

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING GENERAL THOMAS A. SCHWARTZ ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. DAVID L. HOBSON

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HOBSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor General Thomas A. Schwartz, the outgoing Commander of United States Forces in Korea, and to share my hearty congratulations on his well-deserved retirement after 35 years of distinguished service to our country in the United States Army.

A native of St. Paul, Minnesota, General Schwartz graduated from the United States Military Academy in 1967 and was commissioned a second lieutenant of infantry. He holds master's degrees in Education, Personal Management, and National Security and Strategic Studies from Duke University, Salve Regina and the Naval War College. His military schooling includes the Infantry Officer Basic Course, Ranger School, Armor Officer Advanced Course, Armed Forces Staff College and the Naval War College.

General Schwartz is a distinguished combat veteran of the Vietnam War, where he served as a platoon leader and a company commander in the 82nd Airborne Division earning the Bronze Star, the Silver Star and the Purple Heart. He subsequently commanded the 4th Infantry Division and completed several peacetime tours in Korea including posts as assistant chief of staff of the combined field army and as assistant division commander of the 2nd Infantry Division.

I always appreciated General Schwartz's positive attitude, his willingness to fight hard for his troops and his ability to get things done efficiently and effectively. His invitation to me and other Members of Congress to come and see the poor living and working conditions at our installations in Korea, was instrumental in helping many in Congress see the severity of the situation and the immediate need for additional resources.

Of all the military personnel with whom I have been my privilege to work on military construction issues, General Schwartz has been the most dedicated when it came to providing a better quality of life for the personnel under his command. Whenever I have encountered Army personnel who have served with General Schwartz, I have never heard anything but admiration from fellow general officers and appreciation from his junior officers for being a true role model.

General Schwartz has proved to be a dynamic partner in working to secure hardship duty pay, e-mail service and eliminating the cost of movies for our personnel serving in the Republic of Korea. There is still much more that needs to be done, but he got the ball rolling and deserves a great deal of credit.

When General Schwartz took command of the U.S. forces in Korea, then Chairman of the Joint Chiefs Gen. Henry H. Shelton praised him as, "battle-tested warrior and a proven

leader at every level with prior experience in Korea that will serve both our nations well." General Shelton's faith in General Schwartz was well placed, as his command history has demonstrated.

No truly effective leader can ever make it to a position of prominence without assistance. General Schwartz has been aided every step of the way by his wife Sandy. Together, the Schwartz' have made a formidable team in their efforts to quality of military life in Korea.

On behalf of all of the soldiers who have served under his command and the United States Congress, I thank General Schwartz for all he has done. We are going to miss the expertise, the tenacity, the optimism the leadership and the dedication he brought to the service of his country.

IN HONOR AND MEMORY OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPUTY DAVID MARCH

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

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Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with overwhelming sadness in remembrance of one of our nation's fallen heroes. On Monday, April 29th, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Deputy David March lost his life while in the line of duty and it is appropriate for all Members of this House to take a moment to remember a gentleman who dedicated his life to the protection of his community and this great nation.

Deputy March, a seven-year veteran of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, is survived by his wife Theresa and his stepdaughter Kayla. He was an avid softball player and one of the University of Southern California's most avid football fans. Before joining the Sheriff's Department, Deputy March served in the United States Marines.

First assigned to the Pitchess Detention Center with the Sheriff's Department, Deputy March was recently transferred to the Temple City Station in 2000. His fellow officers remember him as a hard working, honest and all around good guy whose commitment to the community was tireless and without fail. According to Los Angeles County Sheriff Lee Baca, "He was an incredibly decent, honest and fair man. The people have lost a great hero."

This tragic event reminds us all of the heroism and courage displayed by all peace officers as they strive to protect and serve our communities around the country. September 11th served as a staggering reminder of the selflessness of America's peace officers and first responders. Let us not forget the daily efforts of the men and women who serve in the hope of making our communities a more peaceful and safe place in which to live.

I ask all Members to join me in remembering the life of one of America's fallen heroes, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Deputy

David March. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family as we remember his heroic service to our community and our nation.

NAFTA

HON. NICK J. RAHALL II

OF WEST VIRGINIA

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Mr. RAHALL. Mr. Speaker, I want to submit for the record an editorial from "The Logan Banner" about another West Virginia company closing its doors because of NAFTA. The work of the Logan Manufacturing Company, Inc. a local garment manufacturer creating sports clothing will stop production after almost forty years. Sales dropped off as the company could no longer compete against cheap foreign imports. The article makes an excellent point: What did we expect would happen? Exactly what did Congress envision would happen to American workers when they passed unfair trade deals that allowed a rush of cheap imported products into our market? Were our workers expected to work for a dollar a day to remain competitive? I don't think so. Shouldn't our country set the standard and not follow other countries unable to create economic policies that would bring their people out of poverty? West Virginia workers deserve better than these type of trade deals.

This news comes on the same day the House of Representatives considered the reauthorization of the Import-Export Bank. On all matters of trade brought before this chamber we must answer to the workers in our districts who may be affected by such legislation. It is our responsibility to ensure that these workers, these families, are not hurt by our actions. Democracy should be as much a part of our trade bills as it is in everything else this great nation espouses.

I strongly opposed the passage of NAFTA in 1993. Since that time, I have closely monitored the implementation of NAFTA, and I continue to be disappointed with its impact upon the American people. NAFTA has led to a greater trade deficit with Mexico, deteriorating labor and environmental conditions along the borders and an increase in unsafe vehicles on America's highways.

In addition, recent attempts by the Administration to pass trade promotion negotiating authority (formerly known as fast track), would allow the President to expand trade initiatives similar to NAFTA to include additional nations, and possibly, the rest of the Americas under the Free Trade Areas of the Americas (FTAA). Despite my opposition and those of my colleagues concerned about the American worker, the House passed TPA on December 6, 2001. This bill is now before the Senate for consideration. I worry that just like with NAFTA, granting the President this type of accelerated trade authority in the past has led to government proposals lacking strong labor and environmental protection provisions;

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