

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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