

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN HONOR OF COLONEL JOAL WOLF AND HIS SERVICE TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 7, 2010

Mr. ANDREWS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary contributions of Colonel Joal E. Wolf. On behalf of New Jersey's First Congressional District and the entire nation, I would like to thank Colonel Wolf for his service and dedication.

Colonel Wolf was commissioned in the Active Component Army as a Field Artillery Officer through ROTC scholarship at Pennsylvania State University. He graduated with a Bachelor's of Science degree in finance and has a Masters in Business Administration. After graduation, his initial military assignment was with the 6th Battalion, 14th Field Artillery, 1st Armored Division, Germany as Battery Fire Direction Officer, Battery Executive Officer, Battalion S2, and Assistant Battalion S3.

Upon release from active duty in 1988, Colonel Wolf entered the U.S. Army Reserves and served as Battery Commander, Battalion S1, and Battalion S4 in the 4th Battalion, 92nd Field Artillery Regiment in Erie, Pennsylvania.

In 1993, Colonel Wolf was recruited by the 308th Military Intelligence, MI, Detachment based in Erie, Pennsylvania, where he supported the Africa Branch and Executive Support Office at the Defense Intelligence Agency, DIA. While assigned, Colonel Wolf served as S3, Executive Officer, and Commander. During his command, the unit was credited for creating the Iraqi "55 Most-Wanted" deck of cards at the beginning of Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2003. In 2008, Colonel Wolf assumed duties as the Commander of the 3300th Strategic Intelligence Group in support of the Defense Counterintelligence & HUMINT Center and the National Media Exploitation Center at the Defense Intelligence Agency.

Colonel Wolf participates in several civic and business organizations, and is the former President of the French Creek Valley Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America. He currently resides in Conneaut Lake, Pennsylvania and is President and Proprietor of Conneaut Cellars Winery, Inc., a state of the art winery that produces 20,000 gallons of national award-winning wine.

Madam Speaker, Colonel Joal E. Wolf's commitment to the United States must be recognized. I wish him the best in his future endeavors and thank him for his continued service and dedication to our country.

HONORING DR. ANTHONY DI STEFANO, THE 2010 RECIPIENT OF THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD FROM THE VISION CARE SECTION OF THE AMERICAN PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION

HON. JOE SESTAK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SESTAK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Dr. Anthony Di Stefano, the 2010 recipient of the Distinguished Service Award from the Vision Care Section of the American Public Health Association. Dr. Di Stefano has dedicated his life to educating others, as is evident by his impressive academic resume and his professorship at Salus University in Elkins Park, Pennsylvania. Dr. Di Stefano recognized a need for vision care in rural and urban areas and addressed it by serving on the Helen Keller Worldwide Medical Advisory Board. Helen Keller once said, "Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much." Dr. Di Stefano heeds Ms. Keller's advice and spends countless hours working for children not only in the United States, but all across the world though his participation in the development of international optometric educational programs. Now, because of Dr. Di Stefano, countless children have access to the vision care denied to them for so long.

Madam Speaker, I ask that we recognize and show our strong appreciation for Dr. Di Stefano and Salus University and his remarkable leadership and commitment to public health.

REPRIMANDING REP. CHARLES RANGEL OF NEW YORK

HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WAXMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of Rep. BUTTERFIELD's motion for a resolution to reprimand Rep. CHARLES RANGEL of New York.

I do not have any doubt about the thoroughness of the review or the accuracy of the findings of the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct, nor do I doubt that Mr. RANGEL violated the rules of the House of Representatives.

I disagree, however, with the Committee's judgment that the weight of evidence in this case and the "cumulative nature of the violations" cited in the Committee's report warrant censure of Mr. RANGEL.

Precedent does not support the punishment of censure—specifically, as cited in the Committee report, because Mr. RANGEL's actions did not result in "any direct personal financial gain."

There have been lesser punishments for much more serious transgressions. When the

Committee found a Speaker of the House, former Rep. Newt Gingrich, to have engaged in "activity involving 501(c)(3) organizations that was substantially motivated by partisan, political goals," and that Mr. Gingrich's provision of "material information . . . was inaccurate, incomplete, and unreliable," the Committee did not vote for a resolution of censure, but of reprimand. Mr. Gingrich was still Speaker in 1997 when the House approved a reprimand, and he continued serving as Speaker after he was punished. Mr. RANGEL was removed earlier this year as Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee well before the Committee sent its report to the House.

There are many other precedents in which the House has issued letters of reproof—a punishment less serious than reprimand—for activities that can be viewed at least as serious as those engaged in by Mr. RANGEL, including sexual transgressions, impermissible campaign solicitations, misappropriation of campaign funds, and acceptance of personal gifts, among many others.

Madam Speaker, I do not condone what Mr. RANGEL did, but I believe that justice requires punishment proportionate to the offenses that have been proved. By the standards and precedents of the House, and particularly taking into account that there was no personal financial gain involved, I believe a punishment of censure as proposed by the Ethics Committee is excessive.

I will therefore support, in furtherance of upholding the rules and standards of the House of Representatives, a reprimand of Mr. RANGEL.

RECOGNIZING THE SEATTLE SOUNDERS FOOTBALL CLUB FOR THEIR VICTORY IN THE 2010 U.S. OPEN CUP

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 7, 2010

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Seattle Sounders Football Club for their successful season and their back-to-back U.S. Open Cup Championships.

The Seattle Sounders joined Major League Soccer as an expansion team and played their inaugural match on March 19, 2009. The Sounders have since been a successful team having sold out every league match and set Major League Soccer records for average attendance, leading the league in ticket sales. The Seattle Sounders have also made the record books by winning the Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup for a second consecutive time, being the first Major League Soccer team and the first team in 27 years to repeat as champions. The Seattle Sounders finished the regular 2010 season with 14 wins and has lost fewer matches in their first two seasons than any club in the league's 15-year existence. A

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