

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING THE LIVES OF DOROTHY AND ROBERT LABEN FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY SERVICE

**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 18, 2005*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my sadness regarding the recent passing of two leaders in the Davis, California community, Dorothy and Robert Laben.

The couple met at Cornell University during the World War II years. Dorothy was pursuing a doctorate in nutrition and Bob taught in the military science department following his recovery from injuries sustained in battle. They courted by motorcycle and sidecar, married in 1946 and moved first to Oklahoma and then to Missouri as Bob completed his doctorate in genetics. In 1950 Bob Laben accepted a professorship with the UC Davis Animal Science department where he spent the next 36 years in distinguished service as a teacher and mentor.

The Labens were active in organizations that provided much-needed food to the hungry, including the Short-Term Emergency Aid Committee, Davis Community Meals and the Food Bank of Yolo County that collects and distributes food to the hungry via nonprofit agencies and school programs. The Food Bank grew out of the Yolo County Coalition Against Hunger that was co-founded by Dorothy, who was known to all as "a dynamo, completely dedicated." Together the Labens logged thousands of miles on their vehicles—wearing out several of them—collecting food from sources such as grocery stores, bakeries, farms and the Davis Farmers' Market. Always working together, they were once profiled in a local news article as "The faces behind the food." The Labens' contributions earned them numerous awards and recognitions, but the couple always remained humble, redirecting the spotlight from themselves to the human need.

Mr. Speaker, Dorothy and Bob Laben's determination to feed the hungry of their community inspires us all. It is appropriate therefore that we celebrate and honor their lives of service today.

CELEBRATING 130 YEARS AT ST. JAMES A.M.E. CHURCH

**HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 18, 2005*

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate St. James African Methodist Episcopal Church for celebrating its 130th Anniversary. This is a great accomplishment, and I am proud to have such a historical establish-

ment in the 26th Congressional District of Texas.

Founded in 1875, St. James A.M.E. is one of the oldest African-American churches in Denton today. As the only African Methodist Episcopal church in Denton, members say that the church has survived 130 years because of its people—the friendships, marriages and families have been the glue that keeps the small congregation together.

St. James A.M.E. has dedicated itself to community service and involvement. Members help others by offering tutoring for students, help with credit establishment, and donations for those in need. Since the tragic event of Hurricane Katrina, the 83 member congregation of St. James A.M.E. reached out to support one relocated Louisiana family living in the parsonage. The church's value of submission is seen in this commitment to serving others in the community over the years.

As one of the city's oldest churches, St. James A.M.E. occupies an important place in the Denton community today as a symbol of endurance, stability and service.

Congratulations to the congregation at St. James African Methodist Episcopal Church on their anniversary. One hundred and thirty years of worship is a milestone to be celebrated.

YAHOO SHOULD BE ASHAMED

**HON. FRANK R. WOLF**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 18, 2005*

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I recall with great irony the heated annual debates in Congress surrounding Most Favored Nation trade status and ultimately Permanent Normal Trade Relations for China. The coalition that battled granting China this privilege faced an almost certain perennial loss. Even so, it served as a valuable forum in which to highlight just what kind of a country we are dealing with in China. The list of egregious actions laid at the feet of the communist government of the People's Republic of China is long and spans decades—human rights abuses, religious persecution including torture and imprisonment, slave labor practices, forced sterilization, espionage operations against U.S. businesses, software piracy and intellectual property theft, military spying. At the time many argued with tremendous passion, business interests foremost among them, that trade with China would change China, not the other way around.

It strikes me that those may have been hollow promises—that little has changed in China. Rather it appears that some American companies are increasingly honoring repressive Chinese laws so that they might keep their seat at the table and with it the promise of great profit.

Shi Tao, a freelance journalist for Internet publications, was recently sentenced in China, to 10 years in prison for "leaking state secrets abroad."

Tao was arrested in November 2004 after Yahoo, an American company, cooperated with Chinese government authorities to grant them access to Tao's personal e-mail account. Tao simply e-mailed portions of a directive issued by China's Propaganda Department that instructed the Chinese media as to how to cover the 15th anniversary of the military crackdown in Tiananmen Square. Incidentally, even today it is still impermissible to use the term "4 June," the date of the brutal government crackdown on pro-democracy activists, student leaders and workers in Tiananmen Square, in the press or online.

Yahoo justified their actions by claiming that to do business in China, they had to follow Chinese laws—a morally bankrupt argument which excuses doing business with the worst actors on the world scene, under the guise of respect for the law. But even if one subscribed to that argument, it is noteworthy that the information that Yahoo turned over to government authorities was stored in Hong Kong, outside of the jurisdiction of the mainland police.

Yahoo's chairman and chief executive officer Terry Semel, after vigorously defending his company's decision, is reported to have said, "on a personal level, I wince." I would say to Mr. Semel, I too wince. And I would venture to guess that Mr. Tao's family winced when police grabbed him on a street, searched his house and confiscated his computer and other items, thus launching the ordeal that culminated his eventual prosecution and imprisonment.

During the dark days of the Cold War the vast majority of those living behind the Iron Curtain saw America as a friend—we represented their hopes and aspirations. But today in China some are complicity with the oppressors.

Mr. Semel and the company he leads is a beneficiary, as we all are, of this great experiment in self-governance, free enterprise and individual liberty that we call America. When faced with a choice between the bottom line, and betraying the very tenets that underpin this nation, Yahoo chose profit. They should be ashamed.

TRIBUTE TO MRS. C. DELORES TUCKER

**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 18, 2005*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the life and legacy of Mrs. C. Delores Tucker, who once was the highest-ranking African American woman in Pennsylvania state government.

In tribute to Mrs. Tucker, I would like to submit the following excerpt from the Washington Post Article, "C. Delores Tucker Dies at 78; Rights and Anti-Rap Activist", written by Yvonne Shinhooster Lamb on Thursday, October 13, 2005.

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