

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### RECOGNIZING COMCAST CARES DAY

**HON. JIM GERLACH**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 30, 2004*

Mr. GERLACH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Comcast Cable Communications for their contributions to community fellowship and well-being as demonstrated in their unique one-day Comcast Cares community project.

Comcast began their tradition of volunteer service in 1997 when Comcast employees and their families participated in the Philadelphia Cares Day. The Philadelphia Cares Day began as a day of city-wide community service in the Comcast headquarters hometown. As the number of employees continued to grow at Comcast, so did the number of Comcast volunteers. The Comcast volunteers are well-known for their enthusiasm, dedication, and for contributions to their community.

In 2001, the spirit of volunteerism and community grew and the Philadelphia Cares Day became company-wide, spread across the country, and was renamed Comcast Cares Day. Six thousand, one hundred Comcast employees participated in over 120 non-profit community projects in 26 states. This new initiative gave Comcast the ability to show their commitment and dedication to each community that it serves.

In Comcast's home state of Pennsylvania, Comcast employees worked on 13 different projects throughout the state. In Pottstown, Pennsylvania, 125 Comcast employees partnered with the Ricketts Community Center and the Pottstown School District to paint and landscape the Pottstown High School, the Pottstown Middle School, and the Community Center. Volunteers also worked in Reading, Pennsylvania with the South Mountain YMCA to clear trails, rebuild a rock-climbing wall, and worked on general clean-up for Camp Conrad Weiser.

It was also in 2001 that Comcast received a total of 11 awards in recognition for their multiple community service initiatives. In 2002, Comcast was awarded the Cable Television Public Affairs Association's Golden Beacon Award, the Association's highest honor, honoring Comcast's service and continuing commitment to the communities they serve, as demonstrated in the 2001 Comcast Cares Day.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me today in recognizing Comcast Cable Corporation for their commitment to volunteerism and community service, not only in Pennsylvania, but throughout the country.

### HONORING CHRIST OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN SCHOOL'S AMERICAN SPIRIT TOWARD THE VICTIMS OF THE BESLAN SCHOOL TRAGEDY

**HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 30, 2004*

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, today, I would like to say thank you to one of my hometown schools, Christ Our Savior Lutheran School in Coppell, Texas. The students of Christ Our Savior enthusiastically participated in a card giving program for the victims of the Beslan school tragedy.

Before departing for my mission to Russia, I asked several local schools. Today, I would like to say thank you to one of my hometown schools, Christ Our Savior if they would like to create, draw, color or write greeting cards to the survivors and grieving families. The response was overwhelming. I was honored to be able to present hundreds of colorful cards to patients and families.

During my time in Russia, I had the opportunity to visit survivors recuperating at two hospitals. The visits were moving and tearful, but you could see the hearts of American students truly shining in the eyes of the Russian children. I was truly privileged to represent the United States, and especially grateful to be able to share wonderful cards full of encouragement and joy.

Again, thank you, the students of Christ Our Savior Lutheran School for your kindheartedness and thoughtfulness. Your words strongly conveyed the spirit of the American people and our commitment to build relations with countries dedicated to combating global terrorism.

### PAYING TRIBUTE TO PAUL JONES

**HON. SCOTT McINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 30, 2004*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to pay tribute to Paul Jones, a terrific community leader from Grand Junction, Colorado. Paul moved to Colorado and became this small town's only obstetrician/gynecologist. In addition to his medical contributions, Paul was also an active community member, and I would like to join my colleagues here today in recognizing his tremendous achievements before this body of Congress.

Paul moved to Grand Junction in 1972 to serve as the city's only obstetrician and gynecologist. During his three decades practicing medicine, he assisted with about 10,000 births. Still active in the community, Paul works with the Community Hospital and St. Mary's Hospital. He also co-chairs the Riverfront Commission, sits on the board of the

Western Colorado Botanical Gardens, and still sees patients at Women's Health care of Western Colorado. This year the Lion's Club in Grand Junction named Paul as Lion of the Year for his commitment to the community.

Mr. Speaker, it is a privilege to honor Paul Jones for his service to the citizens of Grand Junction. As a doctor, and community leader Paul has always been there, and it is with great pleasure to recognize him today before this body of Congress and this nation. Thank you Paul, I wish you well in all of your future endeavors.

CHARLES FLOWERS, SR.

**HON. KEVIN BRADY**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 30, 2004*

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Mr. Speaker, during the 2004 Fallen Fire Heroes Memorial Weekend, our nation will come together to honor the 107 firefighters who perished in the line of duty last year. Regretfully, eight Texas firefighters lost their lives, two of whom are from the 8th Congressional District.

We are not here to mourn the loss as much as we are here to celebrate the lives of these dedicated heroes that serve selflessly in the worst of conditions to keep us safe. We celebrate their commitment, their compassion and their courage. So many hours of training; days and nights of service; time away from their families and friends; comradery with their brothers; lives and homes saved . . . it is impossible to put into words our gratitude for these heroes in our lives and our communities.

Charles Flowers, Sr. of the New Caney Volunteer Fire Department will have his name added to the plaques surrounding the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Park just outside of Washington, D.C. this weekend.

Charles Flowers, Sr., a veteran firefighter for over 25 years died while responding to a motor vehicle accident with a victim pinned in the vehicle. He collapsed from an apparent heart attack after actively attempting to free the victim from the vehicle. Flowers was well known and loved by this community. He served the New Caney Volunteer Fire Department as Chief, Captain, and finally as Assistant Chief. He was also a representative to the Montgomery County Fire Chiefs Association and a member of the Emergency Services Ministries.

Firefighters represent the best our community has to offer. We honor them today, not only for their final act of bravery but for the lives they led. A firefighter's work can some times be thankless, but of all the men and women I've met, meet challenge and the danger without complaints and without regret. Their lives provided hope and comfort to victims of horrible events that we pray never come to us or the ones we love.

This remembrance service is as much a celebration of their lives and their ideals as it

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