

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

NATIONAL POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY

HON. EARL POMEROY

OF NORTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 18, 1998

Mr. POMEROY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call to the attention of my colleagues, the observance of the National POW/MIA Recognition Day. To commemorate this day, there will be an interservice flyover of the Pentagon & two of the four pilots hail from my state of North Dakota. Captain Jon Wutzke, and Major Michael Wobbema, will pilot two F-16s from the 199th Fighter Wing of the North Dakota Air National Guard.

Otherwise known as the "The Happy Hooligans", this wing is one of the most proficient and decorated units in the U.S. military. It was the first Air National Guard Unit to fly in a NATO operation in 1986. In 1994 this group entered and won the William Tell Air Competition against fighter squadrons from around the world. Captain "Moose" Wutzke and Major "Beamer" Wobbema, will help focus the attention of our nation on the over 85,000 military personnel who have been taken Prisoner of War or became Missing in Action since the beginning of World War II. I've included their call names because this identifies them as more than just military personnel with a rank, but individuals with personalities.

The flight formation used in this event is the "Missing Man" formation in which the number three position flown by our Major Wobbema draws attention to those who have not returned. Having said that, we must not forget those who cannot experience the things we take for granted every day, our lives, our homes, our families and our country. These pilots are trying to remind us of the risk all our military personnel take so that we may continue our daily lives with safety and without fear.

INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION NAMING THE "CHALMERS P. WYLIE VETERANS OUTPATIENT CLINIC."

HON. DEBORAH PRYCE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. PRYCE of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, sadly, on August 14, 1998, former Representative Chalmers Wylie passed away at the age of 77. First elected to the House of Representatives in 1966, Chalmers Wylie served thirteen terms, rising to ranking member of the House Banking, Finance, and Urban Affairs Committee. Mr. Wylie dedicated his life to serving Ohio and, in particular, the people of the 15th District. He earned the respect and admiration of everyone with whom he came in contact and, still today, constituents speak of him fondly wherever I go.

While many knew of Chalmers Wylie's wonderful service in the House of Representatives, few people knew of his distinguished service during World War II. Chalmers Wylie was an Army combat veteran who was awarded the Purple Heart for wounds sustained while rescuing fallen comrades in Germany. Mr. Wylie also was awarded the Silver Star and Bronze Star, the Presidential Unit Citation with two oak-leaf clusters, as well as the French Croix de Guerre and Belgian Fourragere.

During his service in Congress, Chalmers Wylie also served as a distinguished member of the Veterans' Affairs Committee. In this position, he fought for the veterans of our nation and was instrumental in improving veteran access to medical care in Columbus, Ohio through the establishment of the Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic.

Today, with the support of the entire Ohio Delegation, I am introducing legislation to name the Department of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic located at 543 Taylor Avenue, Columbus, Ohio, the "Chalmers P. Wylie Veterans Outpatient Clinic." I hope that my colleagues in the House will support the swift passage of this fitting tribute to Chalmers P. Wylie for his years of dedication and service to our nation.

TRIBUTE TO JULIA BALDERAS, LT. JOSE L. MORALEZ, DANIEL GARCIA PAYNE, DENNIS J. SANCHEZ AND DR. ROBERT SEGURA

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Julia Balderas, Lt. Jose L. Moralez, Daniel Garcia Payne, Dennis J. Sanchez and Dr. Robert Segura for being selected 1998 Portraits of Success program honorees by KSEE 24 and Companies that Care. In celebration of Hispanic-American Heritage Month, these distinguished individuals were honored for their unique contributions to the betterment of their community.

Julia Balderas is a lifetime educator who has made significant contributions to her profession, her community and family. She is currently employed as a business and computer science instructor at Edison High School where she graduated in 1958. In 1962, Julia Balderas earned a baccalaureate degree in business from California State University Fresno. That same year, she returned to Edison High School and began her career in education, providing instruction in a variety of business and vocational development courses. During the early 1970's, Ms. Balderas furthered her professional career by completing her Masters Degree in Business at California State University, Fresno. She also worked as a cultural consultant, business instructor and administrator for various educational enti-

ties, including Fresno City College, Clovis Adult School and the California State Department of Education. In 1976, Ms. Balderas became an owner and partner of the Hacienda de Los Amiguitos Child Development Center. It became the only private bilingual preschool in the San Joaquin Valley. During the late 1970's and early 1980's, Ms. Balderas served as a lecturer at California State University, Fresno for the School of Business Administrative Sciences. She also lectured for the Chicano Leadership Conference for five years. Julia Balderas has been recognized not only for her outstanding leadership in education, but also for her passionate work on behalf of the poor. She is a founding member of MAPA (The Mexican American Political Association), an active member of El Concilio de Fresno, the League of Mexican American Women and dozens of other civic action groups that have made a real difference in the lives of thousands of people.

Lt. Jose L. Moralez began his law enforcement career with the Fresno Police Department as a cadet in 1974 and was sworn in as a police officer in 1977. In 1985, Lt. Moralez was promoted to the rank of Sergeant, followed by his promotion to Lieutenant in 1995. Lt. Moralez is currently assigned to the Southeast Policing District as its Field Commander. He oversees the evening operations of the unit as well as other city-wide operations. In addition to his patrol assignments, Lt. Moralez serves as Administrative Assistant to Chief of Police Ed Winchester. Lt. Moralez also participates as an instructor for the Advanced Officer Academy Courses at the Fresno Police Department. On the community front, Lt. Moralez is actively committed to working and expanding the Neighborhood Watch Association. Residents say they find him kind and approachable and turn to him often for his expert advice on home and neighborhood safety issues. Lt. Moralez also cares about and is involved with young people in our community. He has been very active in getting local merchants and residents to support inner city youth through the Boys and Girls Club. He recently spearheaded an effort to have the Boys and Girls Club repainted, after the facility started showing signs of a badly needed facelift. A source of pride for Lt. Moralez was coordinating and instructing at the Hispanic Residents Academy. This organization works to improve the working relationship between the police and the local residents. He and his wife Yolanda are blessed with two children.

Daniel Garcia Payne is a highly decorated and retired Marine Corps Officer. During the latter part of his 23-year career with the military, he managed a half a billion dollar budget and earned numerous commendations for his outstanding service. He holds a degree in missile munitions from John C. Calhoun College in Alabama and a degree in law enforcement from San Jose City College. More recently, Mr. Payne has devoted much of his time and efforts to local organizations that are working to better our community. As a licensed ordained minister, he was very instrumental in

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the establishment of the Valley Community Church. The Church targets its ministry work toward Hispanics who are not attending church and who need spiritual and civic growth. I have the pleasure of having Mr. Payne serve as a co-chairman on my Congressional Hispanic Advisory Committee. He has served as Vice Chairman of the Republican Central Committee and the California State Republican National Hispanic Assembly. Because of his military background, Mr. Payne also volunteers his time to several local veteran organizations. He is the past commander and currently an officer of the American Legion Post 4. He is also an active member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American G.I. Forum, and the Disabled American Veterans. Mr. Payne is also active with youth. For the past five years he has served as co-coordinator of the popular Toys for Tots Christmas effort, which provides 20,000 gifts to needy children. He also co-founded "Drug Dilemma", a life drama project that is working to discourage high school students from experimenting with drugs. He and his wife Mary Lynn have two daughters.

Dennis J. Sanchez was born in Hanford, California where he attended local schools. After high school he attended College of the Sequoias and later graduated from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo with a degree in agronomy. After college Mr. Sanchez returned to Hanford, and along with his brother Peter, began farming operations in the early 1950's. At the same time, he enlisted into the California National Guard 2nd Battalion 49th Infantry Division, and received an honorable discharge in 1964 as a First Lieutenant. In 1968 he co-founded Sanchez & Sanchez Grain. In 1974 he opened Sanchez Feed & Seed. Today he continues to work on the farming side of the business, while juggling a very busy civic schedule. Throughout his adult life, Mr. Sanchez has volunteered and contributed to several organizations—namely, the League of United Latin American Citizens, the Kings County Farm Bureau, the State Fair Board, the Tulare Kings Hispanic Chamber and the San Joaquin Valley Latino Vote Coalition. In 1994, Dennis Sanchez was elected to the Hanford City Council. As an elected official, he has furthered efforts in the areas of crime and juvenile delinquency prevention, job creation, and attracting new business into the Hanford area. Mr. Sanchez is the father of four children, and the proud grandfather of ten children. It is for these reasons that he was selected as a 1998 Portrait of Success.

Dr. Robert Segura is a professor of education at California State University Fresno, a position he has held since 1980. Dr. Segura earned a baccalaureate and masters degree from New Mexico Highlands University at Las Vegas, New Mexico. He attained a doctoral degree in curriculum and instruction from Washington State University in Pullman, Washington. In his current position, Dr. Segura provides instruction in the social and cultural foundations of education. Previously, he was responsible for the development, implementation and administration of federal and state projects that service the university and public schools in Fresno. Dr. Segura has also served as an educational presenter, evaluator and consultant to the U.S. Department of Education, California's Department of Education and dozens of universities across the country. He has assisted in such areas as bilingual

education, the education of gifted minority students, desegregation policy, migrant programs and a myriad of other issues. Dr. Segura has also published a series of bilingual children's books which are based on the characters of "Chato" and "Sapo." Dr. Segura's delightful and intriguing collection follows Chato and Sapo on many adventures, discoveries and pitfalls that they experience in school. Dr. Robert Segura is also recognized for his involvement in the political arena. I have the pleasure of having Dr. Segura serve as both a community representative for me in Fresno County and as co-chairman on my Congressional Hispanic Advisory Committee. In addition, he is a member of the Hispanic Task Force and has served as President of the Fresno Chapter of the Republican National Hispanic Association. Additionally, he chairs the Human Relations Commission for the City of Fresno.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor that I pay tribute to Julia Balderas, Lt. Jose L. Moralez, Daniel Garcia Payne, Dennis J. Sanchez and Dr. Robert Segura for being recognized as the KSEE 24 and Companies that Care 1998 Hispanic-American Portraits of Success honorees. I applaud the contributions, ideas, and leadership they have exhibited in our community. I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing these fine individuals many more years of success.

IN HONOR OF NAO TAKASUGI

HON. ELTON GALLEGLY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 18, 1998

Mr. GALLEGLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a native son of my district, a man who decided to become part of the solution when confronted by a reticent City Hall, and who turned that decision into a distinguished career on behalf of his fellow citizens.

Nao Takasugi will retire from the California Assembly this year after three dignified terms. He began his foray into politics in much the same way I began mine: Bureaucratic bungling forced him to take on his local government. He ran for the Oxnard City Council in 1976, won, and then got right to work. During his 10 years as mayor of Ventura County's largest city, Mr. Takasugi was credited with piloting it through its most productive years by creating jobs and encouraging economic growth.

In 1992, Mr. Takasugi decided to take his problem-solving expertise to the state level and ran successfully for the California Assembly in the 37th District. Bills he introduced that were signed into law include an expanded Taxpayer Bill of Rights, creation of a settlement authority for taxpayers in dispute with the California Franchise Tax Board, adding Hepatitis B to the list of diseases children must be vaccinated against prior to attending school, and creating a three-year pilot project to extend the school year for the Oxnard Union High School District.

Mr. Takasugi was well-prepared to be an effective legislator. He was valedictorian of Oxnard High School and received his bachelor's degree in accounting from Temple University before earning his MBA from Wharton School of Business and Finance. He speaks

both Japanese and Spanish. He has been a successful businessman for more than 35 years. He and Judy have been married 46 years and have five grown children.

Once he became involved in government, Mr. Takasugi took it on with the same zeal with which he conducts his private life. He has chaired more than 25 local, statewide, and national boards and commissions, including the U.S. Conference of Mayors, the National League of Cities, and the Economic Development Advisory Board. He has become a recognized expert on transportation and government issues.

In short, Mr. Takasugi is a shining example of the power inside each individual to make a difference. He has made that difference on behalf of the people in his community, his county and his state. Mr. Speaker, I know my colleagues will join me in thanking Mr. Takasugi for his many years of selfless service and wish him well in any future endeavors.

WHAT HAPPENED IN
WESTHAMPTON BEACH?

HON. MICHAEL P. FORBES

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FORBES. Mr. Speaker, seven new inlets between Moriches Inlet and Quogue village line were created when the ocean broke through the dunes. Many dune houses were carried off their foundations, were broken in pieces, and were washed into Moriches Bay, or cast up on the Mainland. This was also the fate of the Moriches and the Potunk Coast Guard Stations. People in those beach houses, those fortunate enough to cling to roofs, or able to swim, were tossed up on the Oneck section of the village, or on the golf course. Of about 179 dunes homes, only a few remained, and those were left in uninhabitable condition. Other areas of the village which were particularly badly hit were Beach Lane, Stevens Lane, Main Street, and Library Avenue.

The West Bay Bathing Beach (Swordfish Club) was destroyed. The Rogers' Beach Club (Rogers Pavilion) was badly damaged. The Quantuck Beach Club was washed away, and its clubhouse was later found one mile directly north on a Quogue lawn.

The south end of the West Bay Bridge (Swordfish Bridge) was torn off, rendering it useless. The golf course was littered with wreckage from the beach. The Westhampton Yacht Basin was a shambles, with many work and pleasure boats either sunk, or up on the dry land.

Storekeepers and customers were taken by surprise, when a wall of ocean water, pushed by a storm surge, reached a height of six feet on Main Street. The water carried debris from the dunes with it. The first floor classrooms at the Six Corners School were inundated to a depth of nearly five feet, and many windows were blown in. Some two hundred children were in the school building as the storm approached. They were dismissed, and left the school unharmed, just in time.

All waterways and canals rose to unbelievable heights. Waves broke in Beaver Dam Creek, rose over Montauk Highway, and flooded Cook's Pond. Many village residents fled to higher ground, to the airport, or to Riverhead.