

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

125TH ANNIVERSARY OF
PEMBERVILLE, OHIO

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 17, 2001

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize a significant milestone for a community in my district. Pemberville, Ohio celebrates its 125th anniversary this year. The town recently celebrated the 125th anniversary of its incorporation, which took place on June 8, 1876.

The fertile farmland region in Wood County, Ohio was home to pioneering settlers for three generations prior to the establishment of Pemberville—first known as the forks because it was near a fork in the river—in 1854. Well before Pemberville became a town, William Henry Harrison made his camp at the site—which was strategically situated on the Portage River—during the War of 1812. Later, many families found it desirable and by the time it was incorporated in 1876, the town grew from a crossroads for fur traders and a few adventurous farmers into a viable community. Upon incorporation, it became known as Pemberville, named for one of its founders, James Pember.

The town further prospered when railroad lines were completed in 1875 and oil was discovered in 1881. In fact, only a year after being formally incorporated, Pemberville boasted a population of 500. Those earliest citizens were united in their effort to establish Pemberville as a regional hub, and its prime location on the river, along with the development of both roads and rail, helped the growth.

Pemberville became home to many churches and businesses and provided a well-developed school system. Today it remains a vibrant community, rich in tradition, with a small-town, folksy feel. It is a community looking forward while proud of its past. It moves forward through the seasons, adjusting to fit the times, but never losing the essence of the best of small town America: neighborliness, friendliness, and a timeless quality.

Oliver Wendell Holmes said "Where we love is home, home that our feet may leave, but not our hearts." Pemberville is a town that illustrates this sentiment: Though many of its sons and daughters have traveled far afield, often settling elsewhere, still that inexorable feeling of community and home brings them back time and again, whether it is in fact or in mind. I know that they, along with the citizens who assembled at this year's sesquicentennial, are proud of Pemberville and proud of its journey through the past to the present. I am pleased to join those who gather at this 125th anniversary celebration to celebrate that past even as we see a vision of Pemberville's future.

A PROCLAMATION CONGRATULATING
MELANIE KIDDER

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 17, 2001

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, with great pride and satisfaction I commend the following article to my colleagues:

Whereas, Melanie Kidder, should be recognized for her outstanding achievement; and,

Whereas, Melanie Kidder proudly represented her community as Belmont County's delegate to the Scripps Howard National Spelling Bee, held in Washington, D.C., and

Whereas, having advanced to the fifth round, she rose to be among the very top of her 248 competitors from across the nation, and

Whereas, she showed grace, courage and uncommon maturity as she achieved great success before a national television audience in the final round of the spelling competition; and,

Therefore, I ask you to join with me and the citizens of Ohio, in recognition of Melanie Kidder's outstanding performance.

CONCERNING THE DEATH OF
KATHARINE GRAHAM

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 17, 2001

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, for the world, it may be enough to remember that Katharine Graham was a great publisher, humanitarian and path breaker for women, but no summary of her life is complete unless it includes the contributions that made her a great Washingtonian.

Notwithstanding her world class accomplishments and worldwide fame, Kay Graham always lavished love and attention on her hometown. She stood for full equality when this was a segregated southern town, and she stood for full democracy and congressional representation until the day she died. The Washington Post was only the most visible instrument of her support for the District and its people. Those who live here will especially cherish the countless ways that Kay Graham was devoted to this city as a public advocate and private citizen. In short, Katharine Graham was one of us.

TRIBUTE TO CALIFORNIA STATE
ASSEMBLYWOMAN ELAINE
ALQUIST

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 17, 2001

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize the achievements of California State

Assemblywoman Elaine Alquist, my fellow legislator from the Silicon Valley.

Throughout her career, Assemblywoman Alquist has been a defender of women, children, families and seniors. The first Greek-American woman elected to the California State Legislature, she is now the senior member of the Assembly's Santa Clara County delegation.

A former algebra and trigonometry teacher, Assemblywoman Alquist is the chair of the Higher Education Committee and co-vice chair of the Joint Committee to Develop a Master Plan for Education-Kindergarten through University. Assemblywoman Alquist is also the chair of the Select Committee on the Aging of Baby Boomers.

Assemblywoman Alquist was the 2001 recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Women's Fund, and has been named the Legislator of the Year by such organizations as the American Electronics Association (in 1999 and 2000), the Alzheimer's Association, California Council, the California Association of Psychologists, and the California Association of Homes and Services for the Aging.

I thank Assemblywoman Elaine Alquist for her years of friendship and offer the warmest congratulations from my family to hers.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DAVID VITTER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 17, 2001

Mr. VITTER. Mr. Speaker, due to a flight cancellation on Tuesday, July 17, 2001, I was unable to be present for the following Roll Call Votes: # 229, the vote on S. 360, a Bill to Honor Paul Coverdell; and # 230, the vote on H. Res. 195, Commending the United States military and defense contractor personnel responsible for a successful in-flight ballistic missile defense interceptor test on July 14, 2001.

I ask that the RECORD show that if I were present, I would have voted "yea" on Roll Call # 229 and "yea" on Roll Call # 230.

INTRODUCTION OF THE INTERNET
TAX FAIRNESS ACT OF 2001

HON. BOB GOODLATTE

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 17, 2001

Mr. GOODLATTE. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to introduce today, along with my good friend, Mr. BOUCHER, the Internet Tax Fairness Act of 2001.

This much-needed bipartisan legislation permanently extends the current moratorium on Internet access taxes and multiple and discriminatory taxes. In addition, this legislation clarifies state and local authority to collect business activity taxes from out-of-state entities.

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As many of you know, the Internet Tax Fairness Act of 1998 created a moratorium on Internet access taxes and multiple and discriminatory taxes. As a result of this moratorium, the Internet has remained relatively free from the burdens of new taxes. However, the moratorium is set to expire in October, subjecting the Internet to possible taxation from more than 7,500 taxing jurisdictions. We must continue to ensure that the Internet remains free from restrictive taxation by making the tax moratorium permanent.

In addition, many States and some local governments levy corporate income and franchise taxes on companies that either operate or conduct business activities within their jurisdictions. While providing revenue for States, these taxes also serve to pay for the privilege of doing business in a state.

Supreme Court precedent is clear that a state cannot impose a tax on an out-of-state business unless that business has a "substantial nexus" with the taxing state. In addition, over forty years ago, Congress passed legislation to ensure that states could not tax the income of out-of-state corporations whose in-state presence was minimal. Public Law 86-272 set uniform, national standards for when states could and could not impose such taxes. However, like the economy of the time, Public Law 86-272 was limited to tangible personal property.

With the growth of the Internet, companies are increasingly able to conduct transactions without the constraint of geopolitical boundaries. The increasing rate of interstate and international business-to-business and business-to-consumer transactions raises questions over states' ability to collect income taxes from companies conducting business within their jurisdiction.

Over the past several years, a growing number of states have sought to collect business activity taxes from businesses located in other states, even though those businesses receive no appreciable benefits from the collecting states and even though the Supreme Court has ruled that the Constitution prohibits a state (without the consent of Congress) from imposing tax on businesses that lack substantial connections to the state. This has led to unfairness and uncertainty, generated contentious, widespread litigation, and hindered business expansion, as businesses shy away from expanding their presence in other states for fear of exposure to unfair tax burdens.

In this period where the rapid growth of e-commerce will shape the economy of the 21st century, this expansion of the States' power to impose business activity taxes, left unchecked, will have a chilling effect on e-commerce, interstate commerce generally, and the entire economy as tax burdens, compliance costs, litigation, and uncertainty escalate.

Accordingly, the second recommendation of the Advisory Commission on Electronic Commerce majority was that Congress establish national standards for when states can impose business activity taxes.

That is why we are introducing this important legislation today. The Internet Tax Fairness Act establishes definite, specific standards to govern when businesses should be obliged to pay business activity taxes, which will ensure fairness, minimize litigation, and create the kind of legally certain and stable business climate which encourages businesses to make business investments, expand

interstate commerce, grow the economy and create new jobs. At the same time, this legislation will ensure that states and localities are fairly compensated when they provide services to businesses with a substantial physical presence in the state.

I urge each of my colleagues to support this very important bipartisan legislation.

IN HONOR OF WALTON HILLS
VILLAGE

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

HON. STEVE C. LATOURETTE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 17, 2001

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with my colleague Mr. LATOURETTE, in recognition of the 50th Anniversary Celebration of the Village of Walton Hills, Ohio.

In March 1951, people of the prospective village voted in a special election to determine whether the area would detach from Bedford Township and become the Village of Walton Hills. The voting took place in the Quonset hut owned by L.S. Conelly, S.E. corner Alexander and Walton Rd. The glorifying outcome was the approval of the establishment of the new village.

Later on in May 1951, the voters went again to the polls and elected officers for the Village, who were then sworn in at Black Beauty Riding Academy Hall on Dunham Road in June 1951. The top officials were Mayor Virgil D. Allen Jr, Clerk Betty Walton, Treasurer Charles Clark, and six councilmen.

The Walton Village is proud of its many civic clubs. The Women's Club in August 1951 held their organizational meeting at Lillian Kral's Golden Glens pavilion. The Men's Club was founded in September 1951 with the acceptance of the Articles of Organization. Some men organized Little League in 1955 while others organized Walton Hills Lake recreational activities starting in 1949. The Walton Hills Citizens League was founded in October 1963 to promote citizen involvement in local government.

Please join me in recognizing a strong community, The Village of Walton Hills on this distinguished 50th anniversary.

WAMU 88.5 FM—A COMMUNITY RESOURCE IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 17, 2001

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak in support of a valued and long-time resource for the residents of the District of Columbia, WAMU, one of the nation's leading public radio stations. In addition to its nationwide audience, WAMU has served nearly half a million listeners in the District of Columbia and surrounding areas for forty years, with award-winning news and public affairs programming by its celebrated talk show hosts Diane Rehm, Kojo Nnamdi of Public Interest,

local hosts David Furst of Metro Connection and Lakshmi Singh of All Things Considered, and our own indispensable local D.C. political pundit Mark Plotkin.

In response to the overwhelming views of its listeners and subscribers, WAMU 88.5 FM recently altered its weekday format to include more public affairs programming. To the station's credit, WAMU nevertheless found a way to preserve the bluegrass programming for which the station is also known. Members of the House and Senate and the station's listeners nationwide, who depend on WAMU for the best public affairs programming on the air will be happy about the expanded public affairs programs. At the same time, we commend WAMU for its sensitivity in finding a way to continue a healthy dose of bluegrass music.

WAMU is an important part of community life here, and prides itself on being the "voice of the community" to those of us who live and work in the greater Washington area. Increased news coverage in the nation's capital, especially with a local focus during national broadcasts is especially needed and welcomed by those of us who call this area home—where we educate our children, volunteer to help, pay taxes, attend church services, take part in the arts, and do all the things that make the Washington area vibrant and vital.

This is radio at its most substantive, thoughtful and interesting best. WAMU recently added even more news programming to serve the needs of this diverse and unique Washington audience, because it has a special responsibility to inform, educate and raise the level of conversation on the issues of our day. WAMU takes its shows into the community, with Public Interest and The DC Politics Hour broadcasting live from every ward in the city to hear the opinions of city residents on issues of critical importance to them and their neighborhoods. The station also participates in hosting and sponsoring myriad non-profit arts, education, ethnic and cultural events in the city every year.

I applaud the news and information programming additions, and commend WAMU for its extensive and long standing service to our area. As WAMU celebrates 40 years of broadcasting, we look forward to its continued presence for many years to come. WAMU remains an award winning resource for the residents of the Washington area.

HONORING MARY WALKER CLARK

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 18, 2001

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, when Ms. Mary Walker Clark was asked to reveal her age, she replied, "A lady never tells that kind of information," then added with a smile on her face, "I was born in 1894, you figure it out." It brings me great pleasure to have this opportunity to offer my congratulations and admiration to Mary Walker Clark who celebrated her 107th birthday on July 16 in the town of Montrose, Colorado—making her the oldest living individual in the entire state of Colorado.

In quaint Angels Camp, California, Mary was born in 1894. When she was only 40 days old, her family relocated to Ouray, Colorado. Today, Mary lives at the San Juan Living