EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING CAMP FIRE'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JIM McDERMOTT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 27, 2010

Mr. McDERMOTT. Madam Speaker, today I rise to offer special recognition to Camp Fire on its upcoming centennial celebration. Since its founding in 1910, Camp Fire has worked to build caring, confident youth and future leaders nationwide. In 2009 alone, thousands of youth and family in and around Seattle benefitted from its programs.

When it was founded a century ago, Camp Fire was the first interracial, non-sectarian organization for young women in the United States. This legacy showcases an early and bold commitment to enriching the lives of all American girls; this spirit of openness was continued when the organization was expanded in 1975 to include boys.

Camp Fire has positively affected those it serves through its curriculum and through its physical facilities. Camp Fire's camps and classes prepare our children to be responsible leaders in an increasingly global community, with an emphasis on environmental education and healthy living. Camp Sealth, a Camp Fire facility on Vashon Island, continues to be an invaluable resource to the community, providing children with a safe space to learn and grow, and local organizations with an outstanding retreat.

Today, it is as important as ever for the nation's youth to maintain a connection to America's great outdoors, but many children lack such opportunities without outside support. Camp Fire's work to bring communities together around children and to reconnect them to nature is an inspiration. It is with gratitude that I extend my congratulations to Camp Fire on a century of exceptional work, and my best wishes for another century of progress and service.

REMEMBERING LORRAINE FERN PIPKIN

HON. TOM McCLINTOCK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 27, 2010

Mr. McCLINTOCK. Madam Speaker, I rise today in memory of Lorraine Fern Pipkin of Manhattan Beach, CA.

Lorraine was born August 10, 1925 in North Dakota. She was raised on her grandparents' farm, working to help support her family during the Great Depression. At the age of 14 she moved with her mother to Yakima, Washington, and in the 1940s Lorraine moved to Los Angeles, where she went to work to fill the vital jobs vacated by GIs fighting in World War II. Lorraine loved being a mother and cherished time with her family and raising her two sons and daughters in Hawthorne. She was known for her wonderful cooking and open-house policy of hosting friends and family on a regular basis.

Madam Speaker, Winston Churchill once said, "There is no doubt that it is around the family and the home that all the greatest virtues, the most dominating virtues of human society, are created, strengthened and maintained." Lorraine spent her life raising a family, whom I have had the privilege to know for many years, who reflect the finest virtues of our nation, and I share in mourning their loss.

IN HONOR OF EDNA AND WALT MINNICK

HON. BETSY MARKEY

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 27, 2010

Ms. MARKEY of Colorado. Madam Speaker, I rise today to speak in tribute of Edna and Wayne Minnick, two constituents of the Fourth Congressional District who exemplify the fulfillment of the American dream and who chose to give back to their community in ways that will last for generations.

Edna Minnick was born in 1916 in Springfield, Colorado, and passed away in 2009 at 92 years of age. She loved Baca County, and although she spent the middle part of her life in other places, Baca County was her home.

Wayne was born in 1913 in Oswego, Kansas and developed a love for farming. During the Depression, Wayne moved to Colorado, where he met and married Edna in 1939. They were married for 54 years, until Wayne's death in 1993. Visits to Edna's family ranch in the 1940s, a homestead five miles west and two miles north of Springfield, revealed Wayne's farming potential. The couple moved to California prior to WWII where Wayne worked as an electrical engineer. When drafted into the Army Air Corps during the war, he instructed aircraft mechanics and electricians. The electrical trade followed on his return to Colorado, putting many miles of lines through the Colorado mountains. However, the old love of farming prevailed, and in 1957 Wayne rented a portion of his mother-in-law's Baca County farm. The Minnicks purchased the farm in 1963 and worked the farm on weekends until Wayne could retire from the electric business. This required endless hours of nighttime labor, tractor driving, and commuting time between Colorado Springs and Baca County. Both Wayne and Edna loved wheat farming and trying new ideas.

Edna had great admiration for her family and the homesteaders who settled in Baca County, and she wished to preserve and honor their contributions and lives in Baca County. She wished to contribute to the preservation of Baca County history and help fulfill present and future needs of Baca County, Springfield and their citizens. She was a shrewd businesswoman, and during the years in Colorado Springs, she purchased real estate surrounding her home and built rental duplexes. She used much of the income to support her deep interests in child and youth welfare, rehabilitation and care.

Upon her death, Edna left her considerable estate to Baca County. Community recipients of this estate include many scholarship funds for area youth; improvements to the Baca County Fairground and a new community building; Cancer and Parkinson's research; the Baca County Food Bank; the Salvation Army; area FFA Buildings; improvements to the Springfield movie theatre and swimming pool; renovations to the Courthouse, Methodist Church, and Walsh Community Center; needed projects on area cemeteries; Clubhouse for the Blue Rose Ranch Horse Rescue; Springfield school milk fund, substantial Hospital improvement projects; and many more.

The Minnicks have truly been a blessing to Baca County. I am honored to remember them today and to have their contributions and generosity recorded in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION–

HON. MIKE PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 27, 2010

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I was absent from the House floor during rollcall vote 434. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

RECOGNIZING 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 26, 2010

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, in 1990, I cosponsored the Americans with Disabilities Act, legislation intended to prohibit discrimination against individuals with disabilities and ensure that they are able to claim their rightful place as equal members of our society.

Our legislative mandate was purposefully ambitious. We sought—for once and for all—to prohibit unfair discrimination based on disability.

Last week, at a hearing in the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties, we heard from people whose lives have been changed by the Americans with Disabilities Act:

Former Attorney General Dick Thornburgh, who both supervised the enforcement of the ADA in its infancy and has raised a son with a disability;

Lt. Col. Gregory Gadson, a man with 20 years of active duty service who lost both legs