

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO ALEXANDER, IOWA

**HON. TOM LATHAM**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 16, 2010*

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the city and residents of Alexander, Iowa on the occasion of the celebration of the city's Quasquicentennial during the weekend of June 18, 19 and 20, 2010. Alexander is located in North Central Iowa and is home to approximately 165 people.

The expansion of the Central Railroad of Iowa through Scott Township in Franklin County was a significant development that began the storied history of Alexander, Iowa. In 1885, the town began with the completion of the Alexander station and Alexander was platted by F.E. Carter.

Before Harvey Yaw donated the lot for the first schoolhouse in Alexander in 1882, children went to school in old country schoolhouses, one in every two-mile section. Alexander developed in the 1890's with a dry goods store, livery stable, drug store, hotel, harness shop, pool hall, blacksmith shop, grocery store and churches of various denominations. The community of Alexander survived and persevered through the tribulations of the blizzard of 1911 and 1912, a major fire on Main Street in 1920 and a disastrous tornado in 1925.

One hundred twenty-five years is a testament to a strong and united community that I am also proud to call my hometown. Alexander has continued to survive the test of time, and for this I offer the community of Alexander my congratulations. It is an honor to represent the citizens of Alexander and Mayor Arlen Olson in the United States Congress, and I know that all of my colleagues join me in wishing everyone a safe and successful celebration and an equally storied next 125 years.

HONORING MS. DEANNA WHEELER

**HON. BRIAN HIGGINS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 16, 2010*

Mr. HIGGINS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the years of service given to the people of Chautauqua County by Ms. Deanna Wheeler. Ms. Wheeler served her constituency faithfully and justly during her tenure as the Ellery Town Assessor.

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. Ms. Wheeler served her term with her head held high and a smile on her face the entire way. I have no doubt that her 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. Ms. Wheeler is one of those people and that is why, Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to her today.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. JEFF MILLER**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 16, 2010*

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, I missed rollcall Vote Nos. 355–357 on June 14, 2010, and rollcall Vote Nos. 358–364 on June 15, 2010.

If present, I would have voted:

Rollcall Vote No. 355, Supporting the goals of National Dairy Month, "aye."

Rollcall Vote No. 356, Expressing support for designation of June 20, 2010, as "American Eagle Day", and celebrating the recovery and restoration of the bald eagle, the national symbol of the United States, "aye."

Rollcall Vote No. 357, To amend the effective date of the gift card provisions of the Credit Card Accountability Responsibility and Disclosure Act of 2009, "aye."

Rollcall Vote No. 358, Honoring Dr. Larry Case on his retirement as National FFA Advisor, "aye."

Rollcall Vote No. 359, Providing for consideration of H.R. 5486, the Small Business Jobs Tax Relief Act; and providing for consideration of H.R. 5297, the Small Business Lending Fund Act, "nay."

Rollcall Vote No. 360, Work-Life Balance Award Act, "nay."

Rollcall Vote No. 361, Recognizing the immeasurable contributions of fathers in the healthy development of children, supporting responsible fatherhood, and encouraging greater involvement of fathers in the lives of their children, especially on Father's Day, "aye."

Rollcall Vote No. 362, On Motion to Recommend with Instructions the Small Business Jobs Tax Relief Act of 2010, "aye."

Rollcall Vote No. 363, On Final Passage of the Small Business Jobs Tax Relief Act of 2010, "nay."

Rollcall Vote No. 364, Celebrating the 20th anniversary of the Albert Einstein Distinguished Educator Fellowship Program and recognizing the significant contributions of Albert Einstein Fellows, "aye."

CONGRATULATING J.M. WALLER ASSOCIATES INC. FOR BEING NAMED SMALL BUSINESS PERSON OF THE YEAR

**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 16, 2010*

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize J.M. Waller Asso-

ciates, Inc. of Fairfax, Va., for receiving the U.S. Small Business Administration's Washington Metro Area District Small Business Person of the Year Award for 2010.

J.M. Waller Associates is a Service Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business that provides environmental, engineering, logistics, technical, management and professional consulting services to public and private sector clients. At the federal level, it works with our Armed Services, the National Parks Service and NASA.

Founded in 1991, the firm has won numerous accolades for its consistently fine work, including receiving the 2004 Washington D.C. Small Business Administration Small Business Firm of the Year Award, the 2007 Department of Defense Service Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business Achievement Award and the 2009 SAME Industry Award to a Small Business in Support of DoD Programs.

Among the criteria for the Small Business Person of the Year Award are a company's staying power, increase in sales, innovation, response to adversity, and contribution to aid community-oriented projects. Throughout its 19 years, J.M. Waller Associates has consistently demonstrated its economic success and its commitment to the Northern Virginia region.

Small businesses represent the job engine of the U.S. economy, and the continued success of businesses such as J.M. Waller Associates is vital to the future of American progress. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating J.M. Waller Associates for receiving the SBA's Small Business Person of the Year Award for 2010.

CARLOS CAN! IN HONOR OF A REAL AMERICAN HERO: SGT. CARLOS RAFAEL EVANS TORO OF THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS 1ST BATTALION 2ND MARINE

**HON. PEDRO R. PIERLUISI**

OF PUERTO RICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 16, 2010*

Mr. PIERLUISI. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of a magnificent Puerto Rican Hero, Sgt. Carlos Rafael Evans Toro of The United States Marines, 1st Battalion 2nd Marine of Fajardo, Puerto Rico. Carlos was born on October 17, 1979, along with his twin sister Carla. He is married to his lovely wife Rosemarie and they have two children, Noroby and new born Genesis. Sgt. Evans had served three tours in Iraq, and was on his first tour of duty in Afghanistan in Salam Baezar when an IED went off during a foot patrol on May 16 2010. Losing his legs and part of his arm, he somehow held on to fight his next battle. To walk again, and he will! His courage his faith, and his character is an inspiration to us all. And with his family's help, the key to all great recoveries, this mountain they will climb together! I ask that this poem penned in honor

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of him and his family by Albert Caswell, be placed in the RECORD.

CARLOS CAN

Carlos Can!  
 And Carlos Will!  
 All of our hearts, so instill!  
 As we watch him climb, each and every mountain . . . and every hill . . .  
 Moving onward, moving forward . . . ever onward still!  
 All but with his fine heart, as he somehow rebuilds . . .  
 Carlos Can, all because . . . lie's A United States Marine . . .  
 One of the best things that this country has ever seen!  
 Arms and legs, yea we all need!  
 But, without a heart . . . one can not so surely breath!  
 Carlos Can, and Carlos Will . . . all of his dreams, one day fulfill . . .  
 As This Pride of Puerto Rico, so fills...  
 So fill's all of our hearts, with all of his courage . . . and so iron will!  
 While, against all odds . . . he will not be stilled!  
 For he has a life to live, and to our world so much more to give!  
 For on that fateful morning, as he awoke . . .  
 And so saw, what this dark war had invoked . . .  
 As the tears, upon his fine face so gently broke . . .  
 As in that moment, his fine heart to him so spoke!  
 So spoke to him, about faith and courage . . .  
 And how not to somehow be discouraged!  
 For only from ones soul, so conies hope . . .  
 As it was all in that moment, that he so made that choice . . .  
 As through him . . .  
 All in his actions, we so heard our Lord's most beautiful voice!  
 Calling To Us!  
 To Teach Us . . .  
 To Besech Us . . .  
 All in Carlos's choice!  
 And, if ever I have a son . . .  
 I but pray, he could but be like this fine one!  
 To have the strength and courage, like Carlos could!  
 Carlos Can! And Carlos Will!  
 Marine Take That Mountain, Climb That Hill!  
 Hoorah Jar Head, for God and Country you so bled!  
 Showing us all, That God Is Great! And God Is Good!  
 Like Carlos, do you think that you so could?

TRIBUTE TO ELI M. BURGOS

**HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 16, 2010*

Mr. PASCRELL. Madam Speaker, I would like to call to your attention the deeds of a person I am proud to represent and prouder still to call a friend, Eli M. Burgos, who will be recognized tonight on the occasion of his retirement from a 36-year career of service to the city of Paterson, NJ.

Eli M. Burgos was born in Puerto Rico in 1949 to Minister Gregorio Burgos and his wife Lucia. He has three sisters, Sara, Raquel and Irma, and one brother, Fred. In the early 1950s he moved to New York City and one year later to the city of Paterson. Eli attended Paterson Public School No. 3, No. 2, Central High School, and in 1967 graduated from John F. Kennedy High School. Soon after, Eli was called upon to serve in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam Conflict. After reporting to Fort Dix, he was sent to the U.S. Army Medical Training Center in San Antonio, Texas for training as a Medical Corpsman. He graduated with the highest cadre evaluation, and continued his medical training at Madigan General Hospital, Tacoma, Washington. He then was transferred overseas where he completed his active duty with the 42nd Medical Battalion, 8th Medical Company. During this time, Eli served under the command of Captain Jeffery Parks, son of the legendary "Miss America Pageant" MC, Bert Parks. Eli was honorably discharged as a Medical Corpsman Specialist IV, in 1971. Thereafter he served in the United States Army Reserves for four more years.

Upon his discharge, Eli returned home and began a career in public service. Eli Burgos attended Rutgers University where he completed all of the requirements to become a certified public purchasing official and a qualified purchasing agent and also attended Fairleigh Dickinson University, where he received his certificate in public service administration.

Prior to working for the city of Paterson, Eli was the co-founder and executive director for PRVANJ, a statewide service organization, funded by a Federal grant, to identify the needs of and provide services to returning Vietnam-era veterans. In 1974, Eli was hired by Mayor Pat Kramer as a planner for the Manpower Planning Council, later the City's Employment and Training Division, or C.E.T.A. Eli rose through the ranks and in 1981 was appointed by Mayor Frank Graves to become the agency's executive director. With the promotion, Eli became the first Hispanic American division director in Paterson's history. In 1984, Mayor Graves again promoted Eli to the Deputy Directorship of the City Department of Human Resources, and two years later to City Purchasing Agent, where he was responsible for the annual procurement of over 50 million dollars in goods and services. He held this position for 19 years. During my time as mayor, Eli served as a liaison to the growing Hispanic community. On October 21, 1998, Mayor Marty Barnes appointed Eli to the position of deputy mayor, while allowing him to continue directing the purchasing division. On July 1, 2002, Mayor Jose "Joey" Torres named Eli as the business administrator for the city of Paterson, a position of major authority and responsibility and one he will vacate upon his retirement at the end of the current mayor's term.

Eli's volunteer work has been widely recognized and rewarded with over 250 awards, certificates and other honors and recognitions. He has been named "Man of the Year" on seven occasions and has been the Grand Marshall and Deputy Grand Marshall of various parades and festivals held in New Jersey. Eli has devoted over 25,000 hours of time as a volunteer to a multitude of programs and

projects in the State, county and his beloved city of Paterson. Eli has worked with public education projects, local anti-poverty programs, daycare centers, senior citizen services, church-related projects, sports leagues, recreation activities, health and safety, political campaigns and many others that include fundraising for the American Red Cross and other non-profits to aid victims of natural disasters such as hurricanes and earthquakes. He has been elected president of many organizations and has been a founder or co-founder of others. He continues his work on the Board of Directors of the North Jersey Federal Credit Union. Eli is very proud of his service with other organizations such as Bamert Hospital, the New Jersey Supreme Court Ethics Committee Fee Arbitration Panel, the Board of Directors of the Local Initiative Support Corporation "LISC," New Jersey Health Professions Education Advisory Council and many other community-related boards and institutions.

Eli has written many articles for periodicals highlighting the struggles and accomplishments of the Puerto Rican and Latino Communities of Paterson and the State of New Jersey. He also worked for seven years as a part time photojournalist for Noticias Del Mundo, a leading daily newspaper in New Jersey and New York. Also active in politics, Eli ran for the Board of Education in 1989, his first attempt at elective office, and won by a wide margin. In 1991, he was selected as my running mate for election to the New Jersey Legislature, to represent the 35th District. Eli fell short of winning the election by the slimmest of margins. He never sought elected office again, instead continuing his administrative and managerial work to better the city of Paterson. Eli is presently serving his 5th term on the Democratic State Committee and previously served 11 years on the Passaic County Democratic Committee. He is a member of the city's Emergency Management Team, the New Jersey Municipal Managers Association, the New Jersey Purchasing Agents Association, and the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing.

Throughout the years, another constant in Eli's life has been his family. His wife, Yolanda, recently retired as the principal of International High School in Paterson. All of their children, Louie, Janel, and Velanae, have obtained college degrees as has their daughter-in-law, Luciana, and son-in-law, Victor. Eli and Yolanda are proud grandparents to Destin Louis and Liana Rose.

The job of a United States Congressman involves much that is rewarding, yet nothing compares to working with and recognizing the efforts of dedicated public servants like Eli. He will retire as the only person in Paterson's history to have served in the capacity of acting mayor, deputy mayor, department director and division director, responsibilities he has carried out in the most professional and ethical manner possible. He is humbled by the opportunity to have served this great historical city and to have made so many friends and acquaintances along the way, and I am proud to have been able to work with him.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you join our colleagues, the residents of the city of Paterson, everyone associated with public service in our great city, Eli's family and friends, and me, in recognizing Eli M. Burgos' outstanding service to his community.