

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO ROBERT S. EVANS

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 15, 1997

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an individual who has dedicated his life and career to public service.

Robert S. Evans will retire this month after devoting 50 years of dedicated service to South Carolina State University in Orangeburg, SC. Mr. Evans began working at the university in 1947 as a temporary worker. In 1961, he was hired by the college as a stockroom clerk and supervisor of waiters. He was later promoted to assistant director of food services and subsequently appointed director of food services at the university.

In addition to his service to the university, Mr. Evans is an active member of his community. He is a member of the Masons, the NAACP, the Epsilon Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, the Elk Lodge, and Alpha Psi Omega Drama Fraternity. This remarkable individual also participates in the Orangeburg Neighborhood Youth Commission, the South Carolina State Booster Club, and the Mental Health Board. Mr. Evans is an active member of Mount Pisgah Baptist Church in Orangeburg, SC, where he serves as deacon, secretary of the church board, and liaison to the trustee board.

Robert Evans has touched the lives of many people of Orangeburg and across South Carolina through hard work and tireless dedication to others. Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and all of my colleagues in the House of Representatives join me in congratulating Mr. Evans on the occasion of his retirement after 50 illustrious years of service to South Carolina State University.

**MICHIGAN IS GETTING
SHORTCHANGED**

HON. NICK SMITH

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, as we approach decisions on appropriations bills and Federal spending that goes to individual States, I am very concerned about a recent study indicating that my home State of Michigan is getting shortchanged.

Michigan ranks in the top 10 in the amount of taxes we pay into the Federal Government and at the bottom in terms of the benefits we receive in return.

According to this study by the Northeast-Midwest Institute, Michigan ranks 47th in total funds it gets from the Federal Government and deal last in the amount it gets per person to repair its roads. Michigan citizens have the most to gain if we allow them to keep their tax dollars at home rather than sending taxes to Washington.

Mr. Speaker, for the RECORD I would like to submit an article written by Lisa Zagaroli in this morning's Detroit News on this very issue.

(By Lisa Zagaroli)

Pothole-plagued Michigan ranked dead last in the amount of money per person that the U.S. Transportation Department doled out among states last year, a new report shows. "We've been complaining for a long time about getting ripped off by the federal government and this just confirms that," said John Truscott, a spokesman for Gov. John Engler.

"We knew we were near the bottom, I didn't know we were at the bottom."

The transportation department spent \$77 per Michigan resident in the 1996 fiscal year, for a total of \$743 million, according to the study by the Northeast Midwest Institute, a non-profit policy organization. Engler wants the federal government to give Michigan an additional \$200 million.

Michigan's per-capita share of U.S. transportation dollars compares to \$879 per capita in sprawling Alaska, \$296 in Wyoming and \$252 in Montana.

But the higher dollar amounts weren't reserved for large, sparsely populated states.

Connecticut, a small state with a third of Michigan's 9.6 million population, got \$179 per person. New Jersey, which has 8 million residents, got \$148 per person from the federal agency that funds roads, bridges and other transportation projects.

Rep. James Barcia, D-Bay City, said he, too, was surprised that Michigan ranked dead last despite the "pitiful shape" of its roads.

"This underscores the need to work together in a bipartisan fashion to make sure Michigan gets a fair return," he said.

Barcia sits on the House committee that is rewriting the funding formula for transportation dollars. Michigan currently is a "donor state"—paying more in federal gas taxes than it gets back.

Michigan ranked third from the bottom in overall spending by the federal government, about the same as it has in the last several years.

The state received \$4,131 per capita in federal spending, only 81 percent of the national rate, or \$941 less per person, the report said.

"This is one of the reasons we are so big into block grants, so we can figure out where our tax dollars are spent instead of some federal bureaucrats," Truscott said.

IN HONOR OF CONGRESSMAN JOHN
LEWIS OF GEORGIA

HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 15, 1997

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize my friend and colleague, the Honorable JOHN LEWIS of Georgia. During his tenure in the House of Representatives, he has distinguished himself as a man of highest integrity and commitment to improving human relations in our country.

His accomplishments in the area of civil rights are as remarkable as they are numer-

ous. Congressman LEWIS' concern with spreading awareness of the civil rights movement and its importance in contemporary society is reflected in his desire to educate not only those who reside in his district, but outside of his district as well. This desire clearly manifested itself in 1989, when at the request of a parent concerned with the fact that her daughter's predominantly white eighth grade class did not possess an understanding of the enormity of the civil rights movement, he traveled to Shawnee Mission, KS, to speak about his firsthand experience.

Over 200 eighth grade students sat mesmerized as Congressman LEWIS delivered an emotionally charged speech which included his involvement with sit-ins at segregated lunch counters, the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee which he chaired, and his participation and subsequent beating during the freedom rides. His modesty would have prevented the students from knowing that he was one of the "big six" in the civil rights movement, had it not been for the research they had conducted on their own prior to his arrival. Congressman LEWIS conveyed the importance of commitment to a cause, and relayed his extraordinary experiences while maintaining a demeanor marked with humility. Two years later, he returned to the school in Shawnee Mission as he once again embraced the opportunity to tell his story in an attempt to educate and enlighten a small group of our Nation's younger generation. The selflessness he exhibited in traveling a thousand miles from his district, motivated solely by a desire to educate and share, is unique in a world where many individuals succumb to monetary or press related incentives.

This anecdote is but one of many instances where Congressman LEWIS has exhibited his unchallenged commitment to civil rights in the United States. Born in 1940 to a sharecropper in Alabama, he was the first in his family to finish high school. At 18, he met Martin Luther King and by 19, had already become a force in the civil rights movement through activities such as organizing the first lunch counter sit-in. He actively participated in the 1961 freedom rides, the 1963 March on Washington, and the coordination of the Mississippi Freedom Project. He led the Selma to Montgomery March for voting rights in 1965, and was attacked by policemen in his quest for equal rights for all. His strong participation in these events eventually led to the passage of the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

On Friday, June 27, Congressman LEWIS hosted a luncheon for senior citizens residing in the high-rises of his district. His goal was to provide them with an opportunity to interact with their representative in a fun, relaxed environment. This annual event has grown from a gathering of 250 senior citizens to a community event of over 900. Funded entirely through private donations, Congressman LEWIS has been able to sustain this event for 7 years.

Congressman JOHN LEWIS is a shining example of how one individual can persevere in

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