

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

COLORADO STATE SENATOR ELSIE LACY

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 23, 2000

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I wanted to take this moment to recognize the career of one of Colorado's leading statesmen, Senator Elsie Lacy. In doing so, I would like to honor this individual who, for so many years, has exemplified the notion of public service and civic duty. It is clear that Senator Lacy's dynamic leadership will be greatly missed and difficult to replace.

Elected to the State Senate in 1992, Elsie was the chairwoman of the Appropriations committee and the chairwoman of the Joint Budget Committee. Her main focus was on transportation, health and education issues. Before being elected to State Senate, Elsie was elected to the Aurora City Council, where she served for four years.

Senator Lacy is very involved in the community. She is a member of the Aurora Chamber of Commerce, a member of the Village East Neighborhood Association, and Boy Scout of America Merit Badge Counselor and Troop 630 committee chair, just to name a few.

This year marked the end of Senator Lacy's tenure in elected office. Her career embodied the citizen-legislator ideal and was a model that every official in elected office should seek to emulate. The citizens of Colorado owe Senator Lacy a debt of gratitude and I wish her well.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MAJOR R. OWENS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 23, 2000

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, on Friday, I was unavoidably absent on a matter of critical importance and missed the following votes:

On the amendment to H.R. 4475, to prohibit use of funds for engineering work related to an additional runway at New Orleans International Airport, introduced by the gentleman from Louisiana, Mr. VITTER, I would have voted "nay."

On passage of the bill, H.R. 4475, the transportation appropriations for fiscal year 2001, introduced by the gentleman from Virginia, Mr. WOLF, I would have voted "yea."

FLOYD D. SPENCE NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2001

SPEECH OF

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 18, 2000

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 4205) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2001 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 2001, and for other purposes.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Chairman, for many years my colleagues and I have expressed opposition to the U.S. School of Americas. This year's defense authorization measure includes provisions that close the U.S. Army School of Americas and establish the Defense Institute for Hemispheric Security Cooperation. This supposedly new school for international military education will still train most of the third world's military tyrants.

Mr. Chairman this is only a cosmetic change. A name change with no attempt to address the growing public outcry and congressional concern over the SOA's link to human rights atrocities in Latin America.

The people in my district are well aware of the brutal inhuman products of this school. The members of the death school have horribly executed human rights activists in El Salvador, Guatemala, and Pakistan.

Mr. Chairman there is no reason to continue funding this macabre institution. That is why I support the Moakley amendment. The Moakley amendment will evaluate the effect of United States military training on the human rights performance of Latin American soldiers. Commando and combat courses have long been core curricula at the SOA and I believe that the training contributes to human rights atrocities.

Therefore, Mr. Chairman I strongly urge all Members to vote against any legislation supporting the School of Americas and urge all Members to vote for the Moakley amendment.

COLORADO STATE SENATOR TOM BLICKENSERFER

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 23, 2000

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I wanted to take this moment to recognize the career of one of Colorado's leading statesmen, Senator Tom Blickensderfer. In doing so, I would like to honor this individual who, for so many years, has exemplified the notion of public service and civic duty. It is clear that Senator Blickensderfer's dynamic leadership will be greatly missed and difficult to replace.

Elected to the State Senate in 1992, he served as a Senate majority leader. Tom distinguished himself by focusing on water issues and other issues that are important in rural communities. He is a strong leader and is recognized throughout the State of Colorado for his contributions to the Republican party.

Senator Blickensderfer received many honors. In 1992, he was honored by CACI as the Business Legislator of the Year. He has also received honors from the Colorado Mental Health Association, and the NFIB Guardian of Small Business award, as well as, citations by Colorado Psychological Association and Health Ethics Lobby.

This year marked the end of Senator Blickensderfer's tenure in elected office. His career embodied the citizen-legislator ideal and was a model that every official in elected office should seek to emulate. The citizens of Colorado owe Senator Blickensderfer a debt of gratitude and I wish him well.

TRIBUTE TO YOSHI HONKAWA

HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 23, 2000

Mr. WAXMAN. Mr. Speaker, today I pay tribute to a dear friend, Yoshi Honkawa, who is retiring after a thirty-six year career as a health care advocate in Los Angeles County. Yoshi's name has become synonymous with health care policy and advocacy for the residents of Los Angeles County. Over the years he has been an indispensable resource to me, my office, and the many institutions he has worked with. His wisdom and insight will certainly be missed as he enters his much-deserved retirement.

Yoshi began his impressive health care career in 1964 at the Los Angeles County-University of Southern California (LAC-USC) Medical Center. He served as the medical center's comptroller and assistant administrator for five years. His talent did not go unnoticed, and he was promoted to associate administrator in 1969.

Later that year, Yoshi became affiliated with the Los Angeles County Department of Hospitals and served as director of fiscal and hospital program planning until 1972. He then joined the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services where he was the deputy director of finance and legislative services.

In 1975, Yoshi became the director of finance at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, where he remained to serve in various capacities. He was the vice president for government and industry relations from 1978 through 1993. In 1994, he was promoted to the position of consultant for health care advocacy.

Yoshi's contributions in the health care field have always gone far beyond his employment. First and foremost, he knows and counts as friends virtually every major player in the health care arena, both in California and in

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