

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO MR. KEN DAVID, VETERAN SERVICE OFFICER FOR LIMESTONE COUNTY

HON. ROBERT E. (BUD) CRAMER, JR.

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 26, 2002

Mr. CRAMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a distinguished citizen and soldier on the occasion of his retirement from the post of Veteran Service Officer for Limestone County, in my district.

Ken David served his country honorably, first in Vietnam, and later in the Persian Gulf during Operation Desert Storm. For the past ten years, he has been invaluable in assisting other veterans of Limestone County with a wide range of needs and requests.

Ken is a highly motivated and community oriented individual. Several years ago, he founded the Limestone County Veterans Museum and Archives. Ken organized and guided a committee of dedicated volunteers, and worked tirelessly himself, to renovate the historic depot in Athens, Alabama, where many Limestone County veterans disembarked for a war in years past. The museum is now a resource for veterans, their families, school groups, and the public, where they can learn about the tremendous sacrifice of North Alabama residents who proudly served their country in wartime during the 20th Century.

I want to thank Ken today for his immeasurable contribution of time, energy, and enthusiasm on behalf of his fellow veterans and neighbors. I also want to congratulate Ken and his family, and wish him the best during his well-deserved rest in retirement.

IN HONOR OF VONETTA FLOWERS, RECIPIENT OF AN OLYMPIC GOLD MEDAL

HON. EARL F. HILLIARD

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HILLIARD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to Vonetta Flowers, a gold medalist in the women's bobsled event during the nineteenth Winter Olympiad in Park City Utah. On Tuesday, February 19, 2002, Ms. Flowers became the first African American to win a Winter Olympic Gold Medal.

Vonetta's journey to Olympic triumph is one that is analogous to that of many other famous tract stars who have come before her. While competing at the 2000 Olympic track and field trials in the long jump event, she saw a flyer for the bobsled team. As a lark she decided to try out and quickly mastered the six-event test that includes sprinting, jumping, and throwing a shot thus earning her a trial on the Olympic bobsled track. With only 2 weeks of training on how to push a bobsled, Vonetta and her teammate broke the world start record in Oc-

tober 2000. Later that season the team won four World medals and finished the year ranked third in the world.

A 4-year letter winner at the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB), Ms. Flowers is a seven time NCAA All American. During her college career she competed in long jump, triple jump, 100 meters, 200 meters and relay teams. She competed in the 2000 Olympic trials in long jump, where she finished 12th. She also won a Gold Medal at the 1994 Olympic festival in the long jump. Currently, Vonetta is an assistant track coach at UAB.

A native of Birmingham, AL, Vonetta attended Jackson-Olin High School where she was an All-State basketball player and member of the Birmingham Striders Track Club. She is married to Mr. Johnny Mack Flowers and is the daughter of Jimmie and Barbara Jeffrey.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Vonetta Flowers for her monumental achievement and superior athletic performance.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 26, 2002

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of the USA for their prestigious service. The Royal College was created in 1984 and is located in Detroit, MI.

The Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons, an international organization, longs to provide continuing medical education to physicians and surgeons around the world. The Royal College campuses spread around the globe in Canada, England, Ireland, Australia, and South Africa. The College prides itself on its commitment to the science and arts of medicine and surgery. Further, the College is supported by private organizations, however it receives its charters from individual governments.

Therefore, Mr. Speaker, I respectfully ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to the renowned organization, the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons as they celebrate their 20 years of service.

A TRIBUTE TO HADASSAH ON THEIR 90TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 26, 2002

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I invited my colleagues to join me in commending and paying

tribute to Hadassah—the Women's Zionist Organization of America, on the occasion of its 90th Anniversary. This extraordinary organization, founded in February 1912 by Henrietta Szold, has worked throughout its nine decades to ensure the unity of the Jewish people.

Hadassah's American activities cover the map from Anchorage, Alaska, to San Juan, Puerto Rico, and from Honolulu, Hawaii, to Bangor, Maine. In more than 800 communities around the United States, Hadassah volunteers undertake programs and activities that change and improve people's lives. These include the "Check it Out" breast cancer detection and awareness campaign and sponsoring Jewish family programs across the country. Members of Hadassah are also on the forefront of important public policy debates on a diverse range of issues including, women's health, church-state separation, and U.S.-Israel relations.

Mr. Speaker, the wonderful work of Hadassah does not stop at our nation's borders. The organization's greatest achievement is its network of world-renowned medical and educational institutions in Israel. The Hadassah Medical Organization in Jerusalem provides the highest quality of health care to more than 600,000 people a year. Since 1984, the Hadassah Medical Organization has also been involved in global outreach programs to other countries, particularly those in Africa. Included in these initiatives are new treatments for eye diseases, AIDS education, post-natal care and public health.

Numbering more than 300,000 throughout the United States, the devoted membership of Hadassah embodies the spirit of volunteerism and community service. These women are our mothers, daughters, sisters, wives and aunts.

Mr. Speaker, I invite our colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Hadassah—this outstanding community service organization—and its many dedicated members, who have made outstanding contributions to our nation and to peoples throughout the world over the past 90 years.

DEFENSE BUDGET STATEMENT

HON. CYNTHIA A. MCKINNEY

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 26, 2002

Ms. MCKINNEY. Mr. Speaker, on Wednesday, February 6th, Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld testified before the House Armed Services Committee and asked for a record increase in defense spending. He pointed to the brave new world post-September 11th as justification for the largest hike in defense spending in 20 years. Sadly, Secretary Rumsfeld thinks that the brave new world of post-September gives us amnesia about 9/11 and the events before 9/11. He also mistakenly believes that all of his destabilizing proposals can be justified as a reasoned response to 9/11. An incredibly, both

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