

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING OFFICERS JACOB J. CHESTNUT AND DETECTIVE JOHN M. GIBSON

HON. JOHN A. BOEHNER

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 24, 2013

Mr. BOEHNER. Mr. Speaker, members, officers, and staff of the House, it was 15 years ago today that Officers Jacob J. Chestnut and John M. Gibson of the U.S. Capitol Police gave their lives in the line of duty, defending the Capitol against an armed gunman.

In the decade and a half since their sacrifice, the memory of their heroism has never dimmed. The sacrifices they and their families made will never be forgotten by this institution or by the people of the nation we serve.

At 3:40 p.m., the House will observe a moment of silence in memory of these officers. At that time, leaders of the House and the Senate will gather with their families for a wreath-laying ceremony at the Memorial Door.

We give thanks for all the brave men and women of the Capitol Police force who honor the legacy of Officers Chestnut and Gibson on a daily basis through their service and commitment to protecting our nation's greatest symbol of freedom and democracy.

CELEBRATING THE 90TH BIRTHDAY OF MR. MARVIN "BUZZ" OATES

HON. TOM McCLINTOCK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. McCLINTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 90th birthday of Mr. Marvin "Buzz" Oates, a third-generation Californian. Buzz is the founder of The Buzz Oates Group of Companies, a \$1.5 billion commercial real estate development company. But before his American dream was realized, Buzz was just a boy with very humble beginnings and an entrepreneurial spirit. Even at a very young age, he earned money mowing lawns and collecting bottles. Buzz graduated from Sacramento High School in 1941. He then served as a bombardier in World War II and attributes much of his business success to time serving his country in the military.

Buzz survived a mid-air collision during training in New Mexico and was eventually stationed in Asia flying missions over Japan in a B-29 Superfortress.

When two bombs engaged to be dropped from his jet at 23,000 feet failed to deploy, Buzz knew he had to act quickly. The two 100-pound bombs hung on the rack of the B-29, and with no oxygen on the bomb-bay doors open, Buzz inched across a cat walk

eight inches wide to wrestle both bombs out of the plane. For his bravery, he was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross.

Buzz returned home a decorated war hero to open a locksmith business—A&A Key Shop—which later turned into a building supply company. Since then, Buzz steadily grew his company into the largest commercial real-estate and management company in Sacramento.

Buzz is also well-known in the community for his generous spirit, charitable giving and commitment to God and his Christian faith. Thousands have worshipped in church buildings donated by Buzz and on the land he sold at a reduced rate. In the past several years, he donated \$2.5 million and one acre of land to Mercy Ministries, a group home for women. The group was able to open a home in Lincoln, California where 40 women recovering from drug addiction, sexual abuse and other problems, find sanctuary receiving free room, board and counseling.

Buzz has been honored with many awards throughout the years for his charitable contributions, most recently in 2011 as the Trainor Fairbrook Humanitarian of the Year Award and the Commercial Real Estate Women (CREW) Fame Award in 2007.

Buzz's heroism, hard work, business acumen, and his spirit of public service make him a man to be honored and admired. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to rise today to celebrate the 90th birthday of Mr. Buzz Oates and thank him for his dedication to country and community.

HONORING MARILYN E. HARRIS

HON. TODD C. YOUNG

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. YOUNG of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to congratulate Mrs. Marilyn Harris for receiving the Rural Development Site Manager of the Year award for Elderly Projects. This award was presented to her on June 11th, 2013 at the Council for Affordable and Rural Housing Annual Meeting and Legislative Conference in Arlington, Virginia.

Marilyn was nominated by her friends and colleagues at Richland Senior Citizens Housing, Inc. in Ellettsville, Indiana. She was nominated for not just being an exceptional property manager but also being a dear friend to those senior citizens who count on her for a safe and comfortable living environment. She also enjoys the privilege of helping with several other properties that her company manages, including PRAC 811 properties for the developmentally challenged and a Rural Development property for families. As a Regional Manager of these properties, she oversees the daily operations of these communities in Indiana and Tennessee.

Being both state and nationally recognized, Marilyn's hard work has not gone unnoticed, and it goes without saying, that this sort of accomplishment is not reached overnight, but through a career dedicated to exceptional work. I once again commend Marilyn for all that she has done, and thank her for her service to South Central Indiana, as she stands as testimony to Hoosier compassion and work ethic.

IN HONOR OF STEPHEN FREDERICK

HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, with sadness, we acknowledge the passing of Stephen Frederick, a talented music teacher and mentor who spent 29 of his 35 years in education in the North Penn School District as high school band director and principal of North Penn Junior High School and North Penn High School. Earlier, he was an elementary music teacher in the Central Bucks School District, Bucks County, Pennsylvania. His career also included conducting the Montgomery County Concert Band. Although he retired as a high school principal from the North Penn School District, he later was welcomed back as a consultant. A husband, father and grandfather, Mr. Frederick had a rapport with students who recall his advice, and interest in their future: Never accept less than your own best effort—and often times the work is more important than the destination. Stephen Frederick leaves a personal legacy of achievement, his guidance and grace, and the example he set for others to follow.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TOM COTTON

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 24, 2013

Mr. COTTON. Mr. Speaker, during a late-night series of votes yesterday on amendments to the Department of Defense Appropriations Act FY2014 (H.R. 2397), I intended to vote "yes" on the Fleming amendment (roll-call No. 392), but inadvertently voted "no." Mr. FLEMING's amendment prohibits funds from being used to appoint "non-theistic" military chaplains, which would contravene current DOD policy. As I witnessed firsthand in Iraq and Afghanistan, chaplains are essential to our Armed Forces and they minister to troops of all faiths—and none. I strongly support the spiritual role of our military chaplains and I'm pleased Mr. FLEMING's amendment passed with bipartisan support.

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