

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO MR. DAVID
CARNEVALE

HON. JAMES R. LANGEVIN

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 24, 2002

Mr. LANGEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the outstanding accomplishments of a remarkable young man in my district. Mr. David Carnevale of Cranston, RI, has earned The Congressional Award Gold Medal. As you and my colleagues know, The Congressional Award Gold Medal is awarded to young people who have demonstrated a significant commitment to improving their own lives as well as the lives of others, and is a highly regarded achievement.

To fulfill the committee service and personal development requirements of the award, David, 18, volunteered with the Boy Scouts of America as both a Senior Patrol Leader and Junior Assistant ScoutMaster. For personal development, David developed his leadership skills at the American Baptist Churches' Youth Leader Core program and designed a soil and water conservation project for the American Baptist Camp. As a member of the Ranger Challenge team at the New Mexico Military Institute, David followed a rigorous military conditioning program consisting of various grueling physical challenges, including a 10-kilometer road march with full pack and equipment. During his expedition to the Western Caribbean islands of Cozumel, Haiti, Jamaica, and Grand Cayman, David performed a wide array of physical challenges, such as scaling a waterfall in Dunn's River.

Mr. Speaker, colleagues, I am proud to represent this exceptional young man in Congress. His pursuit of challenges and commitment to himself and others is a lesson to us all. I congratulate him on earning The Congressional Award Gold Medal, and wish him the best of luck in all of his future endeavors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN L. MICA

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 24, 2002

Mr. MICA. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and could not vote on Roll Calls #247 and #248. Had I been present, I would have voted "No" on Roll Call #247 and "Yes" on Roll Call #248.

TRIBUTE TO GAMMA PHI BETA

HON. JENNIFER DUNN

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 24, 2002

Ms. DUNN. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to acknowledge the important work that is per-

formed by our nation's oldest sorority, Gamma Phi Beta, as it celebrates 128 years of service. It was my pleasure to serve in this leadership institution that prepares young women for service to the community.

The Gamma Phi Beta mission is simple, yet effective: "To foster a nurturing environment that provides women the opportunity to achieve their potential through life-long commitment to intellectual growth, individual worth and service to humanity." My involvement with this sorority provided all three of these objectives and I was lucky to have such a valuable experience.

When Gamma Phi Beta was founded in 1874, very few women were attending the handful of our nation's universities that would accept them. Four bold women at Syracuse University in New York formed the first Greek organization for women, which now boasts a membership of over 120,000 women worldwide. In fact, the term "sorority" was coined in reference to this chapter. Gamma Phi Beta is known as one of the ten oldest women's organizations in America. Gamma Phi Beta has been a vital force in lifting women from roles of subservience in our nation's educational system to positions of leadership. Their commitment to helping young women strive for excellence in all aspects of life has helped generations of American women reach their full potential.

I am proud to be a lifelong member of such an important group of women and I congratulate all members of Gamma Phi Beta as they host their 2002 biennial convention, "History in the Making," in Washington, D.C. I commend the work of Gamma Phi Beta for celebrating the role of women worldwide and I wish them the best of luck as the organization continues to promote community service, leadership and self-reliance for all women.

NATIONAL HISTORY DAY CONTEST

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 24, 2002

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, let me take this means to congratulate and pay tribute to Brian Hawkins of Harrisonville, MO, who recently received a bronze medal in the National History Day contest. This young man has distinguished himself, his family, and his community with the hard work put forward in his interests in piano and history.

The National History Day contest is the nation's oldest and most highly regarded humanities contest for students in grades 6–12. This national academic challenge engages more than 700,000 students annually. Brian's hard work and dedication to history and the piano earned him the bronze medal in the Junior Individual Documentary. His documentary was titled James Scott, Ragtime Composer: A Revolution in Music.

Mr. Speaker, Brian Hawkins has shown what a motivated young person can do when

he puts his mind to it. This country will need that kind of tenacity in the future. I have no doubt that he will make us all proud. I am certain that my colleagues will join me in wishing him and his family all the best.

HONORING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF CLIFTON, VIRGINIA, JULY 4TH, 2002

HON. TOM DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 24, 2002

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to honor the 100th anniversary of the incorporation of the Town of Clifton, Virginia.

Clifton, located in southwest Fairfax County, Virginia, is a premier residential area, boasting approximately 6.7 square miles of pristine land. Still, the arrangement of the town welcomes close-knit, friendly-centered interaction. The cohesive community of Clifton rallies to celebrate festivals, such as the ever-popular "Clifton Days," held annually in October. Today, the town of Clifton celebrates another annual tradition, the anniversary of their town charter.

During the 1700's, Clifton was home to various Native American groups, who used the area as their hunting grounds. Resulting from the Civil War, and with the laying of Virginia railroads, Clifton began evolving into an industrious town. In 1869, the first post office was established and the town became increasingly attractive for businesses. Thirty years later, on March 10, 1902, the Virginia General Assembly recognized the contribution of the Clifton Station community by bestowing the area with a town charter.

The incorporation of the town of Clifton led to many notable undertakings. In 1871, Clifton welcomed Fairfax County's first black Baptist Church, and is home to a host of other Fairfax "firsts" as well. For example, in 1905 Clifton became the county's first municipality with electricity, and home to its first high school in 1909. The town of Clifton prides itself on having been home to several famous residents, such as Susan Riviere Hetzel, an original founder of the Daughters of the American Revolution; and Oscar Woody, the Postal Clerk of the White Star cruise-liner Titanic.

Seeing its greatest growth between 1890 and 1920, Clifton has maintained its renowned late 19th-century architecture, even as Clifton Station was removed in 1958. In 1984, Clifton was declared a National Historic District by the U.S. Department of Interior. The town's Victorian homes and historic town park complement the spirit of its residents. In few other towns is the historic, collective charm of the area as prevalent as it is in Clifton. Thus, Clifton is often recognized as a "hidden treasure". I am proud the town of Clifton is located in Virginia's 11th district, as Clifton represents the finest our area and our nation have to offer.

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