

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING NATHANIEL D. WOODSON, 2002 RECIPIENT OF THE ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE'S TORCH OF LIBERTY AWARD

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 15, 2002

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, today, in my hometown of New Haven, Connecticut, friends, family and colleagues will gather to pay tribute to one of our community's most outstanding citizens. It is with great pleasure that I rise today, both as a friend and last year's recipient, to join the Connecticut Anti-Defamation League as they honor Nathaniel Woodson with their 2002 Torch of Liberty Award.

Our communities would not be the same without the efforts of individuals whose work truly benefits our families and neighborhoods. Each year, the Connecticut Anti-Defamation League presents the prestigious Torch of Liberty Award to an outstanding leader in the community, recognizing their unique commitment and dedication. Nat is a remarkable reflection of the true spirit of community service. With extraordinary compassion and generosity, Nat has touched the lives of thousands of families throughout Greater New Haven through his participation in a variety of organizations. Yale-New Haven Hospital, New Haven Savings Bank, the Enterprise Center, the Regional Leadership Council and the United Way of Greater New Haven are just a few of the organizations who have benefitted from his work.

Nat has also been a driving force behind the economic revitalization initiatives for New Haven and the region as a whole. Working with the Regional Growth Partnership, New Haven's Empowerment Zone, and the Southern Connecticut Regional Council of Governments, Nat has put a tremendous amount of time and energy into addressing the many needs of our community. Balancing transportation, infrastructure, business and other interests has not been an easy task. Nat has worked with his colleagues and met this challenge head on—striving to enrich the lives of all residents of the Greater New Haven area.

His involvement with the community has earned him a reputation as a leader. He has built strong relationships by creating public-private partnerships that work and his service to our community has made a real difference. I am proud to stand today to join his wife, Margaret, his children, the Connecticut Anti-Defamation League and the many friends and colleagues who have gathered this evening to congratulate Nathaniel Woodson for his outstanding contributions to our community.

SUPPORTING VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 15, 2002

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I take great pleasure in rising before you today to speak out against an international problem—Domestic Violence.

Domestic violence cuts across lines of race, nationality, language, culture, economics, sexual orientation, physical ability, and religion. It affects people from all walks of life.

On October 28, 2000, President Clinton signed into law the Violence Against Women Act of 2000 as Division B of the Victims of Trafficking and Violence Protection Act of 2000 (P.L. 106-386). The original Violence Against Women Act, enacted as Title IV of the Violent Crime and Control and Law Enforcement Act (P.L. 103-322), became law in 1994.

VAWA 2000 reauthorizes VAWA through FY2005, sets new funding levels, and adds new programs. VAWA established within the Departments of Justice and Health and Human Services a number of discretionary grant programs for state, local and Indian tribal governments. Under HHS, grants include funds for battered women's shelters, rape prevention and education, programs to reduce the sexual abuse of runaways, homeless street youths, and community programs on domestic violence.

In addition to grants administered by the states, the Act includes a number of changes in federal criminal law relating to interstate stalking, intrastate domestic abuse, federal sex offense cases, the rules of evidence regarding use of a victim's past sexual behavior, and HIV testing in rape cases. In FY2002, Congress appropriated \$517.2 million for VAWA programs, \$7 million more than the amount requested in the President's budget.

As many of my colleagues know, I am a long time supporter of instituting laws to prevent violence against women. In the 107th Congress, I cosponsored H.R. 3752, the Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Victim's Act. As long as the statistics show that approximately one half million women are stalked each year in the United States by an intimate partner, I will continue to support efforts to curtail this criminal act.

It is for these reasons, Mr. Speaker, that I find it not only my duty, but my responsibility to speak out against domestic violence against women during International Women's Week. I hope my colleagues join me in paying a special tribute to the millions of victims of domestic violence.

ELIMINATE TAXATION WITHOUT REPRESENTATION

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 15, 2002

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, let this body recognize, in its own CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, where Congress draws the attention of the world to the important issues of the day, the actions of a representative group of citizens of the District of Columbia. On April 15, faced with the denial of rights by this House and by the Senate, these citizens will burn copies of their United States government tax forms for the same reason their ancestors started the Revolutionary War 227 years ago.

April 15 is but one of the many days that mark the insistence of this government on 100 percent of the obligations of citizenship from D.C. residents while the same government fails in its obligation to reciprocate with the basic rights every government owes to tax-paying citizens. September 11, which so recently called D.C. citizens to war, is another such memorable date. December 7, when D.C.'s young men and women responded to Pearl Harbor, is yet another. Even more than our taxes, our contributions in sacrifices by the men and women of the District, who have fought and died for their country tell a unique story: In World War I, more D.C. casualties than 3 states; in World War II, more D.C. casualties than 4 states; in Vietnam, more D.C. casualties than 10 states.

These lives given for our country are trivialized when the Congress remains unmoved by our just demand to remove taxation with representation. The same Congress has no hesitation in taking our money, more per capita than from any residents except the residents of the state of Connecticut, while at the same time denying us a vote in the Congress that votes to impose these taxes on us. The government of the United States enriches itself with funds from the fruits of our labor. In return, the government owes us the vote in the Congress of the United States. We pay. We want to be paid with voting representation.

Expect to hear from us and other Americans often, the next occasion, a month from now on May 15, on D.C. Citizens Lobby Day for Congressional Voting Rights, focusing first on the Senate. We say to the Congress: Don't expect us to allow you to claim for yourself the title of guardian of democracy in the world while denying full democracy to your own citizens here at the very seat of our government. Nor should you take satisfaction from the fact that most D.C. citizens will pay or have paid their taxes this year. They pay under protest, but they will not pay with their silence, their dignity, or their rights. There is no quid pro quo for full representation in the Congress that votes to tell us what to do and how much to pay while denying our right to vote on what to do and how much to pay. There is only one coin of the realm we will accept. We must

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