

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN HONOR OF MOTHER TERESA

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 15, 2003

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mother Teresa of Calcutta for her life-long dedication to the poorest of the poor. She did not do it out of obligation, but out of love and goodwill. On October 19, 2003, Mother Teresa will be beatified by Pope John Paul II in Rome.

Mother Teresa dedicated the majority of her life to helping the poorest of the poor in India. While supervising a school in Calcutta, Mother Teresa was faced with the suffering and poverty that was outside her convent walls. These images made such a deep impression on her that, in 1946, she received permission from her superiors to leave the convent school and devote herself to working among the poor in the slums of Calcutta.

In 1950, Mother Teresa, while doing her charity work, founded Missionaries of Charity, an order of nuns dedicated to serving the poor. Originally, the convent began with just 12 sisters; today, it has over 3,000 sisters in over 100 countries worldwide with 517 missions.

Mother Teresa's compassion for the suffering knew no boundaries and has served as an inspiration to the world. She fed the hungry, sheltered the homeless, and cleaned the wounds of those injured; but what is even more important is that she made them feel good, loved, wanted, and gave them back the dignity that poverty had taken away from them.

For her endless amount of volunteer work and selflessness, Mother Teresa was honored with the Nobel Peace Prize in 1979, an honor that she deserved for laboring in loving dedication. She was also acknowledged for her work in 1985 with the Presidential Medal of Freedom and the Lifetime Achievement Award.

Even late in her life, she continued to dedicate her time and energy to those who were in need. Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Mother Teresa for her selfless devotion and extraordinary contributions to the world community.

PERMANENT AUTHORITY FOR EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES FROM PAYING SUBSISTENCE CHARGES WHILE HOSPITALIZED

SPEECH OF

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 8, 2003

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 2998, and am

proud to say that I am one of 239 Members who have cosponsored this bipartisan legislation. I commend my colleague from Florida, BILL YOUNG, for working with such diligence to bring this important legislation to the floor.

In 1958, Congress initiated a system of charging hospitalized members of the armed forces for subsistence costs. H.R. 2998 will exempt members of the armed forces, hospitalized as a result of armed conflict or engaged in hazardous service, from incurring this charge.

Although the FY 2004 Defense Authorization bill does put this exemption in place for 2004, H.R. 2998 amends Title 10 to make this exemption permanent. It is simply unfair and unjust that this additional burden is placed on the brave men and women who serve with such honor and distinction. This is, truly, the very least we can do for these brave men and women. I urge my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to vote in favor of this important change to Title 10.

REPUBLIC OF CHINA ON TAIWAN'S
92ND NATIONAL DAY ANNIVERSARY

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 15, 2003

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor one of our largest trading partners, the Republic of China on Taiwan. On October 10, Taiwan celebrated the 92nd anniversary of its National Day. I wish to join my colleagues in the United States Congress in sending best wishes to the twenty-two million residents of this lovely island nation. I also commend President Chen Shui-bian and Vice President Annette Lu as they continue to lead Taiwan to greater economic prosperity at home and greater participation in international activities abroad.

Just like our 4th of July, October 10 marked the beginning of a fantastic story of economic, social and political success that has culminated in Taiwan becoming a vibrant democracy in the Pacific region. These are exciting times in the history of relations between the United States and Taiwan.

Mr. Speaker, in commemoration of the 92nd occasion of the Republic of China's National Day, it is important to remember that Taiwan has a strong relationship with the United States, and we hope this relationship will continue to flourish and grow in the years to come.

MOTHER TERESA: A BEACON OF
HOPE FOR OUR TIME

HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 15, 2003

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, on the occasion of her beatification by Pope John Paul II in Rome, Mother Teresa, one of the world's most recognized and admired human rights advocates, deserves this designation because of her dedication, her courage, and her love of all members of society, especially the poorest and most neglected. Throughout her life of tireless service, she inspired countless individuals by her example of unconditional love and devotion to the poorest of the poor. She was a living witness of true compassion and service. In fighting for the dignity of the destitute, she gave the world a moral model that bridged divides of culture and faith.

Mother Teresa taught us that to truly love one another, we must abandon ourselves and our selfish inclinations and give to others. As she so aptly stated: "By becoming poor ourselves, by loving until it hurts, we become capable of loving more deeply, more beautifully, more wholly." Mother Teresa's beautiful pure faith and love have left a rich legacy for people of all faiths and nationalities.

This is clearly illustrated by her words: "There is joy in transcending self to serve others." For Mother Teresa, the importance of her mission was not to achieve fame or fortune, but rather to embrace a life of quiet simplicity which would lead others to a deeper understanding of God and self. Through her dedication to the poor and neglected members of society, she exemplified true humility.

I was honored to be part of the official US delegation traveling with the First Lady to India for her funeral service, an experience which truly inspired me. As I gazed at the throngs of people in attendance, I realized the profound impact that this small, seemingly simple woman had on the entire world. Her message was simple. She sought not for medals or acclaim, but rather to make a tangible difference in the lives of our world's poorest and most downtrodden. She answered God's call, which is a simple one—to love with all one's heart and to act out of love in all that we do.

We have all been enriched by Mother Teresa's example.

IN HONOR OF THE MARYLAND DISTRICT 7 WIN OF THE 2003 BIG LEAGUE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 15, 2003

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Maryland District 7 Softball Team—this year's winners of the 2003 Softball Big League World Series.

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