

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

GUY REYNOLDS' 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 30, 2012

Mrs. CAPITO. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize Mr. Guy Reynolds in celebration of his one hundredth birthday. Thomas Guy Reynolds Jr. was born on November, 30, 1912 in Martinsburg, West Virginia and is the son of the late Thomas Guy Reynolds Sr. and Lora Lenora Stotler.

Mr. Reynolds graduated from Shepherd College in 1933 with a degree in education. He served in the Berkley County school system for a total of 18 years in addition to running his own television and radio repair business; serving as an electro-mechanical designer for Thieblot Aircraft; and working for 17 years at Corning Glass Works where he was appointed to the position of Senior Associate. He was the first person from the Martinsburg plant to receive this honorable position.

Mr. Reynolds has received numerous awards for his outstanding volunteer efforts and community involvement, including Berkeley County's Citizen of the Year, Outstanding Alumni by Shepherd University, and was inducted into the West Virginia Voter Hall of Fame, for having voted in every general election since at least 1942, when records were first kept.

Believed to be the oldest aviator in West Virginia, Mr. Reynolds flies his light-sport airplane as often as he can and frequently attends airport functions. He took his first flight out of Shepherd Field in 1929 in a Ford Trimoter and has been actively involved with the Eastern West Virginia Regional Airport and served as chairman of the West Virginia State Aeronautics Commission for two terms.

Guy Reynolds' wonderful legacy lives on through his children, stepson, grandchildren, and great grandchildren.

HONORING U.S. NAVY COMMANDER ANDREW LOUIS FRAHLER

HON. TOM PRICE

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PRICE of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor a former constituent of the Sixth District of Georgia, Commander Andrew Louis Frahler of the U.S. Navy. Andrew was born December 4, 1923 in Oregon. He served one year in the Army during World War II. He entered the U.S. Naval Academy in August 1944. While attending the Academy, Andrew earned a varsity letter every year and was the only person to be captain of the USNA baseball team two years in a row. In his final at bat, he hit a grand slam homerun against West Point. After graduating from the Academy in 1948, Andrew eventually rose to the

rank of Commander in the Navy. During his time in the Navy, he served on six ships, including as Supply Officer on the USS *Oklahoma City*, and was at sea during the Korean War and Cuban Missile Crisis.

After leaving the Navy, Andrew worked at Beatrice Foods in Chicago, ultimately rising to Vice-President. In 1977, he moved to the Atlanta area to teach Management at Baptist University of America. In 1980 he began to teach secondary math and science at Heiskell School and then Providence Academy. He also coached the baseball teams at both schools. Andrew was a deacon in the local Baptist Church, taught Sunday school for many years, helped widows from the church with their taxes, worked at a crisis pregnancy center providing financial assistance, and assisted with an ESL program for Hispanic children.

Mr. Frahler passed away on Wednesday, November 28, a few days before his 89th birthday. He is survived by his beloved wife Mary Claire Jennings Frahler, his four children and their spouses, ten grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. Andrew was preceded in death by his parents Andrew William Frahler and Sophia Kish Frahler, and by his brother, William Michael Frahler. Mr. Speaker, we are forever indebted to those great Americans like Andrew Louis Frahler who worked so hard and sacrificed so much for his nation. We will never forget his invaluable contributions to the well-being of his community and fellow citizens.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO SEAN PATRICK SMITH, A VICTIM OF THE SEPTEMBER 11, 2012 TERRORIST ATTACK IN BENGHAZI

HON. C.W. BILL YOUNG

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 30, 2012

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Sean Patrick Smith, an Information Management Officer in the State Department and United States Air Force Veteran, who was slain in the September 11, 2012 terrorist attack on the U.S. Government Mission to Libya in Benghazi along with Ambassador J. Christopher Stevens and former United States Navy Sea, Air and Land (SEAL) Operators, Glen Doherty and Tyrone Woods.

Sean Smith was a native of the Clairemont neighborhood of San Diego, California and seemed destined to serve his nation. His father, Rene "Ray" Smith, my constituent from Gulfport, Florida, was a Corporal in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. The elder Smith often served as a "tunnel rat," crawling deep into Vietcong underground facilities in search of the enemy. In 1970, during a firefight, he was burned over 60 percent of his body after the brush he was in caught fire. He raised Sean to appreciate the freedoms our nation provides and to be willing to fight for them.

Sean enlisted in the United States Air Force in 1995 at the age of 17, so young that he needed a parental release. He served six years as a Ground Radio Maintenance Specialist, which included a deployment to Oman. Sean left the Air Force in 2002 as a Staff Sergeant. At the time of his death, Sean was on temporary assignment to assist in the establishment of the Information Technology infrastructure in support of the Mission to Libya. Before his assignment to Benghazi, Sean had given 10 years of dedicated service to the State Department around the globe in Brussels, Baghdad, Pretoria, Montreal, and The Hague.

A technological guru, Sean's computer savvy was not limited to his United States Air Force and State Department duties. Sean was an avid gamer and well known in the online gaming community of the space fantasy game EVE Online. A leader of the "Goonswarm" guild, his gaming persona "Vile Rat" made use of Sean's skills as a diplomat and he was respected as a skilled competitor. Additionally, Sean was a moderator of the internet forum, "Something Awful," where he posted about football, politics and working with the Foreign Service.

In the lobby of the State Department, the names of those who have fallen in the line of duty are inscribed in marble. Sean's name has been added along with his compatriots, Ambassador Stevens, Glen Doherty, and Tyrone Woods. In the same tradition, a plaque will be placed in the lobby of the Bay Pines VA Medical Center, where Sean's father receives his primary care, to commemorate his life and the daily sacrifices made by our veterans.

Sean is survived by his father Ray, mother Pat, wife Heather, and two young children, Samantha and Nathan. Beyond his family, Sean will be forever mourned by friends, colleagues, and countless online competitors, collaborators and gamers, who shared his passion in the virtual world Sean helped create. They are the true victims of this act of terror. While Sean's pain has ended, they will have to continue life without a beloved son, caring husband, nurturing father, and extraordinary friend.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of a grateful Nation, I join my colleagues today in recognizing Sean Patrick Smith for his dedicated service to his country. He has made the ultimate sacrifice to defend freedom and his fellow Americans and we are forever in his debt. We wish his family all the best as they continue in their life's journey, and hope they find solace in knowing that their beloved Sean shall forever be remembered as a true patriot and hero.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 30, 2012

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President

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