

A TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF 2004 LEGRAND SMITH SCHOLARSHIP WINNER, BOBBY JO LUDWICK, OF BRONSON, MI

HON. NICK SMITH

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2004

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect for the outstanding record of excellence she has compiled in academics, leadership and community service, that I am proud to salute Bobby Jo Ludwick, winner of the 2004 LeGrand Smith Scholarship. This award is given to young adults who have demonstrated their true commitment to playing an important role in our Nation's future.

As a winner of the LeGrand Smith Scholarship, Bobby Jo is being honored for demonstrating the same generosity of spirit, intelligence, responsible citizenship, and capacity for human service that distinguished the late LeGrand Smith of Somerset, Michigan.

Bobby Jo is an exceptional student at Bronson High School. Aside from being at the top of her class academically, Bobby Jo possesses an outstanding record of achievement in high school. She is very active in the National Honor Society, F.F.A., 4-H, and student government. She has also devoted a great deal of her time to volunteering with a variety of different civic organizations.

On behalf of the United States Congress, I am proud to join her many admirers in extending our highest praise and congratulations to Bobby Jo Ludwick for her selection as winner of the 2004 LeGrand Smith Scholarship. This honor not only recognizes her efforts, but is also a testament to the parents, teachers, and other individuals whose personal interest, strong support, and active participation contributed to her success. To this remarkable young woman, we extend our most heartfelt good wishes for all her future endeavors.

IN CELEBRATION OF FLOOD BUILDING CENTENNIAL

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2004

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize the 100th Anniversary of the Flood Building of San Francisco and to have the opportunity to express my appreciation to the Flood family for their immeasurable contributions to the City of San Francisco over four generations.

It was a great pleasure to attend the Flood Building Centennial Celebration on April 16 and to celebrate with members of the Flood family. I particularly want to thank Jim Flood and Judy Wilbur for carrying on the outstanding traditions of their distinguished family.

The Flood Building was built by James L. Flood in 1904 as a tribute to his father, James Clair Flood. Architect Albert Pissis, a master of Beaux-Arts classicism, designed the Classic Revival structure, along with many other great works throughout San Francisco. At the time it was built, the 12-story Flood Building was the largest building in San Francisco.

The building's history is one of survival. It remained standing after both the 1906 and

1989 earthquakes that devastated San Francisco. In 1950, it was scheduled to be destroyed and replaced by a three-story modern structure, but the building was saved at the last minute when the Federal government seized it through the right of eminent domain. At the time, Washington was in desperate need of a San Francisco-based office to help manage the Korean War, and the Flood Building offered an ideal solution. The Federal government returned the building to the Flood family in 1953.

Today, Jim Flood—James Clair Flood II, named after his great grandfather—owns, manages, and has his office in the building, making it San Francisco's oldest family-owned commercial building. The Flood Building has flourished under his management, undergoing a \$15 million renovation to restore the building to its original style. Architecturally, it is the most significant commercial building in San Francisco, and it was named a city landmark in 1982.

I join the Flood family and so many of my constituents in celebrating the 100th anniversary of this San Francisco treasure.

IN RECOGNITION OF ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2004

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to acknowledge May as Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, an important month in the Asian Pacific American community. Asian Pacific American Heritage Month commemorates the tremendous impact that the Asian culture has made on our Nation. Just as importantly it is a month that deserves more recognition than it usually receives, as it is often overshadowed.

It is very important that this month we pay homage to the Asian Pacific American contribution to the American culture and experience. Through the centuries they have embodied the American spirit and fostered the concept of community. Their adaptation to the Americas and resilience is something that we should all aim to emulate.

Asian Pacific American's have long served an intricate role in the development of the Americas. From the development of the transcontinental railroad to present day the Asian Pacific American community has and continues to make their presence evident in the medical field, arts, politics, science and engineering, entertainment, culinary arts, and military excellence.

It is important that not just during this month, but may we always recognize and continue to embrace the Asian Pacific American contribution to our culture. As a nation I hope that we will continue to all work and grow together. Today Mr. Speaker, I rise to acknowledge the Asian Pacific American contribution and commemorate Asian Pacific American Heritage Month.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2005

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 19, 2004

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Chairman, I rise in support of the Amendment by my colleagues Representative MURTHA and Representative WELDON that would express the sense of Congress that the Secretary of Defense should assist the Iraqi Government in destroying the Abu Ghraib prison and replacing it with a modern detention facility. This Amendment is especially relevant because it is only applicable if the Iraqi Governing Council agrees that they would like to destroy the Abu Ghraib prison and would like American help in doing so.

While I support this Amendment I do hope that this will not be the only step taken to try to undo the damage done by the Iraqi torture scandal. We may be able to erase the structure of the Abu Ghraib prison and we may be able to construct a new state-of-the-art prison facility in its place, but until we take the proper steps to bring all perpetrators to justice and correct our interrogation procedures; we will not be able to erase the image of Americans torturing prisoners that is etched in the mind of Iraqis and indeed in the mind of people worldwide. The court-martial of a few enlisted soldiers is not enough for a problem that has now proven to be endemic. There must be true accountability from the leadership in the Armed Forces. The enlisted soldiers can not be the only ones involved in this scandal, the Armed Forces have always stressed a strict chain of command and everyone in that chain must be held accountable for this multitude of despicable acts. Secretary Rumsfeld and Deputy Secretary Wolfowitz can not hide behind their office, they bear the responsibility for this scandal and so far I remain unsatisfied with their response to it.

Again, I feel that this Amendment to assist the Iraqi Government in destroying the Abu Ghraib prison and replacing it with a modern detention facility is one that is worthy of passage. This is both a symbolic and physical gesture to the Iraqi people that our troops are in Iraq to tear down the past of Saddam Hussein and rebuild a new democratic nation. We must all work to make sure that these gestures are followed by substantive actions to correct our significant missteps.

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Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect for the outstanding record of excellence that he has compiled in academics, leadership, and community service, that I am proud to salute Shea Scott Dow, winner of the 2004 LeGrand Smith Scholarship. This award is given to young adults who have demonstrated their true commitment to