

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

A PROCLAMATION HONORING LANCE CLIFFORD ON HIS 85TH BIRTHDAY

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 8, 2004

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas, Lance Clifford was born on May 18, 1919; and

Whereas, Lance Clifford is celebrating his 85th Birthday; and

Whereas, Lance Clifford, an American World War II veteran who served in the China-Burma theater of war, is to be commended for his great service to our Nation; and

Whereas, Lance Clifford is loved and appreciated by all his family members; and

Therefore, I join with the family of Lance and the residents of the entire 18th Congressional District of Ohio in wishing Lance Clifford a very happy 85th birthday.

COMMEMORATING THE TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF SANTA BARBARA'S EASY LIFT TRANSPORTATION

HON. LOIS CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 8, 2004

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to Easy Lift Transportation as they celebrate their 25th anniversary of providing transportation services to the disabled and elderly in the Santa Barbara area.

Easy Lift Transportation is a charitable, non-profit organization dedicated to helping the disabled and frail elderly live independently while remaining in their own homes. Easy Lift has been providing wheelchair accessible transportation services in southern Santa Barbara County since 1979. Beginning with one motor home in 1979, Easy Lift Transportation has grown to operate eighteen vehicles, eighteen hours a day, 363 days per year.

Easy Lift Transportation provides door-to-door transportation to individuals in the communities of Goleta, Santa Barbara, Montecito, Summerland and Carpinteria. Easy Lift Transportation is preparing to serve its one-millionth rider. They currently provide over sixty thousand rides a year.

In addition to helping many Santa Barbara area residents gain independence by ensuring that they can get to doctor's appointments and other events, Easy Lift helps the broader Santa Barbara community as well. Easy Lift Transportation provides transit services and driver training to other non-profit organizations in the Santa Barbara area. I would like to commend Easy Lift Transportation of Santa Barbara for their work and congratulate them on their twenty-fifth anniversary of operation.

APPOINTMENT OF CONFEREES ON H.R. 3550, TRANSPORTATION EQUITY ACT: A LEGACY FOR USERS

SPEECH OF

HON. JOE BACA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 3, 2004

Mr. BACA. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the Oberstar Motion to Instruct Conferees on the Safe Routes to Schools program.

The Safe Routes to Schools is a good program designed to save the lives of children and the many commuters that drive near schools. This program helps create infrastructure so that children can safely walk or bike to school.

Our children will also be safer while walking to school because the Safe Routes to Schools program also encourages greater enforcement of traffic laws, educates the public, and explores ways to create safer streets.

As a nutrition advocate, I am also concerned about the growing obesity epidemic that is affecting our children. Sedentary lifestyles, too much television, and far too many non-athletic activities are causing our children's waistlines to grow out of control. That is why I support this program. We need to promote walking and biking to school as alternatives.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to please support this Motion to Instruct the Conferees so that our children can live safer, healthier, and happier lives.

HONORING THE LATE REVEREND DOCTOR RONALD FREEL

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 8, 2004

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember the late Reverend Doctor Ronald Freel. Dr. Freel was a pillar of the community in Southern Nevada and a friend and inspiration to all who knew him.

Dr. Freel was born in Detroit, Michigan in October, 1931 and served in the United States Army for 12 years. He received advanced degrees in education and ministry and, after leaving the army, became the principal of Gaylord St. Mary's School in Michigan. Subsequently he served as the Wolverine, MI, School Superintendent and as pastor of Topinabee Community Church. Dr. Freel also served as the health education coordinator for the Cheboygan, Otsego, and Presque Isle Intermediate School District in Indian River, MI.

Dr. Freel moved to Henderson, Nevada 12 years ago and served as the senior pastor at Grace Community Church in Boulder City for the last 5 years. There he was instrumental in the founding of Grace Christian Academy. Dr. Freel is survived by his wife Ellen Anne, 3

daughters and 7 grandchildren. I urge the House to join me in remembering Ronald Freel for his service to the community and extending our condolences to his family.

A PROCLAMATION FOR DOCTOR WILLIAM F. EMLICH

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 8, 2004

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas, Doctor William F. Emlich has served continuously as the Medical Director for the Central Ohio Joint Fire District and its predecessor Hilliard Township/Centerburg Volunteer Fire Department since July 1959; and

Whereas, Doctor Emlich provided his services as Medical Director continuously since 1959; and

Whereas, Doctor Emlich's service to the people of the Centerburg and the surrounding area displays his dedication to helping those in need. He should be commended for the help that he provided to the people of Centerburg and the surrounding area.

Therefore, I join with the Ohio's entire 18th Congressional District in celebration Doctor William F. Emlich's forty-five years of service to the Central Ohio Joint Fire District.

TRIBUTE TO ARMSTRONG MIDDLE SCHOOL'S SCIENCE OLYMPIAD TEAM

HON. JAMES T. WALSH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 8, 2004

Mr. WALSH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in tribute to Armstrong Middle School's Science Olympiad Team which won first place in the New York State Science Olympiad Tournament and 18th place at the national tournament, a truly exceptional accomplishment.

The Armstrong Middle School team is comprised of sixteen members and coached by Paulette Bodak. Team members are Allison Kritall, Emily Hoogesteger, Gage Howard, Jamie Wisner, Stephan Wagner, Ashley Stanley, Brianna Kelleher, Jessica Bellingham, Julie Weidner, Ryan Lattanzio, Ben Mears, Dan Frederes, Emma Fink, Eric Frauel, Randy Mason and Paul Whitmire.

The team won the regional and the New York State competitions to qualify for the national level where they competed against other teams from the United States. At the national level, medal winners from the Armstrong Middle School were Ben Mears and Dan Frederes, first place in Meteorology; Ben Mears, Dan Frederes, and Julie Weidner, fourth place in Experimental Design; and Paul Whitmire, fourth place in Compute This.

I would like to express my congratulations to the team for such an outstanding achievement

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and wish them luck in all their future endeavors.

RECOGNITION OF DR. MANUEL
CEREIJO

HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 8, 2004

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to recognize a truly remarkable member of the Florida community, Dr. Manuel Cereijo. A proven leader in the fields of science, engineering, education and technology, Dr. Cereijo was previously acknowledged in 1991 for his Lifetime Achievement Award by the Hispanic Engineer National Achievement committee and his exceptional dedication to the advancement of his profession and students.

Dr. Cereijo currently serves as President of the Professional Advancement Corporation and Lecturer of Engineering at the University of Miami, while simultaneously presiding as member of the Board of Directors on several prominent business, research, and engineering organizations in the Miami area.

Dr. Cereijo has furthermore received several reputable awards such as the Faculty Teaching Award at Florida International University in 1999 and his induction into the Hall of Fame of the National Association of Hispanic Engineers in 1998.

Dr. Manuel Cereijo consistently employs his expertise through means beneficial to his colleagues and students and is an outstanding representative of the state of Florida. It is my honor to recognize him and thank Dr. Cereijo for his incredible service and dedication.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO ANN
RUDOLPH

HON. LOIS CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 8, 2004

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to a very special resident of the 23rd Congressional District, Ann Rudolph, as she retires from Hollister School. As Office Manager, Ann has touched the lives of countless Hollister School students, parents and faculty over the past 18 years.

One of the Principals who worked with Ann described her as the centerpiece of the school. Her caring nature and generosity extended well past her job description as she corralled stray dogs, helped paint office walls and provided after-school academic assistance to students in need. In addition to providing countless hours of her time to school projects and to helping each student succeed, Ann assisted in jog-a-thons, created a scholarship fund for sixth grade science camp and contributed to the school band. Ann provided for the Hollister School community as if each child were her own. She valued every individual, working with parents and teachers to make each student's experience at Hollister the best it could be.

When talking about Ann to students, one might hear a story of Ann waiting until late

afternoon with a student until her parents arrived, or inviting a child to her home for after school tutoring. In addition to her extensive work with the students, Ann also assisted members of the Santa Barbara community by washing all of the school's unclaimed "lost and found" clothes so that they could be given to needy families.

Ann Rudolph has served the Hollister School community in so many ways over her 18 years of employment. She has touched the lives of many and will be missed by each parent, teacher and student who had the privilege of knowing her. Dedicated and devoted people like Ann are what make our community so special. I wish Ann the best as she begins retirement and thank her for all that she has done.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING
JOHN THOMAS O'ROURKE, JR.

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 8, 2004

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas, John and Carolyn O'Rourke are celebrating the arrival of their son, John Thomas O'Rourke Jr.; and

Whereas, John Thomas O'Rourke, Jr. was born in the second day of April, 2004 and weighed seven pounds and twelve and a half ounces; and

Whereas, John and Carolyn O'Rourke are proud to welcome their new son into their home; and

Whereas, John Thomas O'Rourke, Jr. will be a blessed addition to his family, bringing love, joy, and happiness for many years to come;

Therefore, I join with members of Congress and Congressional Staff in celebrating with John and Carolyn O'Rourke and wishing John Thomas O'Rourke, Jr. a very Happy Birthday.

BACK TO WORK INCENTIVE ACT
OF 2003

SPEECH OF

HON. JOE BACA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 3, 2004

Mr. BACA. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to H.R. 444. H.R. 444 authorizes a pilot program to allow unemployed workers to receive job-training vouchers.

Unfortunately, the bill does not even fund the voucher program. The funding must come from existing job-training programs. These vouchers could be as small as \$500 and as large as \$3000. Voucher recipients could purchase job-training and child-care services, or use the funds to cover some transportation expenses. However, job-training services would no longer be free, but would have to be purchased for a one-year period.

We are stealing Peter's training money to give Paul a voucher. Tell me how this improves job training in our country? This is not the solution for the millions of Americans that don't have a job and can't put food on the table. The White House and Republican Con-

gress have failed to create jobs. They have failed to respond in thoughtful way to the needs of the American workers or the basic needs of our sluggish economy. Where is the compassion in the White House's conservatism for the 1.5 million Americans that have exhausted their unemployment benefits?

H.R. 444 is a misguided response to the great needs of our country. We need more jobs, not to privatize the job training. Millions need to put food on the table with their unemployment checks, not a tax cut that rewards corporations that move jobs overseas. I have had enough of nonsense legislation from this White House and Republican Congress. I will not vote for a bill that will result in cuts to the very job-training that will help people get a job.

In sum, this bill siphons money away from job training programs, limits people's access to that training, and does not even fund the pilot project. The motivation for this bill must have been, "why help people, when you can just pretend."

I urge my colleagues to reject this ineffective and purely cosmetic bill.

HONORING THE LATE ROGER
PELTYN

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 8, 2004

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember Roger Peltyn, who passed away suddenly last Thursday at the age of 60. Roger Peltyn helped build the modern Las Vegas that has become one of the wonders of the world, and will be remembered by all who knew him, and admired by everyone who sees the marvelous buildings he created.

Roger Peltyn was born in Brooklyn, New York in 1944 and moved to Las Vegas to work as a structural engineer at the Golden Nugget. From this work Roger Peltyn's genius was recognized, and he went on to serve as an engineer at the Bellagio, Mirage, Venetian and many other world class resorts in Las Vegas. Roger Peltyn was also a major contributor to our community in other ways, and helped raise more than \$4 million for various charities.

Thanks to Roger Peltyn, the Las Vegas skyline has become one of the great symbols of America, whose beauty, strength, and success are reminders of everything our nation stands for. I urge the House to join with me in honoring Roger Peltyn and extending our condolences to his wife Sandy and his two sons on his untimely passing.

HONORING THE NCAA NATIONAL
CHAMPIONSHIP VICTORIES OF
LE MOYNE COLLEGE AND SYRACUSE
UNIVERSITY

HON. JAMES T. WALSH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 8, 2004

Mr. WALSH. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of two NCAA national championship athletic programs from Syracuse, NY. This past weekend, both the Syracuse University and Lemoyne