

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING ROSAMOND PAYNE

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 13, 2008

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Rosamond Payne, a Senior Associate Director in emergency medicine at Kings County Hospital Center. Mrs. Payne is also a Family Nurse Practitioner in emergency medicine as well. It behooves us to honor Mrs. Payne who immigrated to the United States from Grenada where she had vast political involvement in solving community issues and needs.

For many years, Mrs. Payne has been a preceptor for Advance Practice Nurse Practitioner students; has been a mentor in the African-American Nursing Leadership Program at New York University. Additionally, Rosamond has been a professor of nursing for three years at the City University of New York serving on the curriculum committee and as the liaison between the City University of New York and the College of Nursing in the Netherlands.

Mrs. Payne is well respected among the medical profession, having been drafted as a visiting clinical instructor at Columbia and Malloy Universities. To her credit, she entered the medical profession as a registered nurse in 1991, and with her enthusiasm and drive, she empowered people and encouraging them to improve themselves.

She also does community outreach medical educational seminars on stroke and stroke education through the American Heart Association. Along the way, Mrs. Payne has given testimony before the legislators in Albany, New York regarding the drafting of the nursing curriculum to provide an excellent education for nursing students and to improve nursing student graduates to pass their licensing examinations in order to ameliorate the nursing shortage statewide.

Finally, Rosamond has volunteered for years on medical missions to Guyana, South America and even drafted her twenty-year old daughter, Ann Marie, who volunteered in December 2006 and is on her way to medical school herself in the near future.

Madam Speaker, Mrs. Payne is a proud wife and mother who loves her profession. It is important for us to recognize her accomplishments and her selfless service.

CAROLINE PELTON

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

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Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Caroline Pelton of Cameron, Missouri. Caroline is a very special young woman who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by tak-

ing an active part in the Girl Scouts of America, and earning the most prestigious award of Girl Scout Gold Award.

Caroline has been very active with her troop, participating in many scout activities. In order to receive the prestigious Gold Award, Caroline has completed all seven requirements that promote community service, personal and spiritual growth, positive values and leadership skills.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Caroline Pelton her accomplishments with the Girl Scouts of America and for her efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Girl Scout Gold Award.

LIVING BY THE SWORD

HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PAUL. Madam Speaker, it has been said that "he who lives by the sword shall die by the sword." And in the case of Eliot Spitzer this couldn't be more true. In his case it's the political sword, as his enemies rejoice in his downfall. Most people, it seems, believe he got exactly what he deserved.

The illegal tools of the state brought Spitzer down, but think of all the harm done by Spitzer in using the same tools against so many other innocent people. He practiced what could be termed "economic McCarthyism," using illegitimate government power to build his political career on the ruined lives of others.

No matter how morally justified his comeuppance may be, his downfall demonstrates the worst of our society. The possibility of uncovering personal moral wrongdoing is never a justification for the government to spy on our every move and to participate in sting operations.

For government to entice a citizen to break a law with a sting operation—that is, engaging in activities that a private citizen is prohibited by law from doing—is unconscionable and should clearly be illegal.

Though Spitzer used the same tools to destroy individuals charged with economic crimes that ended up being used against him, gloating over his downfall should not divert our attention from the fact that the government spying on American citizens is unworthy of a country claiming respect for liberty and the fourth amendment.

Two wrongs do not make a right. Two wrongs make it doubly wrong.

Sacrifice of our personal privacy has been ongoing for decades, but has rapidly accelerated since 9/11. Before 9/11 the unstated goal of collecting revenue was the real reason for the erosion of our financial privacy. When 19 suicidal maniacs attacked us on 9/11, our country became convinced that further sacrifice of personal and financial privacy was required for our security.

The driving force behind this ongoing sacrifice of our privacy has been fear and the emotional effect of war rhetoric—war on drugs, war against terrorism, and the war against third world nations in the Middle East who are claimed to be the equivalent to Hitler and Nazi Germany.

But the real reason for all this surveillance is to build the power of the state. It arises from a virulent dislike of free people running their own lives and spending their own money. Statists always demand control of the people and their money.

Recently we've been told that this increase in the already intolerable invasion of our privacy was justified because the purpose was to apprehend terrorists. We were told that the massive amounts of information being collected on Americans would only be used to root out terrorists. But as we can see today, this monitoring of private activities can also be used for political reasons. We should always be concerned when the government accumulates information on innocent citizens.

Spitzer was brought down because he legally withdrew cash from a bank—not because he committed a crime. This should prompt us to reassess and hopefully reverse this trend of pervasive government intrusion in our private lives.

We need no more Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act! No more Violent Radicalization & Homegrown Terrorism Prevention Acts! No more torture! No more Military Commissions Act! No more secret prisons and extraordinary rendition! No more abuse of habeas corpus! No more PATRIOT Acts!

What we need is more government transparency and more privacy for the individual!

INTRODUCTION OF THE CONSULTATION AND COORDINATION WITH INDIAN TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS ACT

HON. NICK J. RAHALL II

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. RAHALL. Madam Speaker. Today I am introducing the "Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments Act."

Normally, I would be pleased to offer a bill that strengthens the government-to-government relationship between the United States and Indian tribes. But today, I am disappointed that such legislation is necessary.

It is undisputed that the United States has a legal and political relationship with Indian tribes and Alaska Natives. As such, when the Federal government interacts with Indian tribes, it does so on a government-to-government basis. This, combined with the history of treatment of Indian tribes by the United States, imposes a moral obligation on the United

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