

COMMENDING R. JAMES WOOLSEY

HON. LARRY COMBEST

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 17, 1995

Mr. COMBEST. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call to the Members' attention the following resolution which was recently passed in the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence.

TO COMMEND R. JAMES WOOLSEY FOR EXCEPTIONALLY DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Whereas, R. James Woolsey has served the people of the United States of America in government and as a private citizen for over twenty-five years.

Whereas, R. James Woolsey began his public service with the United States Army in 1968 where he served as an advisor to the U.S. delegation to the Strategic Arms Limitation Talks, in the Office of the Secretary of Defense, and on the National Security Council Staff.

Whereas, R. James Woolsey went on the serve with distinction as a General Counsel to the U.S. Senate Committee on Armed Services, as Under Secretary of the Navy, as Delegate at Large to the U.S.-Soviet Strategic Arms Reduction Talks, and as Ambassador and U.S. Representative to the Negotiation on Convention Armed Forces in Europe, and as a member of several Presidential commissions.

Whereas, R. James Woolsey has served with distinction since February 5, 1993 as the Director of Central Intelligence.

Whereas, R. James Woolsey has worked diligently to lead the intelligence community to meet the demanding requirements of U.S. national security in an uncertain and unpredictable world.

Whereas, under the direction of R. James Woolsey, the intelligence community has provided excellent support to this nation in providing critical insights into the world hot spots—in Iraq, Somalia, Haiti, the former Soviet Union, and elsewhere; and followed and, when possible foiled, the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, terrorist acts, and other activities inimical to U.S. national interests.

Whereas, R. James Woolsey has continued and further promoted the consideration and redirection of intelligence roles and missions while simultaneously coping with a dramatic reduction in fiscal resources and of personnel at over twice the rate directed by the President for the government at large.

Whereas, R. James Woolsey led the Central Intelligence Agency in the critically sensitive final stages of identifying and apprehending a traitor who had, in previous years, compromised some of its most valuable capabilities.

Whereas, R. James Woolsey judiciously and carefully began a complete revamping of personnel security practices and counter-intelligence roles in the intelligence community to limit the possibility of a recurrence of such traitorous activity.

Whereas, R. James Woolsey used his tenure as Director of Central Intelligence to lay the groundwork for intelligence policies designed to support national security needs for the coming century.

Whereas, R. James Woolsey brought to his duties a commitment to improve effective Congressional oversight and to demystify and explain the mission of intelligence to the people of the United States.

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence that, on the occasion of his departure as Di-

rector of Central Intelligence, the Committee expresses its deep appreciation to R. James Woolsey for his distinguished service to the people to R. James Woolsey for this distinguished service to the people of the United States and, particularly, for his leadership of the intelligence community and the Central Intelligence Agency.

TRIBUTE TO SAN DIEGO CHARGERS

HON. RANDY "DUKE" CUNNINGHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 17, 1995

Mr. CUNNINGHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the new champions of the American Football Conference, the San Diego Chargers. It is no secret that America's finest city now has America's finest football team and we are eagerly anticipating a Chargers' victory over the San Francisco 49ers in the Super Bowl.

To quote from the Associated Press, "What happens when the cork pops on 35 years of football frustration? Come to San Diego to find out. The San Diego Chargers are in the Super Bowl, and that has never happened before." On Sunday, when the triumphant Chargers returned from Pittsburgh, there were 70,000 screaming fans on hand to welcome them home.

For far too long, people have written off the Chargers. The Steelers made that mistake on Sunday. Before the AFC Championship, Pittsburgh was busy rehearsing for a Super Bowl video and their fans were booking trips to Florida. After the Chargers beat the Steelers 17-13, they aren't writing off the Chargers anymore in Pittsburgh.

Mr. Speaker, I want to salute Chargers president Alex Spanos, who has defied the skeptics and produced a world-class team through perseverance, hard work, a little luck and a little stealth.

I want to salute Chargers general manager Bobby Beathard, who has brought to San Diego his proven record of creating winners with his keen eye for talent, and a true commitment to teamwork.

To coach Bobby Ross and his team of coaches who are proven motivators. Their leadership has given this team the focus to never give up and the skills to overcome the obstacles in their way, against even the longest odds.

And finally to the players of the San Diego team, a team who national "experts" picked to finish last. They have proven that commitment, focus, teamwork and heart can win and that America's finest city has America's finest team, the San Diego Chargers.

RETIREMENT OF BRIG. GEN. EDWARD RAMIREZ DUENAS

HON. ROBERT A. UNDERWOOD

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 17, 1995

Mr. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this occasion to commend a journalist, a military commander, and a fellow legislator. Brig. Gen. Edward R. Duenas is a na-

tive son who has unselfishly contributed over three decades of valuable service to his home, the island of Guam.

General Duenas is the son of the late Jesus Camacho Duenas and Juliana Torres Ramirez Duenas. He is the brother of former Senator Jose (Ping) Duenas, retired Army Master Sergeant Jesus R. Duenas and Dr. Vincent A. Duenas. Born on May 11, 1936, in the city of Agana on Guam, he completed his high school studies at Father Duenas Memorial High School in Mangilao, Guam back in 1955. He later acquired a bachelor of science degree in journalism from Marquette University in Milwaukee, WI.

Immediately after graduation, he worked in various capacities from the island's news media. He also took some time out to serve in the Army in 1961 thru 1963. A total of 6 years was dedicated by him in direct service to the people of Guam through his work as a journalist. Between the years 1951 and 1965, he worked for publications and newscasts such as KUAM radio and TV, the Guam Daily News, and the Pacific Journal. He served as sports editor, local news writer, wire editor, and newscaster both in TV and on radio.

His government service began back in 1965. He served initially as public relations officer and later as a staff director for the 8th Guam Legislature. He took care of public relations, prepared news releases, public announcements and was later made responsible for the operations and management of the entire legislative staff.

General Duenas moved to the Governor's office in 1969 after occupying supervisory positions in a couple of government of Guam agencies. As Governor Camacho's press secretary, he handled media relations, prepared speeches, arranged meetings, and compiled information for the Governor's annual report to the Department of the Interior. On three occasions, General Duenas had the chance to bring holiday cheer to Guamanian fighting men in the war zone by accompanying the Governor on Christmas visits to Vietnam in 1969, 1970, and 1971.

A distinguished legislator, General Duenas was elected as a senator in the Guam Legislature back in 1974 and served for nine consecutive terms. As a Guam senator, he introduced over 50 bills and amendments which became law. Among these were laws that created the island's Department of Youth Affairs, Department of Military affairs, Division of Senior Citizens, and the original Commission on Self-Determination. We can also credit his bills for the establishment of a dual-track curriculum for Guam's public high schools, the original Summer Youth Internship Program and, among others, job protection and equivalent pay for Guam National Guard members activated for territorial duty. He also played a pivotal role in the creation of the island's Veterans Affairs Office, the establishment of its clinic, the construction of a veterans memorial building and the completion of the Guam Veterans Memorial Cemetery.

Senator Duenas also chaired a movement that led to the establishment of the Association of Pacific Islands Legislatures [APIL]. He presided over the association in its initial 3 years and he convened the first summit meeting between the APIL and chief executives of its various member nations.

His military background which dates back to 1961 was given a further boost by a direct appointment in March 1982 to the Guam Army National Guard. He received a commission to the rank of major and resumed working on press and public affairs until 1989 when he was picked to be assistant adjutant general for the headquarters of the territorial area command of the Guam National Guard. He later attained the highest possible position in the Guam Guard when he was appointed by former Governor Joseph Ada to office of the adjutant general of the Guam National Guard.

For over 30 years, General Duenas has distinguished himself as one of Guam's premier public servants. The body of work that he has done as a journalist, legislator, and military commander has contributed greatly to the positive direction that the island is currently taking. Therefore, I commend Brig. Gen. Edward Ramirez Duenas for having been the consummate public servant and congratulate him on his well earned retirement.

I also suspect that General Duenas will continue to serve the people of Guam through active participation in civic and political matters. Si Yu'os Ma'ase' Ed.

TRIBUTE TO THE GLADWIN LIONS CLUB

HON. DAVE CAMP

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 17, 1995

Mr. CAMP. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure I rise today to recognize an outstanding organization in the State of Michigan. The Gladwin Lions Club in Gladwin, MI, and its many members have demonstrated their commitment and dedication to helping others for the past 25 years. By sponsoring philanthropic events throughout the year, they have illustrated their desire to improve Gladwin, MI, and positively impact their community and its residents.

It is the spirit of giving that makes the Gladwin Lions Club such a special organization. The Lions Club calls on its members to pool their resources in order to facilitate programs that benefit local citizens. It is this selfless donation of time and energy that makes Gladwin a kind and caring city and sets an outstanding example for other communities to follow.

The Gladwin Lions Club and its members have worked tirelessly to improve their city and the surrounding areas and enrich the lives of residents. They established collection centers at local optical stores to allow those purchasing new glasses to donate their old frames to those less fortunate. All have benefited from their service, from the families who need assistance, to residents who enjoy the improved quality of life in the area.

The United States was founded on the good nature of its citizens and excelled under their willingness to assist neighbors and friends. It is this sense of community that motivates the Gladwin Lions Club to accomplish all they can and to promote this caring nature in others. Mr. Speaker, I know you will join my colleagues and I in honoring the Gladwin Lions Club, the rewarding philanthropic events they sponsor and the sense of community their actions foster. I wish them continued success and look forward to another 25 years of giving.

TRIBUTE TO THE LATE MARCELINO SERNA

HON. RONALD D. COLEMAN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 17, 1995

Mr. COLEMAN. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing legislation to posthumously honor Mr. Marcelino Serna of El Paso, TX. My bill would make the late Mr. Serna eligible for the award from the Army of the Congressional Medal of Honor by stipulation that the regulation which says that a nomination for that award must be filed within 2 years of the acts above and beyond the call of duty should be waived in this case. In my judgment, Mr. Serna deserves that medal just as surely as anyone who has ever been so honored.

Marcelino Serna served in the U.S. Army from 1917 to 1919. He was born in Chihuahua City, in the Mexican State of Chihuahua in 1896. He died February 29, 1992 at the age of 95. He had held his U.S. citizenship since 1924. Seventy-one years ago, Mr. Serna was awarded the Army's second highest award for valor in combat, the Distinguished Service Cross. He was decorated with the highest military medals of Italy and France. The descriptions of his exploits on the battlefields of Belgium and France read like casebooks of heroism. In recovering from wounds suffered toward the end of the war, he was personally decorated by General John "Black Jack" Pershing.

Some have speculated that Mr. Serna was not awarded the Medal of Honor because he was a buck private for most of the war, because he was not a citizen of this country at the time or because he could not speak English well. I hope that none of these reasons were ever given by anyone in a position of authority in these matters. They are insulting and they have no basis in law.

This bill, once enacted, would begin to right a wrong, and to correct an oversight. I urge the committee of jurisdiction to take up the legislation as rapidly as possible so that the Army may look at the merits of this case.

H.R. —

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the time limitations specified in section 3744(b) of title 10, United States Code, shall not apply with respect to the posthumous award of the Medal of Honor under section 3741 of such title to the late Marcelino Serna of El Paso, Texas, for acts of heroism performed while serving as a private in the United States Army during World War I.

TRAGIC LOSS OF FOUR SEATTLE FIREFIGHTERS

HON. JIM McDERMOTT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 17, 1995

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, I would like to enter into the RECORD a few words in memory of the four firefighters who tragically lost their lives while serving the people of Seattle, WA on January 5, 1995.

Although I did not know firefighter James T. Brown, Lt. Walter D. Kilgore, Lt. Gregory

Shoemaker, or firefighter Randall R. Terlicher personally, I appreciate their work in service with the Seattle Fire Department. The dangers they daily encountered to protect the residents of the Seventh Congressional District did not deter them, and I share the community's expressions of admiration, gratitude, and sorrow at this time.

All four firefighters exemplified the courageous tradition of their profession. Their implacable bravery and devotion to their work must not go unnoticed in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Mr. Speaker, I hope you join me in extending my condolences to their families, friends, and colleagues in the Seattle Fire Department.

SCHOOL CHOICE

HON. MARTIN R. HOKE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 17, 1995

Mr. HOKE. Mr. Speaker, we all know that a quality education is the greatest investment we can make in our children as well as in our Nation's future. It is often remarked that a Nation's most valuable asset is its youth, and as the father of three young children, I know full well the truth of that observation.

School choice is an innovative and overdue idea. At present, the public schools have a monopoly in education because their consumers, students, and their parents, are forbidden to choose which school to attend unless they can afford private or parochial schools. Not surprisingly, this Government monopoly has failed to provide a quality service to its captive consumers.

School choice would allow parents to take the money they already spend on taxes for education and invest that money in the school they believe will best educate their child. Essentially, the funds go where the child goes. The child would be able to go to a public or private school, including a religious one. By putting power in the hands of parents, schools would be forced to compete for students. Competition, in turn, will force school administrators to make much needed reforms in order to attract even more customers.

Father Anthony Pilla of the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland has undertaken an insightful study of the issue and has written a report which I believe will be of great interest to you, which I will submit to the RECORD.

IT'S GOOD PUBLIC POLICY

(By Bishop Anthony M. Pilla, Catholic Diocese of Cleveland)

In recent years at the local and national level discussion and debate about educational vouchers have become more and more prevalent in many and varied circles of society. As discussions occur and subsequently are covered by the media, misconceptions about nonpublic schools are frequently presented as factual (especially by those opposed to vouchers). Clearly the promulgation of misinformation is a disservice as committed citizens, parents, educators, and civic, church and business leaders seek to consider issues and reach valid, just and informed decisions to benefit all children of the United States.