RELATIONS

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 26, 2006

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise in recognition of the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) whose Cleveland office is hosting its 4th Annual Banquet and Fundraiser on Sunday, April 30, 2006. CAIR is a non-profit, grassroots civil rights and advocacy group and the nation's largest Islamic civil liberties organization, with regional offices nationwide and in Canada. Since its establishment in 1994, CAIR has worked to promote a positive image of Islam and Muslims in America. Through media relations, lobbying, education and advocacy, CAIR puts forth an Islamic perspective to ensure the Muslim voice is represented.

Through its promotion of civil rights, research, education, conferences, seminars, internships, and public events such as the Cleveland chapter's 4th annual banquet, CAIR seeks to empower the American Muslim community and encourage its participation in political and social activism.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased that CAIR is working nationwide and locally in the Greater Cleveland community to promote civil rights, civil liberties, and free speech and is able to educate the public about these issues by bringing such an outstanding program to the people of Northeast Ohio for their 4th annual banquet.

VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK

HON. SOLOMON P. ORTIZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 26, 2006

Mr. ORTIZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the goals and ideals set forth by the 2006 National Crime Victims' Rights Week taking place April 23 through April 29. The efforts to raise public awareness for—and participation in—the rights and concerns of crime victims in the United States is the noteworthy message advocated by Victims' Rights Week, whose theme this year is "Victims' Rights: Strength in Unity."

Crime is an indiscriminant crisis that impacts all constituencies. This week is one in which all people are encouraged to strengthen the voice of those victims and survivors of crime through involvement in crime prevention, victim assistance, and community safety.

It is not only through my tenure as a former law enforcement officer that I know firsthand the tragedies of crime, but it is also through the knowledge and experiences that people have shared with me.

A member of my staff has been affected by the consequences of crime very recently. Her

nieces were victims of a domestic dispute that escalated into an appalling scenario. The criminal shot both his wife and six-year-old daughter in the head before failing in his suicide attempt. He was found guilty of attempted capital murder, injury to a child, and aggravated assault.

The long-term repercussions from this horrifying episode will be felt by all family members for the rest of their lives. The mother and child will live their entire lives with the physical disabilities they incurred, as well as the psychological trauma. The daughter suffers from seizures, and the mother has lost vision in one eye, which remains permanently closed.

To help families and victims through such difficult moments, I am proud to support the observance of Victims' Rights Week, which acknowledges crime victims and upholds their rights. The encouragement of public participation promoted by the Victims' Rights movement will support crime victims and address the impact of crime on communities with a single voice.

I ask the House of Representatives to join me and my fellow Victims' Rights Caucus colleagues today in honoring the observance of this noble cause—which through its advocacy for victims' justice, increased public awareness, and community collaboration has revolutionized American criminal jurisprudence.

TRIBUTE TO COLONEL MICHAEL J. CONRAD, JR.

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 26, 2006

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, let me take this opportunity to recognize the long and distinguished career of Colonel Michael J. Conrad, Jr., who is retiring after serving our Nation's military with distinction for 27 years.

Colonel Conrad received a Bachelor of Science degree from West Point, a Masters of Engineering degree in construction management from the University of Florida, and a Masters of Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College. He is a graduate of the Engineer Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, Airborne School, Ranger School, the Combined Arms Services Staff School, the Army Command and General Staff College, the Joint and Combined Staff Officer School, and the U.S. Army War College.

Colonel Conrad has served in many critical positions as an Army Engineer. His Corps of Engineer assignments included serving as a research coordinator at the Corps' Information Technology Laboratory, Waterways Experiment Station, Vicksburg, Mississippi, and as Deputy Area Engineer and Deputy District Engineer with the New Orleans District. He then served as a joint staff officer with the United States Forces Japan at Yokota Air Base, Japan. He served 2 years at the U.S. Army Engineer School, Fort Leonard Wood, Mis-

souri, as the Director of Instruction and the Director of Training. Colonel Conrad deployed to Iraq in 2003 for 6 months and led a multi-functional Corps of Engineers team supporting the United States Agency for International Development. His outstanding service culminated as the Chief of the Programs Division, Office of the Chief, Legislative Liaison.

Mr. Speaker, I know the Members of the House will join me in paying tribute to Colonel Michael J. Conrad, Jr., for his service to the United States and will wish him and his family all the best in the days ahead.

TRIBUTE TO MR. LEWIS GOLUB

HON. JOHN E. SWEENEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 26, 2006

Mr. SWEENEY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to honor a distinguished constituent of the 20th District of New York; Mr. Lewis Golub. Mr. Golub's tireless contributions to his business, employees, and community are outstanding and have resulted in the formation of a successful company that has benefited many.

Over the past 50 years, Lewis Golub has worked vigorously to develop and support the Golub Corporation/Price Chopper Supermarkets, a large and extremely successful supermarket chain in Northern New York. Yet, Mr. Golub does not limit his efforts to his business. As the Regional Vice Chair of the New York State Business Council, an active member of the Board of Directors of the Saratoga Performing Arts Center, the Empire State College, and the Food Marketing Institute, Mr. Golub plays a pivotal role in many other facets of the community, extending himself to the services of his fellow neighbors. In addition, Mr. Golub has received the Humanitarian of the Year Award from the New York Chiefs of Police, the Arthritis Foundation's Accolade for Community Service, and the Community Service Award from the Interfaith Community of Schenectady, New York. These many awards reflect Mr. Golub's strong commitment to his community. He has distinguished himself through his financial support for his community; there are few who possess the same passion.

Mr. Golub has received numerous awards including, the United Way's CEO of the Year Award and the John J. O'Connor Excellence in Leadership Award, as well as the American Marketing Association's Marketer of the Year Award, the New York Capital District Business Review's Executive of the Year Award, and the Capital Region Business Hall of Fame Award, among others. The Golub Corporation/Price Chopper Supermarkets remain a sturdy pillar of business in the Upstate Region of New York.

Mr. Golub's charitable spirit is evident in every aspect of his life. It is through his tenacious character and generous qualities that

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