

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

A SALUTE TO SMYRNA, GA

HON. BOB BARR

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 22, 1997

Mr. BARR of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, whenever I am introduced by anyone, I am most proud to be introduced as "the Congressman from Smyrna, GA."

I am especially proud to call Smyrna, GA my home as we celebrate the 125th anniversary of its incorporation. Pioneer settlers moved here in 1832 and Smyrna was incorporated in 1872.

The Smyrna of 1997—a thriving community approaching a population of 40,000, voted recently by Atlanta magazine as one of the best communities in the area in which to live—is far different from the small Methodist campground that existed here before the War Between the States. It is a community with a nearly perfect balance between urban amenities and small-town atmosphere. It has excellent parks, government services, small businesses, and a history in which we can all take great pride. Smyrna citizens live in a community that is widely recognized as a clean and beautiful community, and has received appropriate recognition for its work in this area.

While our small frontier village became a thriving community in the mid-1800's, it was sadly reduced to ashes during the Battle of Smyrna on July 4, 1864. Yet, true to its deeply rooted spirit of enterprise, Smyrna rebuilt itself and incorporated formally 125 years ago. The city of Smyrna—The Jonquil City—is now reaping the rewards of sound fiscal policies, enlightened city management and citizen involvement, and has developed a quality of life that is the envy of the southeastern United States.

As we celebrate Smyrna's 125th birthday, I proudly salute Mayor Max Bacon and city council members Charlene Capilouto, Ron Newcomb, Bill Scoggins, Jim Hawkins, Jack Cramer, Wade Lnenicka, and Pete Woods, for their leadership of this great city. I am also proud to honor the citizens of Smyrna, with full confidence that the Smyrna of tomorrow, as the Smyrna of yesterday and today, will continue to be a place of beauty, tranquility and prosperity; a community people flock to because it is a wonderful and beautiful place in which to raise families, conduct business, and build the American dream.

TRIBUTE TO KATHY LIM KO

HON. RONALD V. DELLUMS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DELLUMS. Mr. Speaker, on July 17, 1997, Kathy Lim Ko was honored by Asian Health Services, Inc., Oakland, for her commitment and dedication to providing culturally

competent health care to the Asian community of the East Bay.

Kathy Lim Ko was born in Cleveland, OH in 1958, the first of four children born to immigrant parents, Dr. Wen Hsiung Ko and Christina Ko. Kathy currently resides in Oakland with her husband, Maurice Lim Miller, and their two children, Alicia and Nicholas.

Kathy received her bachelor's degree at Stanford University and went on to receive a masters degree in health policy and management at Harvard University. Kathy chose to bring her extensive educational training from these prestigious universities and her knowledge and expertise in health care issues back to the community to advocate for accessible and affordable health care services for the underserved immigrant population of Alameda County.

Kathy has worked with Asian Health Services since 1984, first as the operations director, then as the program, planning and development officer, and finally as the associate director. Having served on the executive management staff for the past 13 years, Kathy has been personally involved with the growth and development of Asian Health Services from \$600,000 to \$6.5 million annual budget, from 6,000 to 40,000 patient visits per year, and from 30 to 120 staff members. Kathy also directed the \$9 million building project, including acquisition, financing, design, construction, and the raising of \$2.5 million for the capital campaign.

Through Asian Health Services, Kathy has furthered the work of community health centers nationally, specifically in providing culturally competent medical care to underserved communities. Kathy has contributed in developing the operating systems for the clinic, accessing financial markets to expand services, designing and having built the expanded facility, and developing preventive programs which lead the Nation and receive international attention. Kathy attributed the success of Asian Health Services to the strong team of dedicated, talented, and creative peers with whom she has worked.

Kathy's dedication to the community reaches beyond the boundaries of the workplace as she continually contributes her time, efforts, and insights to various community groups. Kathy has taken leadership roles within many of these organizations, serving on the board of directors of the Oakland Chinatown Chamber of Commerce, the Bay Area Asian Health Alliance, and the Asian Women's Shelter. Kathy is also a member of the Arts Magnet School Parent Teacher Association and the American Public Health Association. Most recently, Kathy has been involved with the Lao Lu Mien Cultural Association, helping them to establish an organizational development plan. Kathy continues to work with this new immigrant community group to assist them in creating their own means of self sufficiency as well as retaining their cultural identity.

Kathy plans to continue her work within the community. Her professional goals include working to secure resources to further develop

the community, increasing the community's understanding of its rights, creating community institutions, and strengthening the economic base from which to further develop. Kathy will continue to provide the vision and motivation which are critical to reaching her goals; to improve social conditions, empower the community, and incite social change.

TRIBUTE TO EDDIE MOSER AND KENT JAMES

HON. HOWARD COBLE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

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Mr. COBLE. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to honor two firefighters from the Sixth District of North Carolina, Eddie Moser and Kent James of Burlington, NC. While enjoying time off from work at a nearby lake, they rescued four people from a boat that had capsized and brought them to shore. Three survived, but unfortunately, they were unable to save the fourth victim.

Just minutes earlier, the four were getting into the boat at a pier while the two firefighters were waiting to remove their own boat and load it onto a trailer. The four motored out into the lake, when excessive weight in the forward portion of the boat caused water to seep in. Panicking, the four boaters started screaming as the boat began to sink. Moser and James heard the cries for help and jumped into their own boat and quickly motored out. By the time the firefighters got to them, the boat was overturned and only one of the passengers was swimming. Moser and James put two of the struggling passengers safely into a third boat operated by a passerby and swam the remaining passengers to shore. The firefighters gave CPR to one of them, a 44-year-old Gibsonville man who had been caught under the boat and could not swim. Unfortunately, the efforts were too late and Earl M. Smith, Jr., passed away.

During the first 10 to 12 minutes of the rescue, the firefighters had no lifesaving equipment other than their own manpower. It was in those minutes that their water safety and lifesaving skills as firefighters saved the lives of Melvin Murray, Nellie Murray, and Jill Marley. Jill Marley, the only passenger who could swim, says that Moser and James not only saved her life, but the lives of her boyfriend and her boyfriend's mother. The firefighters utilized their training in CPR, EMT, and water rescue to make this heroic rescue.

Burlington Fire Chief Frank Andrews has honored both men with a distinguished Life Saver Award. He said he would ask the Burlington City Council to give the two an accommodation honoring their actions. However, the two firefighters said they are humbled by all the attention. They felt they were just trying to help those in need and were not seeking any recognition. They said they did what any other trained person would have done. Burlington Fire Operation Chief Tommy Belton feels that

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