

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT OF LCDR DAN RIEKEN FROM THE UNITED STATES NAVY

#### HON. RON KIND

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 15, 2010*

Mr. KIND. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Navy Lieutenant Commander Dan Rieken, a native of Prescott, Wisconsin, who has led a distinguished career in the United States Navy and proudly served his country for more than 20 years.

LCDR Rieken first enlisted in the Navy as a Fire Controlman in 1984. After graduating from the University of Minnesota in 1991, LCDR Rieken was commissioned an Ensign in the Navy and has helped plan and manage ballistic missile defense programs, assisted in overseeing efforts to ensure the security and reliability of the Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command's through the Y2K transition.

Later, LCDR Rieken graduated with distinction from the Naval War College in 2003 and then received his Masters from the Naval Postgraduate School in 2004. Today, LCDR Rieken serves in the White House Communications Agency as a Presidential Communications Officer, System Engineer, and Program Manager for acquisitions, modernization, and future systems design.

On August 1, 2010, LCDR Rieken will retire from the United States Navy. His dedication to serving his country has been unwavering, regardless of party or ideology. He has worked to strengthen our country's security as our nation transitioned out of the Cold War era and into the Post-September 11th era. I congratulate LCDR Rieken on his retirement and thank him for his dedication to the safety and security of our country.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 15, 2010*

Mr. GERLACH. Madam Speaker, unfortunately, on Monday, June 14, 2010, I missed three recorded votes on the House floor. I ask that the RECORD reflect that had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on Rollcall 355, "yea" on Rollcall 356 and "yea" on Rollcall 357.

#### HONORING MR. DAVID WILDER

#### HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 15, 2010*

Mr. HIGGINS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the years of service given to

the people of Chautauqua County by Mr. David Wilder. Mr. Wilder served his constituency faithfully and justly during his tenure as a member of the Chautauqua County Legislature, serving district 4.

Public service is a difficult and fulfilling career. Any person with a dream may enter but only a few are able to reach the end. Mr. Wilder served his term with his head held high and a smile on his face the entire way. I have no doubt that his kind demeanor left a lasting impression on the people of Chautauqua County.

We are truly blessed to have such strong individuals with a desire to make this county the wonderful place that we all know it can be. Mr. Wilder is one of those people and that is why, Madam Speaker, I rise in tribute to him today.

#### NATIONAL DAIRY MONTH

SPEECH OF

#### HON. RON KIND

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 14, 2010*

Mr. KIND. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of this resolution to support the goals of National Dairy Month. For more than 70 years now, we have been celebrating the importance of the dairy industry to our nation's health, economy, and national security.

If you were to come visit my home state of Wisconsin and travel through my congressional district, you would quickly understand why Wisconsin is called "America's Dairyland." Fields of corn, wheat, and straw are spotted with the large red barns, silos, and grazing cattle that have become the iconic images of dairy farming. It's not uncommon to learn that a family has been dairy farming for generations and that they hope their children will be able to carry on this tradition and way of life.

If you stop by one of those farms today, you'll hear firsthand just how difficult times are. Over the past couple of years, milk prices have been too low while the cost of feed and other inputs was too high. Our farmers today are really stretched thin, having drawn down so much equity in recent times that they're not sure that they'll earn enough to pay off their debts.

More families have been forced to close down their operations, rent out their land, and find another line of work. Not only are these people losing a way of life and imperiling our long-term ability to lead the world in agricultural production, we are also seeing local communities struggling to deal with a major shift in their economies.

This dairy crisis has demonstrated that our confusing and outdated subsidies and price supports simply don't provide the level of risk management that our farmers need. Major stakeholders in the dairy industry have united to put forward serious, creative proposals to reform our subsidy programs. We have an opportunity here to not only provide a strong

safety net for our dairy farmers, but also to lead the way in reforming our commodity support programs.

While National Dairy Month is a great opportunity for families all across our country to remember the nutritious value of dairy products as a major source of vitamins and minerals, we cannot forget how difficult times are for our dairy farmers. Over the months and years to come, I look forward to working with my colleagues on a bipartisan basis to provide a workable safety net to our farmers, while supporting local foods and sustainable agricultural practices.

#### A TRIBUTE TO BRIGADIER GENERAL MICHAEL X. GARRETT

#### HON. BRETT GUTHRIE

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 15, 2010*

Mr. GUTHRIE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Michael X. Garrett, who has virtuously served the United States and the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Brigadier General Garrett has served as the Deputy Commanding General for U.S. Army Recruiting Command in Elizabethtown, KY, since June of last year. During his tenure, Brigadier General Garrett managed, trained, and resourced an organization of approximately 11,500 military and civilian employees located in the United States, Germany, Japan, Guam, and Korea.

His guidance and leadership proved to be monumental in the accomplishment of the annual recruiting mission for the U.S. Army and U.S. Army Reserve, far surpassing all recruiting goals and objectives.

Throughout his career he has been an inspiration and example to both soldiers and civilians alike. He has represented his country proudly as a man of honor and a true patriot. Brigadier General Garrett is an officer of tremendous depth, intellect and vision.

Known as a 'Soldier's Soldier,' he leads from the front, establishes and maintains the highest standards, and relentlessly accomplishes the most complex and difficult missions with ease.

I honor him today because of his dignified and steadfast commitment to the U.S. Army, U.S. Army Reserve, his soldiers, the citizens of this country and the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. DEVIN NUNES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 15, 2010*

Mr. NUNES. Madam Speaker, on the legislative day of Monday, June 14, 2010, I was

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