

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING THE HONORABLE
REVEREND DOUGLAS L. SIDEN

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 15, 2003

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Reverend Douglas L. Siden for his outstanding leadership in the San Francisco Bay Area community. Doug Siden has been an ordained American Baptist Minister for 48 years. On July 28, 2003, a reception will be held to honor him on the occasion of receiving a Doctor of Humane Letters from the American Baptist Seminary of the West and to recognize his many years of community service.

Doug Siden, a resident of Alameda, CA, has always been committed to social justice, the environment and to youth. As a young minister in the 1960s, he first demonstrated his leadership abilities by advocating for the establishment of parks in his community. He developed an inter-racial church that supported fair housing and the integration of the community. He marched with Cesar Chavez to support farm workers' rights and marched with Martin Luther King, Jr. during the civil rights movement. Several times, Doug went to Washington, DC, to advocate for civil rights legislation as the representative of the inter-faith San Francisco Conference on Religion, Race and Social Concern.

Through the years, Doug has always been in the forefront of leadership. He was the first pastor of a newly created church in San Mateo, CA; first director of urban strategy for his Northern California regional church; first chairman of the San Francisco Night Ministry; first Area Minister for his denomination's churches from San Francisco to the Oregon border; and first Regional Camp Executive Director for the American Baptist Churches of the West. Doug is proud of his leadership role in the establishment of two-year round camps for children, youth, adults, and families of all ages in the Santa Cruz Mountains and the High Sierra near Lake Tahoe.

Doug is currently devoted full-time to public, community, and church service. He was elected to the East Bay Regional Park Board of Directors in 1992 and currently serves as the Board's Vice President. He is involved in leadership roles in a myriad of other organizations, including President of Martin Luther King, Jr. Freedom Center and Chair of the Seafarers Ministry of the Golden Gate. Secretary of Interior Bruce Babbitt appointed him an Advisory Commissioner for the Point Reyes National Seashore and the Golden Gate National Recreation Area. Additionally, he serves on the Board of Directors of the Chabot Space and Science Center in Oakland, the Rotary Club of Alameda, and the American Baptist National Conference.

I join the friends and colleagues of Reverend Douglas L. Siden in expressing congratulations as he receives a Doctor of Humane Letters. I also join in thanking him for

his years of service. He is the epitome of community activism from which we have all benefited.

TRIBUTE TO MR. ROBERT MILLER
III

HON. JOSEPH M. HOFFEL

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 15, 2003

Mr. HOFFEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Mr. Robert Miller III on his receipt of a Congressional Award Gold Medal on Wednesday, June 25, 2003.

At a mere 18 years of age, Robert's accomplishments are amazing. As a recipient of the Congressional Award Gold Medal, Robert has demonstrated a noteworthy commitment in several fields. Receipt of this award signifies that Robert has performed over 400 hours of community service, as well as 200 hours of both personal development and physical fitness activities over the past 2 years. This honor similarly attests to Robert's exemplary academic and extracurricular status as a student at North Penn High School.

Prestigious awards such as this one are nothing new to Robert. Previously, he has received both a bronze and a silver Congressional Award Medal. As an Eagle Scout, his involvement in the Cradle of Liberty Council Boy Scouts of America further reflects the strength of his character. Robert has shown exceptional dedication to community service, personal development and physical fitness. I firmly believe that these characteristics will lead him to unbounded success in the future.

I also wish to extend my congratulations to Robert's parents, Dorothy and Robert Miller Jr., who have instilled him with good moral standards and have supported his efforts tirelessly.

Again, I congratulate Robert Miller III on his Congressional Award Gold Medal.

LEGISLATION TO RENAME U.S.
POST OFFICE IN MOLINE, ILLINOIS

HON. LANE EVANS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 15, 2003

Mr. EVANS. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing legislation to rename the U.S. Post Office at 514 17th Street in Moline, Illinois after my friend, David Bybee, who passed away unexpectedly last year.

Dave was a distinguished public servant who was the National Business Agent for the Chicago Region of the National Association of Letter Carriers. He served his community and union for 33 years within the very walls of the building I seek to name after him. It is my hope that his name will forever be identified with the institution he cherished for so many

years as a national union leader for letter carriers.

Dave Bybee became a letter carrier for the Postal Service in 1967 and after only two years on the job was elected President of Letter Carriers Local 318. He then became the Regional Administrative Assistant and concurrently the Secretary to the Illinois State Association of Letter Carriers from 1971 to 1977. In 1980, Mr. Bybee was elected the National Business Agent to the National Association of Letter Carriers for the 17,000 strong Chicago Region. He held that office and concurrently served as a Vice President of the Illinois AFL-CIO until his death on May 31, 2002.

Dave Bybee worked tirelessly on behalf of the letter carriers of Illinois and traveled thousands of miles in Illinois and across the nation representing his members. Dave was also loved by the retirees who knew they had a good friend and leader who fought for their benefits. In 1992, recognizing Dave's hard work and lifetime dedication, the local union he first represented as President twenty-three years earlier was named the David M. Bybee Branch of the National Association of Letter Carriers.

Dave Bybee was also civically active and had many friends within the Illinois Congressional delegation and state legislature on both sides of the aisle. He served as a member of the Electoral College in two national elections.

His dedication to his fellow workers did not interfere with his devotion to his wife, Judy, and their two sons, Michael and John. In addition to a full and rewarding family life, he still found time to serve his community as the fire chief of Carbon Cliff and as a school board member, and remain active in the Moline Elks Club.

Dave had a wonderful sense of humor and no matter how tired he was from work and travel, he could always manage to make any group he was visiting or speaking to laugh and smile. When he passed away, letter carriers and postal officials from all over the state and nation traveled to Moline to pay their respects. Dave was a national labor leader who served not only his fellow workers, but his community and family.

Mr. Speaker, the Post Office in Moline, Illinois, should be named after Dave Bybee. The Moline community, postal workers across Illinois and the nation owe David Bybee a great deal because of his advocacy for working Americans. This is the very least we can do to commend such a dedicated and hardworking man.

TRIBUTE TO MS. LYNN COWART

HON. RANDY NEUGEBAUER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 15, 2003

Mr. NEUGEBAUER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and acknowledge my Chief of Staff and friend, Ms. Lynn Cowart on the occasion of her retirement. Through the course

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