

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### DR. HICKEY LEAVES VIBRANT LEGACY AT ST. MARY'S

#### HON. TIM ROEMER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 21, 1997

Mr. ROEMER. Mr. Speaker, it is a great honor today to rise in appreciation of Dr. William A. Hickey, who will retire as the president of St. Mary's College at the close of the academic year.

St. Mary's and the city of South Bend both have greatly benefited from Dr. Hickey's service to the college and the community. First arriving at St. Mary's in 1960 as an instructor of biology, Dr. Hickey rose through the faculty ranks to serve as professor, chair of the biology department, vice president and dean of the faculty, and twice interim president before assuming full duties as president in 1980. In addition to his administrative responsibilities, Dr. Hickey also excelled in his chosen field, receiving a number of awards for his work in insect genetics.

Since Dr. Hickey became president, the college has maintained its high level of academic standards and its focus on students and the faculty. Furthermore, St. Mary's endowment has more than doubled and the college has now operated in the black for 28 successive years. All these factors have helped make St. Mary's the premier women's Catholic college in the Nation.

Dr. Hickey also was active in the local community, serving on boards such as the South Bend Symphony, the Michiana Arts and Sciences Council, and the Stanley Clark School.

Dr. Hickey has spent his entire career in higher education at St. Mary's College and serving in the greater South Bend community. Personally, I will always appreciate the professionalism and courtesy he exhibited toward me and my staff. He has had a positive influence on literally thousands of students at St. Mary's, and he will be greatly missed. Whatever his next endeavor, I am sure Dr. Hickey will continue to play a constructive and important role in influencing the lives of students and all of those who come into contact with him.

### IN HONOR OF THE POLISH & SLAVIC CENTER

#### HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 21, 1997

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Polish & Slavic Center, an organization that has made invaluable contributions to Metropolitan New York's Polish-American community for a quarter of a century. I am proud to report that the PSC is celebrating its 25th anniversary this month.

The center plays a vital role in creating a sense of community for New York's Polish-Americans. With a membership of approximately 40,000 and growing at a rate of 400 new members monthly, the PSC is the east coast's largest Polish-American organization.

The Polish & Slavic Center serves as a uniting force for the community by mobilizing social forces to gain and support Polish-Americans' rights. Through its four social service programs, the PSC aids immigrants, seniors, children, and the poor with everyday problems that can often seem insurmountable.

The center's admirable cultural and educational services fulfill the PSC's mission to better the Polish-American society by improving the individual human condition. Through a monthly publication, two television programs, and a concert auditorium, PSC serves as an important source of information about Polish current events, history, and culture. Its English as a second language program is an extremely important resource for many Polish-Americans as they assimilate into the United States.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues rise with me in this tribute and pay honor to the Polish & Slavic Center in their celebration of 25 important years serving New York's Polish-American community. Their contributions to the community's quality of life are without limit.

### TRIBUTE TO THE MEMORY OF JACKIE ROOSEVELT ROBINSON

SPEECH OF

#### HON. RONALD V. DELLUMS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 15, 1997

Mr. DELLUMS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 50th anniversary of Jackie Robinson's integration of major league baseball. Robinson broke the color barrier and paved the way for talented minorities in professional sports careers. Half a century ago Robinson began his major league career with the Brooklyn Dodgers in 1947. As the first African-American to play major league baseball, he endured insults and threats with a quiet dignity and his talent won him recognition as a great player. Included in his esteemed titles are 1947 National League Rookie of the Year, 1949 National League Most Valuable Player, and 1962 Hall of Fame Inductee. In his decade long career, Robinson led the league in stolen bases and hitting, and he also garnered six All-Star selections.

Following his career in baseball, Robinson served as the first African-American vice president of a major American corporation and played an active role in the civil rights movement. We should remember that Robinson's integration of major league baseball preceded the Brown versus Board of Education Supreme Court decision and Rosa Parks by 7 and 8 years respectively. He struggled to bring dignity to his participation in major league

baseball and other avenues of American life for African-Americans.

As a young man, with Jackie Robinson as a profound role model, I considered a career in baseball and because of his impact to the sport, I thought it was a viable possibility. I proudly join with others to salute the contributions of Jackie Robinson to major league baseball and to political activist culture.

### IN HONOR OF THE POLISH & SLAVIC FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

#### HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 21, 1997

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay a respectful tribute to the Polish & Slavic Federal Credit Union which is celebrating its 20th anniversary of devoted service to Metropolitan New York's Polish-American community.

The Polish & Slavic Federal Credit Union was founded in 1978 as the financial arm of the Polish & Slavic Center. The credit union expands the center's dedication to New York's Polish and Slavic communities by providing financial opportunities unavailable to them prior to its establishment. Over the years, the credit union has guaranteed financial security to thousands of Polish-Americans and provided immeasurable benefits to the community.

The Polish & Slavic Federal Credit Union, which operates five branches that serve over 42,000 members, has achieved great results over the years. Not only does it hold the distinct honor of reaching the highest return on assets among the largest credit unions in the United States, its capital to assets ratio is the highest in the country. The credit union is so successful that two more branches of the Polish & Slavic Federal Credit Union are expected to open in the near future to service the community's financial concerns.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues rise with me in this tribute and to pay honor to the Polish & Slavic Federal Credit Union as they celebrate their 20th anniversary.

### TRIBUTE TO THE MEMORY OF JACKIE ROOSEVELT ROBINSON

SPEECH OF

#### HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 15, 1997

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to Jackie Robinson, the first African-American to play major league baseball in the 20th century.

Jackie Robinson, came from humble beginnings and was born on January 31, 1919. The son of a sharecropper, was never one to let adversity or racial discrimination stand in his path.

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He attended the University of California, where he won acclaim in basketball, football, baseball, and track and field. Jackie's collegiate experience was cut short in 1941 because of financial hardship. Jackie was forced to leave the university. To support his family, Jackie enlisted in the Army in 1942 and was subsequently commissioned as a second lieutenant in 1943.

In 1947, the Brooklyn Dodgers signed Jackie up as a player. He became the first African-American to play major league baseball. During the early years, his debut into professional baseball was anything but easy. Jackie was forced to face facial discrimination, hatred and bigotry from white major league baseball players and fans on an almost daily basis. Yet, despite this hostile environment, Jackie achieved fame as one of the greatest baseball players.

Before his retirement in 1956, Jackie had compiled a career batting average of .311 and had played for six pennant winners and one world championship team in Brooklyn. He was named Rookie of the Year in 1947 and Most Valuable Player in the National League in 1949, the year he led the league in stolen bases. Although Jackie played many positions, he was primarily a second baseman.

Jackie's lifetime accomplishments go well beyond the limits of a baseball diamond. He was a noted civil rights leader, devoted family

man and shrewd businessman and banker. Harlem was his adopted home.

Today is indeed a special occasion, for it marks the 50th anniversary of Jackie Robinson's debut into the professional baseball league. Jackie has been a positive role model for so many aspiring youth. We have only to look at the recent accomplishments of Tiger Woods.

Please join me in celebrating the 50th anniversary of Jackie Robinson's debut into professional baseball.

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#### HONORING OUR SIBLINGS

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### HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 21, 1997*

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the establishment of "Siblings Day," a day to honor our sisters and brothers for the many ways in which they have enriched our lives. This celebration would give us the opportunity to show our appreciation for our siblings, much the same way that Mother's Day and Father's Day are celebrated.

Siblings make an important contribution to who we are. Often, when our parents are

gone, our siblings are our only remaining family. And sometimes, as in the case of one of my constituents, Siblings Day will help us remember siblings who we have lost at an early age.

My constituent, Claudia Evert, has been working to promote April 10 as Siblings Day. This day would mark the birthday of Claudia's sister Lisette, who died tragically in 1972 at age 19 in a car accident that also killed their father. An additional tragedy struck in 1987, when Ms. Evert's older brother, Alan, died in an accident at his home. He was 36 years old.

Ms. Evert has been lobbying for the past year to create a State and national siblings day holiday to be celebrated on April 10, her sister's birthday. She is working with the U.S. Committee for UNICEF, Students Against Drunk Driving, and the Estonian House, a Manhattan-based organization that celebrates Estonian heritage.

Siblings are often our first roommate or our first friend. I call on the Congress to recognize the importance of family members by recognizing the contributions made by our siblings. I applaud the work of Claudia Evert, who has created a loving tribute to her deceased siblings by her work to establish Siblings Day. Her inspired work should serve as a lesson to us all.