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IN HONOR OF JASON DAVID
SLOWBE ON HIS ATTAINMENT OF
EAGLE SCOUT

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 25, 1998

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Jason David Slowbe of Strongsville, Ohio, who will be honored on March 22, 1998 for his attainment of Eagle Scout.

The attainment of Eagle Scout is a high and rare honor requiring years of dedication of self-improvement, hard work and the community. Each Eagle Scout must earn 21 merit badges, twelve of which are required, including badges in: lifesaving; first aid; citizenship in the community; citizenship in the nation; citizenship in the world; personal management of time and money; family life; environmental science; and camping.

In addition to acquiring and proving proficiency in those and other skills, an Eagle Scout must hold leadership positions within the troop where he learns to earn the respect and hear the criticism of those he leads.

The Eagle Scout must live by the Scouting Law, which holds that he must be: trustworthy, loyal, brave, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, clean, and reverent.

And the Eagle Scout must complete an Eagle Project, which he must plan, finance and evaluate on his own. It is no wonder that only two percent of all boys entering scouting achieve this rank.

My fellow colleagues, let us recognize and praise Jason for this achievement.

TRIBUTE TO REP. JIM HOWARD

HON. THOMAS J. MANTON

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 25, 1998

Mr. MANTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to former Representative James J. Howard on this the 10th Anniversary of his passing. First elected to Congress in 1964 and serving until his death in 1988, Congressman Howard served longer than any other Representative in the history of the Third Congressional District of New Jersey.

As the first representative from New Jersey to serve as chairman of the House Public Works and Transportation Committee, Representative Howard was responsible for passage of important legislation such as the 55-mile-per-hour national speed limit which was the first legislation to focus attention on the relationship between speed and safety. In addition, his anti-drunk driving and 21-year old minimum drinking age laws have prevented the deaths of many young motorists and innocent victims around the country.

Out of deep concern for the shore district he represented, Representative Howard championed major environmental legislation

throughout his tenure in Congress. Among the bills he sponsored were the 1987 Clean Water Act, the Superfund Act of 1986 which limited the discharge of raw sewage by New York City and banned new sludge dumping in the New York Bight, the Plastic Pollution and Research Act of 1987 and the Groundwater Protection Act of 1987.

He was also responsible for passage of the Surface Transportation Assistance Act of 1982, which increased the Federal gas tax by five cents a gallon to greatly expand the nation's highway program, as well as numerous other pieces of legislation which greatly improved our nation's transportation system.

Mr. Speaker, Representative Howard truly demonstrated loyalty to his community and country throughout his lifetime of service. I know my colleagues join me in paying tribute to this fine man on the 10th Anniversary of his passing.

HOME OF THE HEROES
CELEBRATION

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 25, 1998

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, please include the following editorial in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

[From the Chieftain, Pueblo, CO, Mar. 25, 1998]

HOME OF HEROES, TRULY

Since the beginning of World War II, about 30 million Americans have served in this nation's armed forces.

Of all of those people, only a small number have been awarded the Medal of Honor. And of that number, more than half were awarded it posthumously, meaning even fewer have received the nation's highest honor while alive.

Now the astounding part. Four of the living recipients grew up and attended schools in Pueblo.

And two of them attended the same high school. Central. Pueblo is the only city in the nation to be the home of four Medal of Honor recipients, and Central is the only high school to claim two.

William Crawford, now of Palmer Lake, and Carl Sitter of Richmond, VA. attended Central High. Jerry Murphy of Albuquerque attended Pueblo Catholic High school, and Drew Dix of Pueblo and Fairbanks, Alaska, attended Centennial High School.

A week ago, as a heavy spring storm raced through Pueblo, the four recipients attended the unveiling at the Pueblo Convention Center of the Home of Heroes display honoring these four special men.

The display features a uniform from each of the four, plus replicas of their medals and blowups of Associated Press news photos taken about the same time in the same area where the Puebloans earned their honors. Press a button and an electronic recording details each man's heroism.

Their fellow Puebloans showed the depth of their respect when about 200 braved the storm to attend the ceremonies. The gentlemen were obviously touched by the outpouring of respect and honor they received while here.

Now Pueblo is urging the Medal of Honor Society to hold its annual meeting here in 2000. That is when a statue honoring Pueblo's four recipients specifically and all Medal recipients in general is to be dedicated.

The project was organized by our publisher, Robert H. Rawlings, and is being supported by foundations and individuals from throughout the state.

Two Puebloans were surprised by the Medal of Honor Society, Doug Sterner, who along with his wife Pam began the Home of Heroes celebrations and who designed the concept behind the Home of Heroes diorama, was given the Society's prestigious distinguished Service Award. He accepted the award on behalf of his entire family.

This week Mr. Sterner was both proud of the honor and modest. As he put it to us, "I feel this honor goes to all of Pueblo. Pueblo has been so supportive" of the Home of Heroes program.

Yes, Pueblo truly is the Home of Heroes. We are all mightily proud of them and appreciate the "conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action at the risk of life above and beyond the call of duty" which earned them the Medal of Honor—and their nation's undying gratitude.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JIM McDERMOTT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 25, 1998

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, I was traveling with the President in Africa yesterday, March 24, 1998, and was unable to vote. I would have voted in favor of approving the journal (Rollcall No. 64). I would have voted in favor of H.R. 3211 (Rollcall No. 65). I would have voted in favor of H.R. 3412 (Rollcall No. 66). I would have voted in favor of H.R. 3096 (Rollcall No. 67).

INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION

HON. JOHN D. DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 25, 1998

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce concurrent resolution No. _____ to encourage the use of federally-supported research findings surrounding the impact of untreated sleep disorders and sleep deprivation on the nation's health, safety and economy.

Studies show that Americans are chronically sleep deprived. According to a report by the National Commission on Sleep Disorders Research, approximately 40 million Americans suffer from some 80 identified sleep disorders and millions more intermittent sleep problems linked to depression, stress, pain, and other ailments. According to the National Sleep Foundation, two-thirds of adult Americans get far less sleep than the eight hours they need to maintain proper alertness during the day due partially to demanding lifestyles.

The pervasive sleep deprivation is taking a toll on the nation's health and productivity as sleepiness affects vigilance, mood, alertness, motor skills, and the memory of people in both the home and the workplace. Fatigue all too often has deadly consequences, causing at least \$100,000 police-reported crashes on our nation's highways every year and contributing to other transportation and industrial disasters. Although, fatigue and sleep deprivation is estimated to cost Americans \$100 billion each