

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

REMEMBERING NORMAN BORLAUG

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 15, 2009

Mr. SHIMKUS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to offer my most sincere condolence to the family, friends and colleagues of Norman E. Borlaug—the Father of “Green Revolution.” Dr. Norman Borlaug applied scientific innovation, compassion for the poor and expert knowledge of agricultural practices to develop and introduce groundbreaking technologies that will forever change the prospects of the hungry and impoverished around the globe.

Borlaug’s development of high-yield and disease-resistant wheat varieties bore results in Mexico, Pakistan and India that stretched the imagination of viable agriculture in developing countries. Recently, Borlaug worked to apply farming practices and methods of increasing food production to Asia and Africa and has continued to advocate the use of biotechnology to combat world famine.

World leaders will honor and continue his legacy by further applying his practices and technologies to future agriculture and food production. Dr. Borlaug has been an example for so many of us who see the hope and promise the science of biotechnology holds.

Farmers who can produce greater yields with less through agriculture biotechnology applications

ving Saunders and carried him away from the burning aircraft, the burning pools of gasoline, and the random detonation of .50 caliber ammunition as it “cooked off” from the Corsair’s burning ammunition supply. Corporal Buss carried Staff Sergeant Saunders to safety, rendered first aid to him, and facilitated his evacuation to a hospital where he was treated for life threatening third degree burns over an estimated forty percent of his body. We recognize Corporal Vernon Robert Buss for his fearless personal initiative, professional dedication and sagacious bravery on 24 January 1945. His actions reflect the meritorious credit upon his person and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Marine Corps and the United States Naval Service.

On behalf of the people of the United States, Congressman DARRELL E. ISSA, Major General Michael R. Lehnert, Commanding General Marine Corps Installations West, and all veterans who have served with courage and honor, we commemorate your service.

CONGRATULATING DAVID CAREY, RECIPIENT OF ROBERT WOODS JOHNSON COMMUNITY LEADER AWARD

HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 15, 2009

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate David Carey on being honored with the Robert Woods Johnson Community Leader Award. David is currently the Human Services Co-op Board Chair of Inspire, an organization that aims to empower individuals with disabilities to direct and control their own services in a way that promotes community life.

David’s journey began in 1988. One evening, as his roommate and a friend were examining a gun, it went off, shooting a bullet into his spine as he slept. In just moments, he went from dreaming of becoming a professional baseball player to facing the rest of his life with quadriplegia. While this sudden change of circumstance would deter many people, David redirected his energy to help other people with disabilities.

Today, David’s leadership impacts the lives of over 500,000 people with disabilities in the Phoenix area. Since 2006, when he led a group of individuals to create Inspire, David has secured long term contracts to provide attendant care services and ensure that individuals across Arizona receive the quality of care they deserve. He has also worked with local transit authorities to create accessible public transportation throughout the Valley of the Sun.

When I was an Arizona State Senator, David would come to my office to lobby on disability issues. It did not make any difference how hot it was outside; David put in the effort and make his way to the State Capitol, usually

on public transportation. I was impressed with him then, and continue to be impressed with his accomplishments now.

The Robert Woods Johnson Foundation Community Health Leaders program each year honors 10 outstanding and otherwise unrecognized individuals who overcome daunting odds to improve health and health care, especially to underserved populations in communities across the United States. The program elevates the work of these unsung heroes, like David, through enhanced recognition, technical assistance and new leadership opportunities. I know he will use these new resources to improve the lives of Arizonans with disabilities.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating David Carey on being honored with the Robert Woods Johnson Community Leader Award. His dedication to creating better communities is an example for us all.

RECOGNIZING 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF FEDERAL CREDIT UNION ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. MARK E. SOUDER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 9, 2009

Mr. SOUDER. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res 556 recognizing the 75th Anniversary of the Federal Credit Union Act and to acknowledge the great work of credit unions throughout the Third Congressional District.

Indiana has a long history with credit unions and in fact, was the first Midwestern state to pass a law permitting their founding. In October of 1923, the first credit union in the Midwest opened its doors in Indiana. Today there are 206 credit unions throughout my state that count over 2 million Indiana residents among its members.

The Federal Credit Union Act of 1934 was originally passed, in part, to help make credit available to underserved communities. These financial cooperatives were organized by people primarily tied together by some common bond. Today, credit unions continue to provide unique services to both their members and communities.

The Chiphone Federal Credit Union of Elkhart, IN has been providing service since 1947 and today has over 17,000 members. They have strong ties to the community and received honorable mention from the Indiana Credit Union League in both the Dora Maxwell Awards and Louise Herring Awards which recognize outstanding efforts in social responsibility and community service and the credit union that best puts the credit union philosophy in action respectively.

In Auburn Indiana, DeKalb Financial Credit Union provides both superior financial service and to support local charities through service activities and donations. The Relay for Life, March of Dimes and WFGA Kite Fly have all

A TRIBUTE TO MR. VERNON R. BUSS

HON. DARRELL E. ISSA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ISSA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to an individual who selflessly risked his life to save the life of a terribly injured Marine, former Staff Sergeant Irving Saunders. Our country has been fortunate to have dynamic and dedicated Marines who willingly and unselfishly risk their lives to keep our country safe.

We recognize Vernon R. Buss for his meritorious actions on the Guiana Airstrip, Samar Island, Republic of the Philippines on the 24 January 1945, while serving as a ground maintenance mechanic, aircraft wing. On this day while performing maintenance duties in connection with operation against Japanese forces in the Philippines, Corporal Vernon Robert Buss, United States Marine, put the life of another Marine over his own. While assisting in the rescue attempt of a crashed aircraft and its crew, Corporal Buss singlehandedly extracted the unconscious and burning body of Staff Sergeant Irving Saunders from the wreckage of a burning F4-U Corsair. With total disregard for his own safety, Corporal Buss rushed to the side of Staff Sergeant Ir-

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benefitted from its community-oriented philosophy. DeKalb Financial serves as a drop off point for Food Bank donations and this past year provided five area students scholarships for college. In addition, DeKalb Financial continues to be a proud corporate sponsor for one of the area's National Historic Landmarks, the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum.

The East Allen Credit Union provides quality financial services for over 2,400 members. Whether it is helping its members plan for the costs of college or assisting in the purchase of the new family car, East Allen has been an asset to the New Haven community for nearly 45 years.

Financial Members Federal Credit Union of Auburn, Indiana has been delivering quality service to the people of DeKalb County since 1972. During its years of operation, it has contributed to its valued members and surrounding community by providing low-cost financial products and service activity and donations.

In Woodburn, IN, the Financial Partners Federal Credit Union has been providing sound financial services to residents and employees of East Allen County for over 40 years. Through its regular contributions to the area food bank and the ice cream socials it hosts for its members, Financial Partners illustrates the personal attention and community-oriented service that make credit unions such unique institutions.

Founded over 75 years ago, The Fire Police City County Federal Credit Union of Fort Wayne, IN not only provides great service to its members, but has won awards from the Indiana Credit Union League for both community involvement and for demonstrating the credit union philosophy in its activities. Activities such as Making Strides Against Cancer, fundraising for the Turnstone Center for Disabled Children and Adults and volunteering for Fire Prevention Week are emblematic of credit unions commitment to the community.

Indiana Lakes Federal Credit Union in Warsaw, Indiana has been delivering quality, low cost financial services to the people of Kosciusko County for over 30 years. During this time, it has proved to be a tremendous asset to its 3,600 members and has contributed to the community through various forms of service activities and donations.

In Elkhart, IN, INVOA Federal Credit Union recently contributed \$5000 to Project Healing Water to assist in its mission to aid the recovery of wounded, injured, or disabled veterans by introducing them to fishing and using these skills for lifelong recreation. Credit Union employees personally raised the funds and the contribution was used to help transport and host veterans at the 2009 event along the Albany River in Ontario, Canada. INOVA is also supporting the economic growth of its community and has partnered with the City of Elkhart to provide free internet service along the downtown Riverwalk and promote future downtown development. This commitment to service is exemplified by its President and CEO, Dallas Bergl, who recently received the Indiana Credit Union League's Professional Achievement award for his support and promotion of credit union ideals throughout Indiana.

In Goshen, Indiana, the Interra Credit Union has been recognized by the Indiana Credit Union League in nine consecutive years for its service activities. These include a financial

pledge of \$10,000 to assist Goshen College fund the construction of a new music building, annual scholarships for high school seniors, along with regular involvement in events like the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life and the Michiana Menenonite Relief Sale. Interra also works to improve youth financial literacy by providing lessons and educational resources on budgeting, credit, investment and savings.

For over 70 years, ITT Employees Federal Credit Union has provided its members and community with first-rate service. Its efforts have led ITT to be recognized as the best credit union in Fort Wayne by an area newspaper survey. The nearly 4000 members of ITT are fortunate to have such a dedicated organization providing them financial services.

In my District, the Three Rivers Credit Union of Fort Wayne, Indiana was honored for its efforts to help alleviate poverty and was awarded 2nd Place in the 2008 national Dora Maxwell Awards for social responsibility. As the primary sponsor of "Canstruction," it brought together high school students and staff from various engineering and design firms to create giant structures entirely out of canned food. Over 80 members of the Three Rivers Credit Union volunteered for the event that resulted in a donation of 83,529 cans of food to the community food bank, the largest single donation in its history.

In Fort Wayne, IN the newly founded Union Baptist Federal Credit Union personifies the personal attention and community-oriented service that makes credit unions such unique institutions. Believing in self-sufficiency through empowerment, the Union Baptist Credit Union provides its 309 members quality financial services and is a welcomed addition to the Fort Wayne community.

United Credit Union in Warsaw, Indiana has been delivering quality service to the people of Kosciusko County since 1997. During the past 12 years, it has contributed to its valued members and surrounding community through service activity and donations.

The Weatherhead Federal Credit Union of Columbia City, IN provides quality financial service to over 2,000 members. Whether it is through financial counseling or low cost home loans, Weatherhead has been a tremendous asset to the Columbia City community for nearly 45 years.

IN RECOGNITION OF SUPERVALU FACILITY IN ANNISTON EARNING ACCREDITATION FROM CAMBRIDGE CENTER FOR BEHAVIORAL STUDIES

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 15, 2009

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I respectfully request the attention of the House to pay recognition to Supervalu in Anniston, Alabama, for earning accreditation from the Cambridge Center for Behavioral Studies.

The Cambridge Center, along with a consortium of universities, consulting firms and insurance companies, developed accreditation criteria in 2001. It was formed to bring behavioral-based safety programs to the work place. Supervalu is one of only seven facilities in the

world that has been recognized for its behavior-based safety programs since audits began.

This accreditation demonstrates Supervalu's commitment in Anniston to help employees support and encourage each other, resulting in a positive work environment that is productive, safe and effective.

In congratulate Anniston's Supervalu for this important distinction.

ALASKA NATIVE CORPORATIONS

HON. DON YOUNG

OF ALASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Madam Speaker, today I introduce a bill that would provide Alaska Native Corporations (ANCs) with parity for an important tax incentive that promotes the permanent protection of land through the charitable donation of a conservation easement.

Primarily, conservation easements are administered under state laws while federal law offers tax benefits associated with them. Under present law, Internal Revenue Code, Section 170 allows taxpayers to take a deduction for charitable contributions of property through conservation easements.

In 2006, Congress enhanced the charitable tax deduction for conservation easements in order to further protect important habitats and encourage such gifts. Congress temporarily increased the maximum deduction limit for individuals making donations of qualified conservation easements from 30 percent to 50 percent of the taxpayer's adjusted gross income. Contributions made by corporations are deductible for up to 10 percent of their income. In the case of a qualified farmer or rancher, the limitation was increased from 30 percent to 100 percent of taxable income.

Many farmers and ranchers are owners of ecologically significant open spaces, but often have limited income. The purpose of the deduction was to create an incentive by providing these farmers and ranchers with some measure of value commensurate to that of the conservation easement donation. Qualified farmers or ranchers are defined as non-publicly traded corporations or individuals whose gross income from the trade or business of farming is greater than 50 percent of the taxpayers gross income. The temporary rules were extended for two additional years by the recently enacted Farm Bill to contributions made before December 31, 2009.

Although subsistence-based Alaskan Native communities are similarly situated to the small communal family farms that are eligible, they are ineligible for these important new tax incentives because they are Federally chartered as C corporations under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of 1971 (ANCSA). Moreover, Alaska Native Corporations have insufficient gross income from the trade or business of farming to be eligible for the enhanced deduction.

Alaska Native communities continue to have a deeply symbiotic relationship with the land even today, relying on important food sources from Alaskan waters and lands. For many communities, with purchasing of food both costly and difficult, nearly 70 percent of food continues to come from the land.