

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE JUNIOR GROUP EXHIBIT TEAM FROM CHUCKEY-DOAK MIDDLE SCHOOL FOR THEIR FIRST-PLACE PERFORMANCE IN THE TENNESSEE HISTORY DAY COMPETITION

HON. DAVID DAVIS

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 17, 2008

Mr. DAVID DAVIS of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Junior Group Exhibit Team from Chuckey-Doak Middle School for their first-place performance in the Tennessee History Day competition. They will now move on to the national competition next week.

The Chuckey-Doak Middle School team, composed of students Emily Frazier and Katie Adams, also took first place with their performance on Women's Suffrage: The Conflict Within.

To understand and present these topics in an articulate way is a noteworthy and outstanding accomplishment. The students have represented Chuckey-Doak Middle School and East Tennessee in an exceptional way.

With their first-place performance, the team will travel to the University of Maryland and compete against other students from across the country at the 2007–2008 National History Day competition.

It is a pleasure to see that these students are taking the initiative to represent their schools in the most upstanding way. Their dedication to knowledge, excellence and hard work is honorable and I congratulate them on their successes.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring Emily Frazier and Katie Adams and in wishing them the best of luck at next week's National History Day competition.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 17, 2008

Mr. HIGGINS. Madam Speaker, I missed several rollcall votes on June 12, 2008. I would like to enter into the record how I intended to vote on these rollcall votes had I been present:

On #405, on ordering the previous question on the resolution providing for consideration of H.R. 6063, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration Authorization Act, I would have voted "yea."

On #406, on agreeing to the resolution providing for consideration of H.R. 6063, I would have voted "yea."

On #407, on ordering the previous question on the resolution providing for consideration of H.R. 5749, the Emergency Extended Unemployment Compensation Act, I would have voted "yea."

On #408, on agreeing to the resolution providing for consideration of H.R. 5749, I would have voted "yea."

On #409, on passage of H.R. 1553, the Conquer Childhood Cancer Act, I would have voted "yea."

On #410, on the motion to table the appeal, I would have voted "yea."

On #411, on the motion to recommit with instructions H.R. 5749, I would have voted NAY.

On #412, on passage of H.R. 5749, I would have voted "yea."

On #413, on passage of S. 2146, I would have voted "yea."

IN HONOR OF THE FALLEN HEROES OF 1-34 BRIGADE COMBAT TEAM

HON. MICHELE BACHMANN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 17, 2008

Mrs. BACHMANN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to 20 heroes who served the people of our Nation valiantly in Operation Iraqi Freedom and who this past weekend were honored at the Fallen Heroes Memorial in Bloomington, Minnesota.

SPC Benjamin J. Slaven, SGT Brent W. Koch, SPC Kyle R. Miller, Staff SGT Jeffrey J. Hansen, Staff SGT Joshua R. Hanson, SGT Germaine L. Debro, SPC Kampha B. Sourivong, SGT 1st Class Scott E. Nisely, SGT Bryan T. McDonough, and SGT Corey J. Rystad.

SGT Nicholas D. Turcotte, Staff SGT Thomas W. Clemons, Staff SGT James M. Wosika, Jr., SPC Carla J. Stewart, SGT MAJ Michael C. Mettelle, SGT 1st Class David R. Berry, Staff SGT Greg N. Riewer, SGT Joshua A. Schmit, SGT Brandon L. Wallace, and Staff SGT Robert J. Basham.

Each made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedoms and each deserves a special place in America's history and America's heart. I join with their friends, family, and comrades who were in attendance this weekend in honoring their memories.

A TRIBUTE TO DENNIS HAWTHORNE

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 17, 2008

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Dennis Hawthorne, owner of Dennis Shipping, a renowned shipping company located in Brooklyn, NY.

Hawthorne is a native of Jamaica, NY and migrated to Brooklyn, NY in 1985 where he founded Dennis Photography and Shipping. In addition, Hawthorne founded the Caribbean American Shippers Association which is now

the largest Caribbean American shipping company in Brooklyn.

Hawthorne's success has led him to pursue various humanitarian efforts in Brooklyn and its East Flatbush community. Hawthorne once stated "give a community of good people, good services, respect and opportunity, and the potential for growth is inevitable." Hawthorne has committed to service and supports various outreach programs; he has donated time and money to community organizations including the East Flatbush Friends Education, Caribbean American Outreach Association, Children Outreach of Jamaica, Kings Highway Development Project, local churches, senior civic organizations, and schools.

It is important that we recognize Hawthorne, not only for his success through his Brooklyn-based business, but also for his commitment to serving the citizens of Brooklyn.

INTRODUCTION OF VETERANS AND SURVIVORS DENTAL INSURANCE ACT OF 2008

HON. STEVE BUYER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 17, 2008

Mr. BUYER. Madam Speaker, today I am introducing the Veterans and Survivors Dental Insurance Act of 2008. This legislation would authorize the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to offer a voluntary dental insurance plan for certain veterans, their survivors and dependents.

Under current law, veterans with service-connected dental conditions, a total service-connected disability, and former Prisoners of War are eligible for lifetime, comprehensive dental care from VA. Newly discharged veterans are eligible for a one-time, comprehensive dental evaluation and restorative services. Additionally, veterans with dental problems negatively impacting a medical condition, disabled veterans receiving vocational rehabilitation training, and certain homeless veterans are eligible for limited dental care. VA also provides inpatient emergency dental treatment at its medical facilities.

In 1997, Congress first authorized the TRICARE Retiree Dental Program (TRDP). As Chairman of the House Armed Services Military Personnel Subcommittee during the 105th and 106th Congresses, I helped champion the TRDP program. It is a voluntary, all-enrollee-paid dental program that currently covers over 800,000 retired members of the uniformed services, including National Guard and Reserve personnel, and their families. This program offers military retirees an affordable comprehensive dental benefit program that covers diagnostic and preventive services, basic restorative services, periodontics, endodontics, oral surgery, and dental emergencies.

Madam Speaker, this legislation would simply provide eligible veterans, survivors, and

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