

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN MEMORY OF RICHARD A. HILL,
JR.

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 10, 2013

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask that we acknowledge the significant contributions of a great public servant and loyal family man, Richard A. Hill, Jr., who was taken away too soon from us, and from his beloved wife Anne and their two fine children Regina and John. Richard Hill joined the Department of Health and Human Services in 1989, and later the Social Security Administration in 1995, following successful completion of Fordham School of Law where he earned honors, demonstrating the same dedication and drive that was to characterize his successful performance of duty in later years. Richard Hill was always mindful of the vital role that the Social Security Administration's program played in the lives of the American people. He received numerous awards recognizing his service, including Vice President Albert Gore's Government Reinvention "Hammer" Award, Commissioner of Social Security Citations, and most recently the Louis J. Lefkowitz Public Service Award from his alma mater, Fordham School of Law. As attorney, supervisor, Deputy Regional Chief Counsel, and Director of Learning Initiatives at the Social Security Administration's Office of the General Counsel, Richard Hill had inexhaustible passion, a natural intellectual curiosity, and a never-ending wealth of information regarding the work he did at the Social Security Administration. As Director of Learning Initiatives, Richard Hill developed, shaped, and implemented the Office of the General Counsel's national training program for its new attorneys, and he was most proud of his part in training young attorneys en route to careers dedicated to helping others. Richard Hill's warm and kind spirit, collaborative nature, and unparalleled dedication to federal service and the American people will truly be missed.

IN HONOR OF THE FIRST UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH OF PACIFIC
GROVE

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the First United Methodist Church of Pacific Grove on the 50th anniversary of the relocation of their campus from downtown to its current site at the corner of Sunset Drive and the historic Seventeen Mile Drive.

In the early 1870s, a group of ministers of the Methodist Episcopal Church in California began the search for a site to build a summer retreat. They found the perfect spot in the pine

woods on the point of the Monterey Peninsula, and in 1875 the Pacific Grove Retreat Association was formed. Modeled after the popular Chautauqua program in New York, the Retreat attracted hundreds of campers every year. A hall was built to house the Chautauqua events and provide a place of worship. Lots were sold and a tent village emerged. The healthy climate and beautiful scenery attracted a year-round population and over time the tents were replaced with permanent homes. In 1888, the cornerstone was laid for a sanctuary and the following year Pacific Grove was incorporated as a town.

The old church building was famous for its twin spires and lighted, revolving cross that could be seen for miles out to sea. Over the years, guest speakers included Presidents Benjamin Harrison, William McKinley, and Theodore Roosevelt, as well as Susan B. Anthony, Georgia Harkness, and Maud Booth. By the 1950s, the structure was falling into disrepair and areas of it were declared unsafe. The Sunday School had to rent the movie theater across the street to meet in and the office was moved downstairs where the heavy furniture would not be a hazard. The beloved old building would have to be replaced; the question remained whether to rebuild on the same site or find another location.

In the end, it was found that rebuilding on the same site would be more expensive than moving. The new site on Seventeen Mile Drive just outside the gate into Pebble Beach offered space for parking and room to build and grow. A quiet spot in a pine forest and home to a large herd of mule deer, it evoked memories of the original Retreat from so many years ago. Ground was broken in 1962 on Palm Sunday, and on April 7, 1963, again on Palm Sunday, the first worship service was held. Sunday, April 7, 2013 marked the fiftieth anniversary of that first service.

First United Methodist Church has been a beacon of love and of spiritual health and renewal in this community. The contributions and efforts that they have made and will continue to make are invaluable, and I am honored to be able to recognize their achievements.

Mr. Speaker, I know the whole House joins me in heartfelt congratulations on this auspicious day and wishing the congregation good luck in all of their future endeavors.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE SANTA
BARBARA SUMMIT FOR TIBET

HON. LOIS CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 10, 2013

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize the distinguished efforts of the Santa Barbara Summit for Tibet (SBST) in raising awareness about the vibrant culture, deep spirituality, and peaceful philosophy of the Tibetan people. SBST has worked dili-

gently to ensure the Santa Barbara community is engaged on this issue of great importance.

Recent acts of protest in Tibet have served as a disturbing reminder of the suffering that Tibetans continue to endure. We are witnessing the profound struggle of a people that seek to preserve their traditions and religion.

SBST recently held the First Annual "Tibet Week Awareness Celebration" to honor the perseverance and resiliency of the Tibetan people and their culture, and to demonstrate our shared cultural values. This celebration will raise awareness in our community surrounding the struggle faced by Tibetans and promote the universal values of compassion and non-violent practices.

To express my commitment to this issue, I recently joined many of my colleagues in the House of Representatives in sending President Obama a letter, urging him to prioritize addressing human rights issues in Tibet during his second term. Like SBST and the residents of Santa Barbara, I believe the U.S. should take a leading role to engage partner nations on measures to bring improvements in the human rights situation in Tibet.

Today, we stand with the people of Tibet and express our solidarity with them and to all people suffering oppression around the world. As your Representative in Congress, I commend and thank you for your deep commitment to this issue.

HONORING THE LIFE OF DR.
JACQUELIN PERRY

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 10, 2013

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Dr. Jacquelin Perry, a renowned orthopedic surgeon and physical therapist known for her revolutionary work on treating Polio. Dr. Perry was born on May 31, 1918 in Denver, Colorado and was raised in Los Angeles, California. She attended the University of California, Los Angeles and graduated in 1940 with a bachelor's degree in Physical Education. After earning her degree, she joined the United States Army and trained to be a physical therapist at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C. She was then assigned to a hospital in Hot Springs, Arkansas, where many polio patients were being treated.

She continued her education and in 1950, Dr. Perry was one of seven women who received a medical degree from the University of California, San Francisco in a class of seventy-six graduates. When her residency was completed in San Francisco, Dr. Perry was recruited to work at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center. While there, she created a program for patients suffering from polio and other diseases and helped develop the "Halo," a metal ring that screwed into the skull to immobilize a patient's spine and neck that were weakened by polio complications.

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