

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

A TRIBUTE TO MARY ANN BENTON

## HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 10, 2003

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of Mary Ann Benton in recognition for her dedication to her community and her commitment to improving the lives of our senior citizens.

Mary Ann is a native New Yorker. She was born in Queens, New York and raised by her maternal grandparents, the late Enrico and Victoria Guigliano. After graduating from John Adams High School in Queens, she attended St. John's College majoring in Accounting, and later transferred to St. Joseph's College where she studied Human Resources Management.

Traveling from Queens to Manhattan to work for more than eight years led Mary Ann to find employment closer to home and a job that she truly loves. In early 1980, Mary Ann joined the Wartburg Lutheran Home for the Aging as a receptionist. At Wartburg, Mary Ann approaches her work with compassion and enthusiasm. In 1982, she was transferred to the Fiscal Department as a Bookkeeper and later that year was promoted to Fiscal Coordinator. Continuing to grow within the Wartburg ministry, in 1987, she became the Assistant to the Chief Operating Officer. Next, she became the Human Resources Assistant, and in 1993, Mary Ann was promoted to the Director of Human Resources where she continues to excel.

Mary Ann is active with the Society for Human Resources Management, the Council for Human Resources Management, and the Association for Healthcare Human Resources Administrators. Her colleagues and peers in her profession recognize her hard work and dedication.

She believes that working with the elderly is a calling from God. She feels blessed to be working in a field and in an organization where she can serve the elderly, support her colleagues, and promote hospitality to the community. She stands as an example of Wartburg's mission and ministry of healing, hospitality, and community through partnership in caring.

Mary Ann enjoys reading, bowling, dancing, and meeting new people. She also continues to worship at the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church where she volunteers her time and talents.

Mr. Speaker, Mary Ann Benton has devoted her life to serving her community. As such, she is more than worthy of receiving our recognition today. I hope that all of my colleagues will join me in honoring this truly remarkable woman.

RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE OZARKS' FIRST TELEVISION STATION, KOLR, CHANNEL 10

## HON. ROY BLUNT

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 10, 2003

Mr. BLUNT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the first television station to serve Southwest Missouri. When Channel 10 signed on the air on March 14, 1953, it was KTTS-TV. In the early 1970s, the station adopted the name KOLR, and today it is known by viewers as "COLOR Ten."

Owner Harry Cooper, Sr. located the studios of KTTS-TV at the corner of Jefferson and Walnut Streets in Springfield, Missouri, in a large white house that was also home to the radio station that he owned. It was soon apparent that the TV station needed more room, so in 1959 the TV station moved into expanded facilities on its transmitter site in east Springfield. The growing CBS affiliate has served the Ozarks from 2650 East Division Street ever since. Years later, a new 2,000 foot tower and transmitter facility were built in Fordland, Missouri.

KOLR was the first television station in the Ozarks to broadcast "in living color" and was first in the Ozarks to add stereo broadcasting in 1986. In 1999, KOLR 10 began sharing services with FOX affiliate Channel 27. In its record of pioneering breakthroughs, KOLR 10 introduced the area's first full time "Weather Lab" in 2000 with the region's first Live Doppler Radar staffed by a team of three meteorologists.

In the golden age of television, KOLR was the venue for another generation to see Elvis and the Beatles on the "Ed Sullivan Show," the weekly comedy of Red Skelton, Jackie Gleason and Jack Benny, and the dramas of "Gunsmoke" and "Perry Mason."

Channel 10 has been number one in primetime for many years and is currently home to such Ozarks favorites as "Survivor," "60-Minutes" and "C.S.I." and many other programs. The CBS Television Network has recognized KOLR 10 as one of the highest rated CBS-affiliated TV stations in the nation.

KOLR has also been a source of information and news on the region and the world. KOLR has brought Ed Murrow, Walter Cronkite and Dan Rather into the homes and businesses of the 33 Missouri and Arkansas counties it serves.

Because of KOLR's commitment to local news, it has been the recipient of a number of awards for reporting and public service excellence. KOLR has given its viewers a window into the growth and development of the Ozarks demonstrating that the region is a good place to work, raise a family and enjoy countless leisure opportunities.

The television viewers in Southwest Missouri and I express our gratitude to KOLR 10 for its 50 years of service and dedication to the Ozarks.

IN SUPPORT OF "STOP VIOLENCE WEEK"

## HON. ALBERT RUSSELL WYNN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 10, 2003

Mr. WYNN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of "Stop Violence Week." Domestic violence is a serious issue that plagues American families and continues to affect our society as a whole. According to statistics nearly one-third of American women, 31 percent, at some point in their lives, are physically or sexually abused by a husband or boyfriend. The National Institute of Justice estimates that, annually in the United States, nearly half-a-million women are stalked by an intimate partner. In my own state of Maryland a total of 20,688 domestic violence crimes were reported by law enforcement agencies during the 2001 calendar year. Often times domestic violence and battery lead to more serious incidents. In one particularly infamous case in Maryland, a husband shot and killed both of his young children after his wife had filed for an order of protection against him.

Mr. Speaker, I would urge my colleagues throughout this week to use this opportunity to highlight the deplorable problem of domestic violence by speaking out, attending events, and wearing the symbolic tie or scarf to show your solidarity.

Last year, Congress did the right thing by nearly fully funding the Violence Against Women Act programs better known as VAWA, but there is still much work to be done. VAWA programs are vital in assisting millions of women who suffer from spousal or partner abuse. We must not ignore this pressing problem. I commend the national and local organizations that continue to be advocates for victims of domestic abuse, and encourage them to keep up the good work.

A TRIBUTE TO LYNN HENDERSON-HORNES

## HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 10, 2003

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of Lynn Henderson-Hornes in recognition for her tireless energy and passionate commitment to her community.

Lynn has been improving the lives of Fort Greene families for nearly twenty years. As Program Director for Project Teen Aid Family Services, she has helped hundreds of pregnant teens and teen parents raise healthy children and continue their own education. Her deep religious beliefs, passed on to her from her grandparents and parents, permeate every aspect of her life, and have helped provide the energy and commitment needed for this challenging task.

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She is an active member of the House of David Church, serving as a Sunday school teacher, church clerk, choir member, and president of the Pastor's Aide Auxiliary. She also serves as Treasurer for the church's Center for Community Empowerment. Her service, however, is never limited to her own congregation but is extended to people of all beliefs.

A second aspect of Lynn's life involves her love of learning. Throughout her adult life, she has sought out specific training that would help her professionally. She is certified as an Adolescent Counselor and a Human Sexuality and Family Development Trainer. As an advocate for young, low-income families, Lynn realized as soon as she came to Fort Greene that it was important to know the community. She became involved in the Brooklyn Perinatal Network and was a member of the board from 1987 until 2000, serving as Chairperson for the organization's Finance Committee for four years. Additionally, she was appointed by Brooklyn Borough President Howard Golden to the Cumberland Diagnostic and Treatment Advisory Board where she has served as Chairperson since 1999. Lynn was also recently elected chairperson of the New York City Health and Hospitals City-Wide Council of Community Advisory Boards.

However, the most important recipients of Lynn's gifts and generosity are her three sons: Michael, Jason and Jonathon and her precious granddaughter Arieanna.

Mr. Speaker, Lynn Henderson-Hornes has tireless energy, and sincere concern for the well-being of the community and its residents. As such, she is more than worthy of receiving our recognition today and I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring this truly remarkable woman.

ENCOURAGING THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES TO HONOR AND CELEBRATE THE 140TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE EMANCIPATION PROCLAMATION AND COMMENDING ABRAHAM LINCOLN'S EFFORTS TO END SLAVERY

**HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 10, 2003*

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Con. Res. 36, a resolution to honor and celebrate the 140th anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation and commending Abraham Lincoln's efforts to end slavery.

On September 22, 1862, President Abraham Lincoln, the sixteenth President of the United States, signed a proclamation stating that as of January 1, 1863, all persons held as slaves within any State or designated part of a State shall be forever free.

As the great grandson of a former slave, I am proud to be able to stand before this body, in this capacity, and state my appreciation for one of the most pivotal acts of government.

To the decedents of slaves the Emancipation Proclamation and the thirteenth amendment allow us to realize and seize our dreams. To each person living within America's borders these doctrines laid the frame-

work for America's diversity and opportunities. This remarkable demonstration of political courage by President Lincoln, although slow, ignited a fire that blazed a trail for equally pivotal acts of government such as the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

140 years since the Emancipation Proclamation and 138 years since the abolishment of slavery, America is still realizing President Lincoln's dream and the dream of the numerous civil rights activists that followed him. For this, Mr. Speaker, I am grateful.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support H. Con. Res. 36 and to continue to work to preserve this nation's legacy of justice and equality for all.

RECOGNITION OF ACHIEVEMENTS OF IDAHO ARTISTS

**HON. C. L. "BUTCH" OTTER**

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 10, 2003*

Mr. OTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the achievements of five Idaho artists who were selected to exhibit this week in Boise at the "Women's History Month Juried Art Exhibition". Katie Rosenberg, Diane Ronayne, Tobiann Grindstaff, and Katie Cepek, all of Boise; and Sheila Martz, of Payette, are showing their works as part of an event to showcase and promote female artists.

The exhibition features 33 diverse pieces produced by nineteen women throughout nine states. Having five Idaho artists selected for the exhibit reflects exceptionally well on our state. It is especially important to showcase women artists in order to fully reflect the times we're living in. Whether or not the art deals with women's issues specifically, each of these women has a purpose and an individual interpretation of the world she's living in. They are history-makers.

The "Women's History Month Juried Exhibition" opened Friday, March 7, 2003 at the Boise State University Hemingway Center Gallery. I encourage my constituents to avail themselves of this opportunity and I congratulate Katie, Diane, Tobiann, Katie, and Sheila on their successes.

A TRIBUTE TO CYNTHIA Y. GASKIN-JOHNSON

**HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 10, 2003*

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Cynthia Y. Gaskin-Johnson in recognition of her contribution to her family and her community.

Cynthia is the youngest of four children born to the late Mr. and Mrs. Ethan Law Gaskin in Colon, Republic of Panama. She graduated with honors as a seamstress from Colegio Abel Bravo and was offered the position of Personal Seamstress for the Director's wife. However, she was unable to accept the job since she immigrated to the United States six months after graduation.

Upon arriving in the United States, she was immediately employed by the Bezozzi Baby

Bonnet Company and remained there for approximately five years. In 1966 she married Rupert (Doc) Johnson, a well-known, and talented musician. Their marriage brought forth a daughter, Deborah, lovingly called Debbie, who has blessed Cynthia with two granddaughters: Natasha and Gabrielle. Cynthia also has two loving children from her husband's previous marriage.

In February 1969, Cynthia obtained a job with The Bank of New York where she was employed for 31 years. She began as a Customer Service Telephone Representative and was promoted to Mutual Funds Legal Administrator. Later, she became the Supervisor for the Mutual Funds Redemption area. During her career at the Bank of New York, Cynthia attended the American Institute of Banking (AIB), receiving a certificate in banking. Eventually, Cynthia became a Mutual Funds Account Administrator until her retirement on March 31, 2000. Her retirement was short-lived as she was rehired less than a year later to work part-time for The Bank of New York as a Consultant for the Mutual Funds Custody Department.

Cynthia has a deep and personal relationship with God that flourished at the age of 16 when she accepted Jesus Christ as her savior. She is a member of the Mt. Zion Tabernacle Christian Mission of Panama. She serves on the Executive Board as the Executive Recording, Secretary and on the Usher Board as the Treasurer of the Missionary Department. On a monthly basis, the Missionary Department provides food and clothing for homeless people in the Brooklyn community. Cynthia is also an active member of the Sunday School Department and a member of the Church Choir. She enjoys performing in the yearly Easter Drama Cantata.

Mr. Speaker, Cynthia Y. Gaskin-Johnson is devoted to serving her community. She enjoys helping those in need and assisting anyone seeking a helping hand. As such, she is more than worthy of receiving our recognition. I hope that all of my colleagues will join me in honoring this truly remarkable woman.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JOHN DELAWARE OTTER

**HON. SAM FARR**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 10, 2003*

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of John Delaware Otter. He passed away on November 20, 2002, at the age of 85, surrounded with family at his home in the Carmel Highlands. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Jeanette Weld Otter; daughters Marjorie Sue Bruneau, Nancy Clark Otter, Alice Rebecca Fontes; and sons Lee Worth Otter, John Delaware Otter Jr., and Robert Weld Otter.

John was born on November 11, 1917, in Fresno, California. Upon graduating from the School of Forestry at the University of California at Berkeley, he later completed civil engineer training, and eventually served as Captain in the 97th Engineers, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

During WWII, John was sent to work on the Alaska Highway. With the Japanese occupying parts of the Aleutian Islands, the Army commissioned a road to be built connecting the