

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

## CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF RURAL CARRIER MANCEL PRINCE

### HON. LINCOLN DAVIS

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 2, 2009*

Mr. LINCOLN DAVIS of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and service of Mancel Prince, a rural letter carrier from Decherd, Tennessee.

For over thirty years, Mr. Prince has carried out a service that began just 5 days before Christmas in 1899, when the Post Office Department decided to experiment with extending rural free delivery across an entire county for the first time. The service proved viable, and today constituents like mine and all across rural America receive their mail from dedicated carriers like Mr. Prince.

Today Mr. Prince is 89 years old, and has more than 70 years of government service in his past. He first joined the U.S. Army in 1938 and served on active duty in World War II, where he fought for the Allies under the command of General Patton, as well as in the Korean War and the Vietnam War.

Mr. Prince retired from active duty in 1972 as a Command Sergeant Major in Field Artillery, and then joined the U.S. Postal Service. He has served on his route for nearly thirty five years, and currently serves more than 460 boxes over a span of 93.5 miles per day through parts of three counties. He is respected by co-workers and superiors alike and is praised for his work ethic. I understand, too, that he is currently the oldest active employee in the Tennessee District and to my knowledge, he has no plans to retire.

I would ask that my colleagues join me today in rising to honor a great servant of rural America, and a man who has dedicated so much of his life in service to the good of our nation.

## HONORING THE TOWN OF BOURNE, MASSACHUSETTS

### HON. WILLIAM D. DELAHUNT

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 2, 2009*

Mr. DELAHUNT. Madam Speaker, I rise today so that my colleagues in the House of Representatives can join me in commemorating the 125th Anniversary of the Town of Bourne, Massachusetts.

It was on this day in 1884 that the Town of Bourne claimed its rightful independence, a movement that marked the inception of Bourne Incorporated. The significance of the Town's foundation is reflected in historical data that depict a prolonged effort to distinguish its identity. As noted by the 1984 Bourne Centennial Celebration Committee, ineffectual attempts at separation were made in

the late 1770s and early 1800s—but it was not until 1883 that a successful movement began.

In large measure, geography governed the separation. Long trips were needed to get to the town meeting and in some cases to the meetinghouse. But more importantly, the division was a profound expression of the free will of the people. This movement perfectly epitomized the meaning of the phrase “of the people, by the people, for the people.” As the youngest township on Cape Cod, the Town of Bourne should be recognized for what has been its everlasting pledge to the preservation of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

It is of the utmost importance that we pass on Bourne's rich history to current and future generations, and that we encourage the Town's youth to take pride in their heritage. As we reflect on the Town's 125-year existence, we must proudly recognize the pioneers who spearheaded the Town's founding and the superior achievements the Town and its citizens have realized over the years.

I congratulate all the citizens of the Town of Bourne on this auspicious day, and extend my best wishes for a successful and prosperous future.

## HONORING THE LIFE OF GEORGE “HAPPY” IRBY

### HON. TRAVIS W. CHILDERS

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 2, 2009*

Mr. CHILDERS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay respect to the life of George “Happy” Irby. Happy Irby passed away on his birthday, March 27th, at the age of 94 in his hometown, Columbus, Mississippi. He was a man that lit up a room. His perpetual optimism was contagious; his name “Happy,” was not just a nickname, it was a reflection of the way he lived his life.

Happy Irby worked as an activity coordinator at the Columbus Air Force Base's Officer's Club for 50 years. It is here he founded the Happy Christmas Fund, providing gifts for children in need on Christmas morning and giving fruit baskets to the elderly. He will be remembered as one of Mississippi's most avid philanthropists, which is why Mississippi State Highway 706 was renamed George “Happy” Irby Parkway.

Happy was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather and great-great grandfather. Happy was a proud and faithful member of Missionary Union Baptist Church, where he served as an usher.

Madam Speaker, I thank my colleagues for remembering George “Happy” Irby and his family at this time.

## HONORING THE MEMORY OF THE MRS. ABBIE POWE SESSIONS

### HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 2, 2009*

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, Monroe County—and the entire State of Alabama—recently lost a dear friend, and I rise today to honor Mrs. Abbie Powe Sessions and pay tribute to her memory.

A native of Branch in Choctaw County, “Miss Abbie” had been a resident of Hybart in Monroe County for most of her adult life. She graduated from high school in Silas and studied at both Livingston State Teachers College and Troy State Teachers College. A few years ago, she moved into a retirement community in Mobile so she could be closer to her family.

“Miss Abbie” was truly a steel magnolia. She was strong in her faith, devoted to her family and friends and a constant source of inspiration to all who knew and loved her. She was a homemaker and actively assisted her late husband, Jefferson B. Sessions Jr., in his country store and farm equipment business. Their only son, Senator JEFF SESSIONS, credits her hard work and frugality with instilling in him the value of a dollar and the importance of hard work.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in remembering a friend to many throughout south Alabama. Mrs. Abbie Powe Sessions will be dearly missed by her family—her son, Senator JEFF SESSIONS and his wife Mary; her three grandchildren, Mary Abigail Sessions Reinhardt, Ruth Blackshear Sessions Walk, and Samuel Turner Sessions; her great granddaughter, Jane Ritchie Reinhardt; her sister, Mary P. Powe; and her nephew, Harry A. Powe III—as well as the countless friends she leaves behind.

Our thoughts and prayers are with them all during this difficult time.

## FREE FLOW OF INFORMATION ACT OF 2009

SPEECH OF

### HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 31, 2009*

Mr. CONYERS. Madam Speaker, H.R. 985, the Free Flow of Information Act of 2009, creates a qualified privilege to protect journalists from being compelled by Federal authorities to disclose confidential sources or other non-public information they have collected in the course of their reporting.

A court could still compel disclosure when the public interest justifies it—in cases of terrorism or other significant national security threats, for example, or to prevent imminent death or significant bodily harm, or in pursuit of individuals who have illegally revealed confidential private information or sensitive national security secrets.

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