

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CONGRESSIONAL TRIBUTE FOR THE ARMY'S BIRTHDAY 1998

HON. CHET EDWARDS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 15, 1998

Mr. EDWARDS. Mr. Speaker, before there was a United States of America, there was an American Army, born on June 14, 1775. On the town square of Cambridge, Massachusetts, a small group of American colonists came to form an army, under the authority of the Continental Congress. Today, we look back over those 223 years and see clearly that the forming of the colonial Army was the prelude to the birth of our nation.

The Army's Birthday marks over two centuries of selfless service to the United States of America by more than 42 million Americans, who have raised their right hands to take an oath, both in times of crisis and in peace. Since that distant day, the nation, like our Army, has evolved, but the liberty it stands for remains constant, as does the Army's constant vigil to protect that liberty.

We look back to those early days, during the genesis of the ideas that would give birth to the United States of America. A nation—this nation—was preparing for its violent birth—a ripping apart of the bonds between the colony on the American continent and the mother country across the ocean. It all started with words. Patriots spoke publicly with bold rhetoric and other pamphleteers made the case for independence with the printed word, beckoning fellow citizens to resist oppression and insist on their inalienable rights. But in the end, independence was won on the field of battle, largely through the heroic deeds, sacrifices, and sustained determination of its newly created army.

From that victory on the battlefield, a nation emerged offering the boldest experiment of government in the history of mankind. Freedom sprung from its roots. As it was during its birth, America today is a haven for freedom-seeking people everywhere. Other nations perceive our country as a place where freedom flourishes within its own borders and where the citizens care about the freedom of other peoples. For over two centuries, our nation has stood up against despots, totalitarians, and tyrants wherever they erupted. We are people who have taken seriously our mandate to be a shining beacon of freedom and a torchbearer for democracy for the entire world. Every step of the way, America's Army has been there to help those in need and carry the mantle of freedom's call.

We have witnessed the end of the Cold War and the collapse of the Warsaw Pact. These developments offer unparalleled opportunities for democracy to spread and flourish, but freedom is still endangered or absent in many parts of the world. To help satisfy that quest for freedom and stability, our Army is there.

The traditional purpose of our Army has always been to fight and win our nation's wars—to gain decisive victory on the battlefield and to prevail anywhere in the world, whenever or wherever the country needed us to fight. Today, however, our Army is called upon to perform in more demanding roles in more complicated scenarios involving America's interests. Victory in today's complex world means more than destroying an opponent's army. In the ever-changing world we live in, victory means helping keep the peace in Bosnia and in Macedonia. It means working with close allies on the Korean Peninsula to deter a heavily armed state to the north. Victory means restoring democracy in Haiti and saving lives by producing and delivering clean water to refugees in Africa. Victory means protecting our borders from drugs. The men and women of the United States Army have demonstrated time and again that they are trained and ready to respond anywhere in the world when called upon. Today's Army is a full-spectrum force. The people of the United States can be confident that our Army today can project power internationally, to deter potential adversaries and protect vital interests. On the home front, our Army stands ready to support civilian authorities in domestic emergencies. Whatever the need, our Army is there.

The nation should be proud of the achievements of our soldiers, men and women, who play a critical role in our nation's efforts to help shape the international security environment. This past year, for the first time, the Army had soldiers deployed in 100 countries. On any given day during the year, 30,000 soldiers are deployed to more than 70 countries on joint and combined operations and exercises.

Proud of the past role played throughout the history of our nation, America's Army remains vigilant to the dangers of today while simultaneously preparing for future challenges. The Army is harnessing the tremendous potential of technology to achieve information dominance. This dominance will allow the Army to do things never before possible on the battlefield and in other military operations around the globe. America's Army is actively leading the way into the 21st Century. That position of leadership will ensure that the United States maintains the world's best Army, today and into the future.

In the midst of these missions and prospects, the Army rightfully maintains a focus on our nation's most valuable resource—our people. In America's Army, we see clear examples of American ideals. We see drug free Americans living in law-abiding communities. We see men and women of different ethnic groups and religions working together in pursuit of common goals. We see the Total Army Team—active, National Guard and Reserve soldiers, Department of the Army civilians, and families—working together for the benefit of the nation. On this, the Army's 223rd birthday, we honor their dedication and selfless service to the Army and the nation.

Soldiers willingly pay a heavy price. To be a soldier is to bear seemingly insufferable burdens—the physical burdens of hard and demanding work, the emotional burdens of separation from family and friends, and the lonely burdens of leadership. Indeed, to be a soldier, is to be changed in ways that can never be undone. To be a soldier is to believe in something other than what one can achieve as an individual. On this day—the Army's Birthday—we pause to remember what it means to believe in something greater than ourselves. To be a soldier means to believe that what we do for our country and for people we may never know truly matters.

America's Army, stands ready today as it has for the past 223 years. Whenever the call comes, wherever the danger, and whatever the mission, the Army will be ready.

COMMEMORATING THE LANDING OF THE PALATINE IMMIGRANTS

HON. MAURICE D. HINCHEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 15, 1998

Mr. HINCHEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join my friends and colleagues in Saugerties, New York, in commemorating the landing of the Palatine immigrants in Ulster County in October 1710. The Saugerties Historical Society will be dedicating a monument marking this event on Saturday, June 13th to celebrate the immigrant roots of our great nation and to admire the hard work and perseverance of these hard-working people who struggled to get to America.

The Palatine settlers in the Hudson Valley created some of the very first settlements of European peoples in America and their first winter was characterized by harsh weather—but they persevered, building a church and a schoolhouse, and settling into the Hudson Valley which reminded them so much of the Rhine river valley.

The monument which will be dedicated on Saturday will be placed on the grounds of Saint Paul's Lutheran Church, where the remains of the Reverend Joshua Kocherthal are interred. Reverend Kocherthal was the leader of the Palatines and the person who was to lead them to their promised land in America. It is not surprising that the ideals that they brought to America would later that century be embodied in our own Constitution—that people of different nationalities and creeds and beliefs could come together to make this country the great nation that it is. Mr. Speaker, and my fellow members, please join me in celebrating this great immigration to America and the dedication ceremony which will be held this Saturday.

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IN HONOR OF MS. ROBINSON, MS.
KORALJA, MS. GARDENER

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 15, 1998

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Gloria Robinson, Gloria R. Koralja and Audrey Taylor Gardener, three individuals who are retiring from the Jersey City Head Start Program after years of outstanding service. Head Start programs across the country provide educational opportunities for kids from lower income families. These teachers, administrators, and social workers working with the Head Start Programs are heroes for bringing America closer to its ideal of equal opportunity for all.

Gloria Robinson has invested her time and energy over the years into helping others. In 1996 she initiated her career in social service by working as a Program Aide in A. Harry Moore Gardens Head Center and went on to

serve as SHARE coordinator at the Center. Ms. Robinson gained more experience as she became certified as a group leader for Looking At Life Parent Education and as she completed Literacy Volunteers of America tutor training. Ms. Robinson went on to initiate AHM pocket park in Lincoln Park. In addition, she fought for the elimination of PJP landfill and for necessary pulmonary testing for children in AHM housing development. Ms. Robinson has been involved with Head Start since her training for Head Start at New York University in 1996.

Gloria R. Koralja, also a woman of great service, began her work with Jersey City Child Development Centers in 1985. She served as a classroom teacher and head teacher for preschool Head Start children. Ms. Koralja knows the value of a good education. She received a science degree from Philippines Normal College in 1963 and continued her learning as she received a degree in Child Counseling from Jersey State College in 1973. Besides her work with children and with Head Start as an organization, Ms. Koralja also spends her

time as a member of St. Nicholas Roman Catholic Church in Jersey City. For 12 years, she has invested her time and caring into the Jersey City Head Start Program.

Audrey Taylor Gardener has worked with Jersey City Child Development Centers since 1966. Her work at the Centers included organizing parent committees, assisting families with social problems and taking care of many of the needs of her students inside and outside of the classroom. Ms. Gardener received her degree in Urban Studies at St. Peter's College in 1981. She is presently involved in many other activities including serving as President of Trinity American Lutheran Church Women and being a member of Chapel Avenue Block Association.

I thank these women for their effort, hard work and caring. They have provided tremendous support for their students, the Jersey City Head Start Program and the families they have touched over the years. Thank you for your outstanding services to Jersey City.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, June 16, 1998, may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

JUNE 17

9:15 a.m.
Judiciary
Constitution, Federalism, and Property Rights Subcommittee
Business meeting, to consider pending calendar business.
SD-226

9:30 a.m.
Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
To hold hearings on H.R. 10, to enhance competition in the financial services industry by providing a prudential framework for the affiliation of banks, securities firms, and other financial service providers.
SD-538

Commerce, Science, and Transportation Communications Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine proposals to deter the problem of junk e-mail.
SR-253

10:00 a.m.
Finance
To hold hearings on S. 1432, to authorize a new trade and investment policy for sub-Saharan Africa.
SD-215

Governmental Affairs
Business meeting, to mark up the proposed Federal Vacancies Reform Act, and S. 712, to provide for a system to classify information in the interests of national security and a system to declassify such information, to consider the nominations of G. Edward DeSeve, of Pennsylvania, to be Deputy Director for Management, Office of Management and Budget, and Deidre A. Lee, of Oklahoma, to be Administrator for Federal Procurement Policy, and to consider other pending calendar business.
SD-342

Judiciary
To hold hearings to examine the extent of drug abuse among children.
SD-226

10:30 a.m.
Foreign Relations
To resume hearings on S. 1868, to express United States foreign policy with respect to, and to strengthen United States advocacy on behalf of, individuals persecuted for their faith worldwide; and to establish an Ambassador

at Large on International Religious Freedom within the Department of State, a Commission on International Religious Persecution, and a Special Adviser on International Religious Freedom within the National Security Council, focusing on views from the religious community.
SD-419

2:00 p.m.
Energy and Natural Resources
Forests and Public Land Management Subcommittee
To resume hearings on S. 1253, to provide to the Federal land management agencies the authority and capability to manage effectively the federal lands in accordance with the principles of multiple use and sustained yield.
SD-366

Foreign Relations
International Economic Policy, Export and Trade Promotion Subcommittee
To hold hearings on the implementation of United States policy on Caspian Sea oil exports.
SD-419

2:30 p.m.
Select on Intelligence
To hold closed hearings on intelligence matters.
SH-219

JUNE 18

9:30 a.m.
Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
To continue hearings on H.R. 10, to enhance competition in the financial services industry by providing a prudential framework for the affiliation of banks, securities firms, and other financial service providers.
SD-538

Labor and Human Resources
To hold joint hearings with the House Commerce Committee's Subcommittee on Health and Environment to examine organ donation allocation.
2123 Rayburn Building

10:00 a.m.
Finance
To hold hearings to examine new directions in retirement income policy, focusing on social security, pensions, and personal savings.
SD-215

Foreign Relations
East Asian and Pacific Affairs Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine congressional views of the U.S.-China relationship.
SD-419

Judiciary
Business meeting, to consider pending calendar business.
SD-226

2:00 p.m.
Energy and Natural Resources
National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation Subcommittee
To hold hearings on S. 469, to designate a portion of the Sudbury, Assabet, and Concord Rivers as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, S. 1016, to authorize appropriations for the Coastal Heritage Trail Route in New Jersey, S. 1665, to reauthorize the Delaware and Lehigh Navigation Canal National Heritage Corridor Act, S. 2039, to designate El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro as a National Historic Trail, and H.R. 2186, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide assistance to the National Historic Trails Interpretive Center in Casper, Wyoming.
SD-366

Governmental Affairs
International Security, Proliferation and Federal Services Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine the adequacy of the Department of Commerce's satellite export controls.
SD-342

Judiciary
To hold hearings on pending nominations.
SD-226

United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control
To hold hearings to examine United States efforts to combat drugs, focusing on international demand reduction programs.
SD-628

JUNE 22

2:00 p.m.
Governmental Affairs
To hold hearings on the nomination of Jacob Joseph Lew, of New York, to be Director of the Office of Management and Budget.
SD-342

JUNE 23

9:30 a.m.
Energy and Natural Resources
To resume oversight hearings to examine certain implications of independence for Puerto Rico.
SH-216

JUNE 24

9:30 a.m.
Energy and Natural Resources
Business meeting, to consider pending calendar business.
SD-366

10:00 a.m.
Governmental Affairs
To resume hearings to examine the state of computer security within Federal, State and local agencies.
SD-342

2:30 p.m.
Energy and Natural Resources
Water and Power Subcommittee
To hold joint hearings with the Committee on Indian Affairs on S. 1771, to amend the Colorado Ute Indian Water Rights Settlement Act to provide for a final settlement of the claims of the Colorado Ute Indian Tribes, and S. 1899, entitled "Chippewa Cree Tribe of the Rocky Boy's Reservation Indian Reserved Water Rights Settlement Act of 1998".
SR-485

Indian Affairs
To hold joint hearings with the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources' Subcommittee on Water and Power on S. 1771, to amend the Colorado Ute Indian Water Rights Settlement Act to provide for a final settlement of the claims of the Colorado Ute Indian Tribes, and S. 1899, entitled "Chippewa Cree Tribe of the Rocky Boy's Reservation Indian Reserved Water Rights Settlement Act of 1998".
SR-485

JUNE 25

9:30 a.m.
Labor and Human Resources
To hold hearings to examine health insurance coverage for older workers.
SD-430

2:00 p.m.

Energy and Natural Resources
Forests and Public Land Management Sub-
committee

To hold hearings on S. 2146, to provide
for the exchange of certain lands with-
in the State of Utah.

SD-366

JULY 8

9:30 a.m.

Indian Affairs

To hold hearings on S. 1905, to provide
for equitable compensation for the
Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, H.R. 700,
to remove the restriction on the dis-
tribution of certain revenues from the
Mineral Springs parcel to certain mem-
bers of the Agua Caliente Band of
Cahuilla Indians, S. 391, to provide for
the disposition of certain funds appro-
priated to pay judgment in favor of the
Mississippi Sioux Indians, and S. 1419,
to deem the activities of the
Miccosukee Tribe on the Tamiami Indian
Reserve to be consistent with the
purposes of the Everglades National
Park.

SR-485

JULY 9

9:30 a.m.

Governmental Affairs
Permanent Subcommittee on Investiga-
tions

To resume hearings to examine the ade-
quacy of procedures and systems used
by the Department of Agriculture Food
Safety and Inspection Service and the
Department of Health and Human
Services Food and Drug Administra-
tion to oversee the safety of food im-
ported into the United States, focusing
on the outbreak of *Cyclospora* associ-
ated with fresh raspberries imported
into the U.S. from Central America.

SD-342

JULY 14

2:30 p.m.

Energy and Natural Resources
Water and Power Subcommittee

To hold hearings on S. 1515, to increase
authorization levels for State and In-
dian tribal, municipal, rural, and in-
dustrial water supplies, to meet cur-
rent and future water quantity and
quality needs of the Red River Valley,
S. 2111, to establish the conditions
under which the Bonneville Power Ad-
ministration and certain Federal agen-
cies may enter into a memorandum of
agreement concerning management of
the Columbia/Snake River Basin, and

S. 2117, to authorize the construction of
the Perkins County Rural Water Sys-
tem and authorize financial assistance
to the Perkins County Rural Water
System, Inc., a nonprofit corporation,
in the planning and construction of the
water supply system.

SD-366

JULY 15

9:30 a.m.

Indian Affairs

To hold hearings on S. 2097, to encourage
and facilitate the resolution of con-
flicts involving Indian tribes.

SR-485

JULY 21

10:00 a.m.

Judiciary

To hold oversight hearings to examine
the Department of Justice's implemen-
tation of the Violence Against Women
Act.

SD-226

OCTOBER 6

9:30 a.m.

Veterans' Affairs

To hold joint hearings with the House
Committee on Veterans Affairs on the
legislative recommendations of the
American Legion.

345 Cannon Building