

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING RETIRING STAFF OF THE ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 7, 1999

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, on Friday, October 1, 1999, I celebrated a final day of work with twenty-seven members of the Architect of the Capitol staff from the House Office Buildings. Of the twenty-seven employees leaving us, eighteen are my constituents. These valued employees are retiring under a buyout program developed earlier this year by the Architect of the Capitol and approved by the House Administration Committee, of which I am the Ranking Member. The buyout program has provided excellent retirement opportunities, which at the same time creating new avenues of advancement for the staff of the Architect who continue with us.

The staffers retiring today have an average of twenty-nine years of service each, and together, they have provided 798 years of service. The Architect of the Capitol fields a work force that is indispensable to us, and often labors unnoticed in the shadows, or more aptly, in the basement and tunnels of these buildings. Like public employees everywhere, they do some of the toughest jobs under the most adverse conditions in the country. They do it always with smiles and friendly greetings, and a job well done. These employees were never looking to get rich and they do not do it for public acclaim. They do their jobs and they do them well because they know we all rely on them. Lyndon Johnson understood this. He said of public service "so much of what we achieve as people depends upon the caliber and the character of the civil service."

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you on behalf of all my colleagues, both Democrat and Republican. Farewell to those employees leaving us today, we will miss them and we thank them for their contribution to our daily lives. They are: Lewis Bowles, Jr., John Callahan, Jr., Douglas Colbert, Ernest Cook, Margaret Donnelly, Lillie Drayton, Alvin Gayan, Hubert Gray, David Ingram, Solomon Landers, Earl Lemings, Carroll Lumpkins, Jr., Norman Lynch, James Mattingly, Luke Mattingly, William McWilliams, Bernard Merritt, Robert Merryman, Walter Montgomery, Allen Nichols, Talmadge Nowden, Anthony Pilkerton, James Quade, Robert Quade, Raymond Stager, George Stein, and Leonard Vanryswick.

"FIFTY YEARS OF SERVICE" TO THE GREATER DUNDALK COM- MUNITY

HON. ROBERT L. EHRlich, JR.

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 7, 1999

Mr. EHRlich. Mr. Speaker, on October 14, 1949, twenty-five members of the Dundalk

community formed a new organization known as the Optimist Club of Dundalk, sponsored by the Optimist Club of Baltimore. They established their motto as "Friend of the Boy" and began to sponsor sports programs, oratorical contests, and archery programs in the schools to honor the male students that excelled in academics and athletics.

In 1950, The Dundalk Optimist Foundation, Inc. was formed to ensure the planned and approved programs were financially assured, and to plan for the construction of a building they could call their own. Through the years, the club grew in size and effectiveness. The club became a Century Club in 1969, and earned the District Achievement Award for the first time. Over the years, the programs began serving girls and the motto was changed to "Friends of Youth." In January of 1988, the Optimist Club membership voted to allow women to be eligible for membership, and the Club continued to expand and increase their outreach in the community. The dream of a building was realized in 1995, with the opening of their Clubhouse at 4528 Northpoint Boulevard in Dundalk.

Today, the Optimist Club of Dundalk, Inc. continues to provide wonderful opportunities for the community's youth to learn, grow, and excel both in academics and athletics. I commend this organization for these first fifty years of excellent and dedicated service, and I join in looking forward to the next fifty.

PROFILES OF SUCCESS HONORS MR. ED DELCI

HON. ED PASTOR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 7, 1999

Mr. PASTOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to pay tribute to an outstanding fellow Arizonan who is an exemplary role model for Arizona and the nation, Mr. Ed Delci.

Ed Delci is a committed and tenacious individual who recently received the Exemplary Leadership Award at Valley del Sol's Annual Profiles of Success Leadership Awards in Phoenix. Valle's award ceremony is the premiere Latino recognition event in Arizona each year that acknowledges Arizona's leaders and their contributions.

As an academic advisor at Arizona State University, Ed has dedicated himself to helping young people succeed in their pursuits of higher education. He inspires young Hispanics to succeed in their studies, graduate from ASU and maintain an active involvement in their community. I believe he has positively impacted the graduate rate of Latinos at ASU.

He also has been the principal advisor of ASU's MEChA (Movimiento Estudiantil Chicanos de Aztlan) chapter for many years. Due to Ed's dedication, the group has become a vibrant and forceful organization that received the Student Organization of 1999 and Social Conscience of 1998 and 1999 awards. At

ASU, he also is involved in the Cesar Chavez Leadership Institute for Youth and the ASU Concilio, a student-led council of Hispanic students.

But his work does not end off campus. A former Peace Corps volunteer, Ed is one of the hardest working Latino "activistas," or activist in Arizona who truly exemplifies the "servant leader" concept. Originally from Chandler, Ariz., he galvanized the community to fight against the city of Chandler for the unfair detainment of Mexican-American citizens by city police. In 1998, Ed organized the Chandler Coalition for Civil and Human Rights to help Chandler residents explore issues around immigration and to launch a lawsuit against the city government. He has also championed for issues significant to the Latino community as part of the Arizona Hispanic Community Forum. In addition, he works with the Arizona Friends of the United Farm Workers and Centro de Amistad in Guadalupe, Ariz.

Not only is Ed a tireless worker in education and civil rights issues, he spends many hours volunteering for voter registration and political campaigns. He leads by example, working hard in any type of activity that is needed, such as setting up sound systems, driving and talking to voters, walking door-to-door to obtain petition signatures, setting up tables and chairs and putting them away. He is not afraid of doing the "dirty work" when needed.

As you can see, Ed leads by example. He is truly an outstanding individual who deserves to be recognized. Therefore I ask you to please join me in thanking my friend Ed Delci and wishing him continued success.

TRIBUTE TO RICHARD MIZE, A TRUE COMPETITOR

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 7, 1999

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I take this moment to recognize a man who has proven himself as one of the most successful mountaineers of our time. This man, who is now 63, is still competing and winning. He is a dedicated individual whose hard work deserves to be honored.

Richard Mize has always had a love for skiing. At Western State College in Gunnison, Colorado he took advantage of every opportunity to go skiing. It paid off when he was awarded the 1956 Don Johnson Memorial Trophy, which is given to the outstanding American skier in the NCAA cross country championships. He also became a two time, All-American cross country skier. Since college, Richard has gone on to accomplish feats that are equally, if not more, impressive. He competed in the World Biathlon Championship in 1958 and 1959. Also, in 1960 he earned a spot on the U.S. Olympic Biathlon Team, where he placed 21st in the inaugural year of

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the event in the Olympics. Since 1983, Richard Mize has competed on the Masters Circuit and, in every year since 1988 he has earned at least one first place finish in the U.S. Masters Division. In 1988, at the World and U.S. Championships in Lake Placid, New York he won the World Championship in the 20K freestyle and 10K classic races. As you can see, this man is a fierce competitor—his accolades however, do not stop there. Richard has won his age group seven times in the last nine years at the Tour of Anchorage 50K Freestyle competition.

Mr. Speaker, there are few people in our time that have accomplished so many amazing feats. Richard has done this and he has continued to do this well into his later years. So it is with this that I say congratulations to this man on his induction into the Mountaineer Sports Hall of Fame.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF
MURIEL DARLENE GIST WINGATE

HON. JULIAN C. DIXON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 7, 1999

Mr. DIXON. Mr. Speaker, today I want to recognize and celebrate the life of Muriel Darlene Gist Wingate, a wonderful and loving mother and grandmother, who for more than 25 years served with distinction as a loyal and outstanding assistant to internationally acclaimed Howard University Hospital oncologist and general surgeon Dr. LaSalle D. Leffall, Jr.

Muriel, or "Meme" as she was affectionately known to her family and many friends, passed away on Tuesday, June 8, 1999. Kind, patient, and always ready with a reassuring word, Muriel was the person to whom hundreds of Dr. Leffall's patients turned in times of difficulty. She was the glue that helped many of them hold sway while dealing with troubling medical diagnoses.

For the hundreds of residents and medical students who secured a coveted spot on Dr. Leffall's rotation, she was the surrogate mother, the woman who provided constant encouragement and assurance that with determination, perseverance, stamina, and the same trademark sense of humor which had endeared her to so many and helped her too during periods of difficulty, they would indeed make it through their medical school and/or surgical residency program. As a show of how much she was loved, many of the young doctors and medical students whom she supervised while working with Dr. Leffall, returned to pay their respects at the service celebrating her life, which was held on Thursday, June 17, 1999, at Hemingway Memorial A.M.E. Church in Chapel Oaks, Maryland.

"Miss Wingate," as she was respectfully and fondly known to so many of Dr. Leffall's patients, was born in Washington, D.C., on November 11, 1941, to Ruby N. Gist and the late Sherwood Gist. She graduated from Fairmont Heights High School in 1959 and set course on a career in the field of health care. She loved to travel to exotic places, and often regaled others with stories about her adventures. She had a smile that simply illuminated the room, and an eternally optimistic outlook that would become an important and essential asset in her work with Dr. Leffall's patients.

Muriel Darlene Gist Wingate was beloved by many, but cherished most of all by her lovely

daughters, Joy Arminta Diggs and Kelly Lynn Wingate, and granddaughter, Camille Nicole Wingate. Her untimely passing also leaves to mourn her loving mother, Mrs. Ruby N. Gist; three sisters: Shirley A. Courtney, Elaine T. Johnson, and Janiero L. Dougans; three brothers: Dennis, Milton, and Gregory, and a host of other relatives.

Mr. Speaker, to have the love, admiration, and respect of your family, friends, and colleagues, is, I believe the ultimate measure of success. Muriel Wingate was blessed with all of these. I am proud to have the occasion to celebrate her memory with my colleagues, and ask that you join me in extending our heartfelt condolences to her family, friends, and colleagues on the passing of a truly exceptional woman.

RECOGNIZING COMMANDER
ARTHUR J. OHANIAN

HON. JOHN S. TANNER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 7, 1999

Mr. TANNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Commander Arthur J. Ohanian, United States Navy. Commander Ohanian will retire after 20 years of distinguished and superior service to our country.

In his most recent position he served as the Manpower and Personnel analyst for the Programming, Planning and Development Branch, Chief of Naval Operations Staff. A P-3 Instructor Pilot, Commander Ohanian served in a number of leadership positions in the fleet, including the Commander Naval Education and Training Mobil Training Team. He also served in a number of different positions within squadrons deployed in the Mediterranean.

Commander Ohanian is the recipient of the Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Commendation Medal, and the Navy Achievement Medal.

Again, Mr. Speaker, I am proud to extend my best wishes to Commander Arthur J. Ohanian. May you continue the success you have enjoyed and thank you for your faithful service from a grateful Nation.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 1906,
AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT,
FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION,
AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS
ACT, 2000

SPEECH OF

HON. SAXBY CHAMBLISS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 1, 1999

Mr. CHAMBLISS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 1906. H.R. 1906 contains funding for many vitally important programs in agriculture. This bill provides appropriations for those programs that were authorized in the 1996 farm bill. Furthermore, this bill provides important funding for the foundation of agriculture research. Continued research will provide answers that enable farmers to continue to improve efficiency in providing food for our table.

Specifically the bill includes funds for the National Center for Peanut Competitiveness, a

program that establishes a broad-based research program directed toward assuring the competitiveness of U.S. peanuts in the world market. Also included is funding to allow the University of Georgia to research tomato spotted wilt virus, a plant virus that has become a major yield-limiting constraint on many important food crops in South Georgia. The bill also contains funds for peanut allergy collaborative research as well as onion research.

In addition, our farmers have once again faced another disastrous year. Farmers who were fortunate to have a crop are faced with the lowest prices in decades. Adverse weather conditions have resulted in another disaster. This bill also contains disaster assistance for farmers who have suffered yet another crop failure. My farmers cannot afford to wait any longer on relief.

Mr. Speaker, I am disappointed that dairy and sanction provisions were not included in the current appropriations bill. The funds appropriated in the bill will aid farmers in surviving another year of adverse weather conditions and low commodity. Peanut and tobacco farmers will all receive aid in the form of market assistance payments, market loss payments or direct payments. The bill also includes funds to replenish the step two cotton program. In addition fruit and vegetable growers along with dairy and livestock producers will receive assistance from this package and other essential measures that are critical to our producers.

This bill is not a cure all. However, it is imperative that we don't delay this funding any longer. I urge all my colleagues to support passage of conference report.

A SALUTE TO BOSTON LAW
SCHOOL

HON. EDWARD J. MARKEY

OF MASSACHUSETTS

HON. WILLIAM D. DELAHUNT

OF MASSACHUSETTS

HON. MICHAEL E. CAPUANO

OF MASSACHUSETTS

HON. ROBERT C. SCOTT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 7, 1999

Mr. MARKEY. Mr. Speaker, My colleagues, Messrs. DELAHUNT, CAPUANO, SCOTT and I submit the following proclamation:

Whereas, Boston College Law School was officially founded on September 26, 1929, in the Lawyer's Building at 11 Beacon Street with a class of 22 students, one full-time faculty and three part-time faculty members.

Whereas, after spending nearly 25 years in downtown Boston, the Law School continued its march toward the Heights by joining the Boston College campus community in 1954 at St. Thomas More Hall, under the leadership of the Rev. William J. Kenealy, S.J., the Dean who was charged with building a law school for a new era.

Whereas, it was Rev. Robert F. Drinan, S.J., the sixth dean of the Law School and later member of the United States House of Representatives from Massachusetts, whose foresight and indefatigable spirit brought about the Law School's rise in statute and